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*Climate Variability, vulnerability and Resource Management: Strategies for sustainable
Development and Geospatial Technologies*

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An Appeal to Indian Geographers

Nomination for Selection of Fellows

NAGI Secretariat invites nomination for selection of Fellows. The nomination should include detailed CV and consent letter of the proposed candidate. The proposed fellow should be an eminent geographer. NAGI Fellow includes Late Prof. M. Shafi, Prof. R. P. Misra, Prof. L. S. Bhat, Prof. A. Buttimer and Prof. P. Dayal.

NAGI Volumes (I) India: Land, People and Economy, (II) State of India's Natural Resources (15 Volumes)

NAGI decided to bring out above volumes. Interested contributors should contact Prof. R.P.Misra or Prof. S.C. Rai

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NAGI secretariat invites life members to collect the previous issues of the Annals. For 2007 to 2015, please contact R.K. Books, 4215/1 Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002 (Mobile:9312654192).

NAGI Directory

NAGI Secretariat brings out NAGI Directory 2014 consisting list of all life members. The directory is published by the commercial publisher, for wider dissemination and benefit to researchers and students. NAGI Secretariat is not involved in its distribution. The copy is available by paying Rs.100/- each+postal charges from the R.K. Books, 4215/1 Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002.

Change of Address of the Life Members

Due to the change of address of some of our life members the NAGI letters are being returned undelivered. Please communicate any change of address of your colleagues to the Secretariat.

Initiatives of Geographical Hotspot-Thematic Areas/Places

Our Indian Geography Congress should become a platform for dialogue, collaborative programmes and exchange of ideas towards achieving the UN Millennium Goals and Johannesburg Declaration (2002) focusing on CO₂, Water, Food Security and Health. NAGI is proposing the following promising research areas. Cultures and civilization for Human Development, Prediction of Ungauged Basin(PUB), Vulnerability analysis in Metropolitan areas : Climatic variability, Water resources sustainability in the context of global change and Earth System Governance.

Prof. S.C. Rai
Secretary General

CONGRESS THEME

Climate Variability, Vulnerability and Resource Management: Strategies for Sustainable Development and Geospatial Technologies

Environmental issues, particularly climate variability and the resultant vulnerability crises, leading to deterioration of bio-diversity, agrarian crisis and hunger, is posing one of the biggest challenges of present time. These burning issues of threat to livelihood to millions irrespective of the political boundaries of the countries, today form the central stage of policy planning and have been the subject of debate and discussion in almost every forum throughout the world. The shrinking earth in terms of resources and the expanding number of users of these diminishing resources today emerges as the most serious question for the generations to come. While the developmental activities across the world during last few decades has created serious damage to the environment in quantitative and qualitative terms in the form of natural disasters, changes in climatic factors, frequent occurrence of flood and drought, spatial-temporal variation in precipitation, acid rain, etc. the mismanagement and rampant use of the natural resources for the improvement of our life without considering its long term impact has further added to the cause of concern. Global environmental issues, resources and their sustainable use (precisely as a response to Brundtland commission report 1986) have been a concern occupying the center stage in the development discourse for many years. Yet somehow there are problems which remain unresolved despite study and research, media attention, increased public awareness about environmental problems, campaigns by local, regional and national environmental pressure groups and international agreement. The concern that stems out today is the relationship between the nature of resource use and the level of development leading to imbalanced environment. This therefore demands an understanding that there has to be a sustainable method for finding new processes through use of technologies or taking an innovative approach of spatial planning to optimize the management of resources by using geospatial technology for mapping future trends for ecological, social or economic point of view particularly to counter the impact of climate variability and associated dangers in context of Rapid population growth, increasing mobility, social conflict, and under-development of the rural areas.

PANEL DISCUSSION THEME

Globalization, Resources Conservation and Environmental Sustainability: Emerging Challenges and Response in North- East Region of India

MEMORIAL LECTURES

1. **Prof. VLS Prakasha Rao Memorial Lecture**
2. **Prof. Enayat Ahmad Memorial Lecture**
3. **Prof. P. Dayal Memorial Lecture**

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The technical sessions of the Congress will focus on the following themes:

