



The 44th IIG Annual Meet and International Conference

on

Shaping Tomorrow: Society, Culture, and the Environment in an Interconnected World

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Venue: Cotton University

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Department of Geography
Cotton University, Guwahati

About the Conference and Themes

Development, in its broadest context, aims to enhance the overall quality of life, spanning various dimensions. Throughout human history, it has been propelled by new ideas and technological innovations, influencing not only material progress but also freedom, culture, and ecological awareness. This interconnectedness is vital for our planet's long-term sustainability. However, contemporary society faces twin challenges. First, the escalating land use driven by population growth strains the environment and ecosystems. Second, natural resource depletion and climate change pose threats like water scarcity and extreme weather events. Unbridled consumerism, lacking adequate regulation, exacerbates gender disparities, have erased local production systems and cultures. Nevertheless, there's a growing recognition of region-specific cultural practices and regulations that foster resilient, sustainable production and consumption systems across India's diverse landscapes. This necessitates thorough documentation and analysis. Modern science and technology, including geo-spatial techniques, are essential allies, integrating indigenous wisdom with contemporary knowledge for sustainability. In our increasingly interconnected world, we must address persistent issues like poverty, inequality, and discrimination, alongside emerging challenges like climate change, environmental degradation, and shifting global power dynamics. The conference aims to address these multifaceted issues at local, regional, and global levels.

Subthemes

Against this backdrop, the conference under the aegis of the Institute of Indian Geographers focuses on the following sub-themes for plenary discussions.

1. Agriculture, culture of agriculture, resources management and livelihood in the changing environment.
2. Population of India: spatial dynamics and development, population and the environment
3. Hazards and disasters: indigenous disaster resilient approaches, policies and programmes of the state
4. Gender and space: Physical and institutional environment and gender in India, continuity and change
5. Landscape: Forms, processes, changes, and human intervention
6. Management of ecosystems, human activities and the ecosystems: adaptation and sustainability
7. Rural landscape, developments, and lesser known communities
8. Urban issues and problems, making urban settlements liveable
9. Modern geo-spatial techniques in development research in India.
10. Traditional manufacturing and value adding sectors in India: dynamics of development and challenges
11. Flagship development programmes and welfare initiatives in India: Social, Economic and Environmental Outcomes
12. Geo-political issues in an interconnected world
13. Tourism development and the environment
14. Wetland, soil, and hydrology
15. Climate change and climate change like situations: trend and challenges
16. Any other areas that could be related to the theme of the Conference.

A B Mukerji Memorial Lecture

The IIG since 2016 has initiated the Professor A B Mukerji Memorial Lecture as a tribute to the eminent Indian Geographer. Professor A B Mukerji (1929-2011) was doyen of cultural geographers in India. Professor Mukerji taught at Panjab University, Chandigarh over four decades, and contributed immensely to teaching and research. The lecture will be delivered by an eminent scholar.

Young Geographer Award

IIG has instituted an award for the best paper presented by a single author below the age of 30. The young scholars to be considered for the award are needed to register for the conference and submit a full paper along with an abstract by the deadline (December 15, 2023) of submission of papers for the conference. Submission of an abstract of about 500 words is however mandatory by the deadline of October 31, 2023, to be considered for the award. The young scholars/faculty need to get a Bona fide certificate from the institution that belong and a proof on age.

About the Institute of Indian Geographers

Established in 1979 with the Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University as its registered headquarters, IIG strives to promote geographical knowledge by research, teaching and related academic and social activities as will directly or indirectly lead to the growth of Geography. Since its foundation, IIG has been regularly publishing the bi-annual journal, the 'Transactions, Institute of Indian Geographers'; listed in SCOPUS and UGC CARE. IIG regularly organises the annual Geographer's meet at different part of the country, and topical seminar from time to time. IIG at present has more than 1000 Life Members, Institutional Members, Annual Members and regular subscribers to the Journal.

About the University

Cotton University (erstwhile Cotton College), a premier institute of higher education in Northeastern region of India has been playing a pivotal role in academia in the nation since its inception year 1901. In the year 2017, the government of Assam upgraded this premier institute to a full-fledged University as recognition of its century old glory and academic excellence. The University continues being a vibrant space for academic activities and looks forward to the introduction of innovative programs in academics/research for both students and faculty to cater to the requirements in the contemporary challenging global scene in education.

About the Department

Established in 1959, the Department of Geography introduced Undergraduate Honours (Core) courses both in Arts and Science streams in 1962. The Department introduced the Postgraduate programme from the session 1984-85 under the Gauhati University. In the year 1990, the Department got recognition from Gauhati University for carrying out research for Ph.D.

The rich academic history of the department, outcome of the sheer dedication of the distinguished teachers associated with the department since 1959, led to an illustrious alumni spread across the world. The strong alumni took initiative to form the Cotton Geography Alumni Association in the year 2017. The alumni association keeps actively associated with the department and since its inception has introduced the best graduate and best post graduate awards for the students of the department.

Call for Abstracts

The organising committee invites abstracts from research scholars, academicians and practitioners on the themes and areas proposed for the annual meet and conference. A well contextualised abstract comprising the objective/s and methodology is to be submitted by October 31, 2023. The abstract should be within 300 words. The participants may communicate with the organisers at igconference2024@cottonuniversity.ac.in.

Deadline for submission of abstracts, October 31, 2023

Acceptance by November 15, 2023

Submission of Full paper, December 15, 2023

Registration Fee

	Early bird Registration up to December 31, 2023		January 01 to January 15, 2024	
	India and SAARC countries	Other than SAARC countries	India and SAARC countries	Other than SAARC countries
Delegates/faculty with paper	Rs. 3000/-	US\$ 150	Rs. 4000/-	US\$ 200
General delegates without papers	Rs. 1500/-	US\$ 100	Rs. 2500/-	US\$ 150
Students/research scholars	Rs. 1000/-	US\$ 100	Rs. 1500/-	US\$ 150
Accompanying person	Rs. 1500/-	US\$ 100	Rs. 2500/-	US\$ 150

Note: 1. Registration and annual membership of IIG is compulsory to participate in the event. The participants, who are not members of IIG shall be required to pay the annual membership fee of the IIG.

2. Registration fee shall cover conference kit and food during the conference days.

3. Registration fee does not include accommodation. Participants needing accommodation shall be guided to arrange accommodation.

4. A part of registration fee (Rs. 200/-) of the total registration fee paid by the participants shall go to the IIG Secretariat.

Membership fee of the IIG

Membership Fees	India	Foreign
Individual Annual Membership	INR 500/-	US\$ 40
Individual Life Member	INR 5,000/-	US\$ 200
Institutional Annual Membership	INR 5,000/-	US\$ 200
Institutional Life Membership	INR 20,000/-	US\$ 500
Admission fee	INR 50/-	US\$ 25
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Subscription Rates to the Transactions		
Annual Subscription	INR 1,000/-	US\$ 80
The cost of each loose number of the journal	INR 500/-	US\$ 40
The cost of each bank volume	INR 500/-	US\$ 40

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