1. Indian Geography: The Emerging Vistas
2. Geography as a Professional Discipline (Planning, Health Care, Cartography and GIS).
3. Remote Sensing, GPS and GIS in Geographical Studies
4. Physical Geography and Earth System Science
5. Climate Change, Bio-diversity, Environmental Challenges
6. India in the New Global Context
7. People, Resources and Development
8. Urban Society, Economy and Geography
9. From Rural to Urban India
10. Geopolitics, Conflict Resolution and Geography of Peace
11. Social and Cultural Dimensions in Geography
12. Geographical Education

Call for Papers

On each sub-theme of the Congress, papers will be invited. One invited paper will be presented as keynote address. The keynote address will be followed by papers contributed by the participants. Members are requested to fill up the enclosed registration form and send the same along with the abstract and the registration fee by 30th September, 2018. Full papers must reach the Convener by November 20, 2017. Abstract without full Registration Fee will not be printed in the Book of Abstracts. Manuscript of the full paper should be typed on quarto size and double spaced. Bibliographic reference should be minimized and given at the end of the paper. Geographers are requested to preferably submit only one abstract of paper to the Congress. Abstracts and full papers should sent to the Convener email: nandini.singh@rgu.ac.in, ncsingh100@gmail.com

Registration Fees

Registration fee for the participants of the IGC is Rs. 1800/- out of which Rs. 1600/- will be retained by the Convener and the remaining Rs. 200/- will go to NAGI Secretariat. Participants are requested to send two separate D.D.s, **Rs. 1600/- to “Convener, 40th Indian Geography Congress”** and **Rs. 200/- as NAGI share to NAGI Secretariat, Delhi in favour of “the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI)”** along with personal details.

For foreign delegates, excluding SAARC, it is \$ 125. Research scholars (not below M. Phil Level) would pay Rs. 1000/- as registration fee to the Convener and Rs. 200/- to NAGI Secretariat, provided that their registration form is accompanied by documentary proof of their station. ***Interested participants are required to become Life or Annual Member of the NAGI.*** If you are not a life member, annual membership fee of Rs. 500/- should also be sent to NAGI Secretariat together with membership form.

Registration fee covers the cost of technical documents, boarding and accommodation in student hostels/institutional Guest houses/ hotels etc. Family member accompanying the Life and Annual members will pay Rs. 1600/- each for boarding and lodging. No documents will be provided to them. Registration fee of Rs. 1600/- should be sent by M.O./D.D. to the Convener, 40th Indian Geography Congress.

Registration Details

Registration Deadlines & Submission of Paper	Host	NAGI	Total
Up to 15 th September, 2018 (General)	Rs. 1600/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 1800/-
Between 16 th September to 30 th September, 2018 (General)	Rs. 1800/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 2000/-
Registration fee for Research Scholar upto 30 th September, 2018	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 1200/-
Between 16 th – 30 th September, 2018, RS*	Rs. 1400/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 1600/-
On spot Registration	Rs. 2200	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 2400/-
Senior Geographers (Over 65 yr of age)	Rs. 500/-		Rs. 500/-

RS: Research Scholars

ABOUT THE VENUE

Arunachal Pradesh born as the 25th state of India on 20th February 1987 and renamed from erstwhile NEFA as land of rising sun is the eastern-most state of the country. Area-wise, Arunachal Pradesh is the largest state of the North East region and forms a complex hill system of Shivalik and Himalayan origin and is crisscrossed by numerous rivers and streams. The state shares a total of 1630 km. of international boundary with neighbouring countries of China, Bhutan and Myanmar. The McMahan line defines the

international boundary between India and China. Administratively, the State is divided into Twenty districts with a total population of 15.28 Lakhs(as of 2015) having a density of 17 km^{-2} (far below the Indian average of 370 km^{-2} but significantly higher than similarly mountainous Ladakh). Interestingly, Arunachal Pradesh cannot be classified as a linguistic state, rather it is an ethnic state inhabited by colourful tribal people of diverse lifestyle that forms a mosaic of unique culture and traditions. These ethnic groups have an intricate relationship with the surrounding nature and continue to thrive on it reflecting the man nature interdependence. Most of these ethnic groups have in practice the customary laws, a time tested system founded on customs and practices of each tribe by the Village Council that actually governs the dimensions of use of resources and perhaps provides some of the best examples of resource management over the centuries.

Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, is a beautiful historic town, also known as ‘the Land of the Dawn Lit Mountains Situated at the foot Hills at 350 meters above the mean sea level and located at a distance of about 400km from Guwahati, the gateway to the North East India.The capital town boasts of its rich natural bounty reflected in the green Hills and spectacular scenic beauty surrounding it. It is also known as the *Orchid State of India* or the *Paradise of the Botanists*.The Township comes administratively under Papumpare district. The Nyishis are the major tribe in Itanagar area. However, Itanagar can be called as mini India, as people from all over the country, live here in harmony. Itanagar has a rich mixture of archaeological sites of great historical value and built up resources and institutions of great socio-cultural significance. Places that signify are Itafort, ‘the fort of bricks’ from which the State capital derives its name, is situated in the heart of the Itanagar. The fort has an irregular shape, built mainly with bricks dating back to the 14th-15th Century of Mayapur of Ramachandra, a king of the Jitari Dynasty. GeykarSinyik (Ganga Lake) is a beautiful natural lake locally known as GeykarSinyik surrounded by landmass of hard rock.The name GekarSinyi means ‘confined water’. The Buddhist Monastery, the state Museum and the local handicraft Centers (OJU Mission) show casing local artefacts like wall paintings, traditional costumes made of natural vegetable and herbal dye yarns, and attractive utility items made of cane and bamboo add to the attractions.

Connectivity

Itanagar, Naharlagun (about 13 Km from the University), is the nearest air (connected through Chopper service from Guwahati, every day) and rail Head. Dony polo Intercity express having ACI, AC II and ACIII facilities runs daily from Guwahati to Naharlagun/Itanagar and back,with a travel duration of about 8hours overnight journey, while Shatabdi (with a travel duration of 5hrs)runs thrice a week . Besides, AC Express connects Naharlagun/Itanagar to Delhi, running twice a week. Also, Itanagar is well connected by road from Guwahati through Luxury buses having both day and night services. Private hired

vehicles can also be availed directly from the airport both on shared and reserved basis. The nearest airport besides Guwahati is Lilabari, which is about 45 minutes' drive from the capital complex.

Geography & Climate

Itanagar is located at 27°09'00" N and 93°45'00" E in the district of Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh. This is an ideal season for a visit to Itanagar with pleasant climate and a lovely ambience. From 1. October onwards, the area turns lively and beautiful owing to the pleasant climate with temperature ranging between 28° to 17° Centigrade. Days are warm and enjoyable while light woollens will be comfortable in the evenings.

About the University

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) a central university, earlier known as Arunachal University is the oldest university in the state. It offers postgraduate courses in more than 39 disciplines along with M.Phil, Ph.D and PG Diploma programs. There are 35 colleges affiliated to the university that are spread across the entire state. Rajiv Gandhi University, (formerly Arunachal University), the premier institution for higher education and has completed thirty-four years of existence. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, had laid the foundation stone of the University on February 4, 1984. Subsequently, it started its postgraduate courses from the Academic session 1988-89 at Rono Hills, where the present campus is located. The University was converted into Central University on 9th April 2007. The campus spreading across 350 acres is located on a picturesque tableland locally known as Rono Hills, at Doimukh which is about 6.5km from National Highway 52-A which leads to Itanagar, the capital complex.

About the Department

The Department of Geography at Rajiv Gandhi University is one of the new departments in North East Region established in 1992, which started with a student intake of 20 in the annual system of teaching, and changed to semester based system in 2001. From the very beginning the Department stood out with a vision and endeavour to achieve excellence and provide maximum opportunity to the students in the process of learning and sharing with a larger social goal. It offered multiple optional papers way ahead of current standard of choice based syllabus. Since then the Department has grown in all perspective with good academic output coupled with research activities and also being actively involved in administration of the university. Faculty members of the department have been assigned various post like that of Registrar (including the present Registrar) Controller of Examinations, Deans, Proctor and wardens. Completing 25 splendid years in a journey from 1992 to 2017, the department has enormously succeeded in research output and academic publications and with completion of numbers of Major projects of UGC,

DST, ICSSR, NERCSSR, INSA and particularly in fulfilling the objectives of enabling students with developed skill to think and analyse at spatial-temporal framework and learn to intertwine traditional knowledge with modern tools for excellence with an aim to connect to their roots as well accept and adopt the needed change. It is worth mentioning that a large number of alumnae of the department today hold important positions as administrators at the State and National levels. A sizable number of JRF, and NET pass outs every year adds to the list. At present the department boasts of up to date infrastructure facilities and offers semester and CBCS based M.A, M.Sc. Program (with a total intake capacity of 69, in two semesters at PG level) The department has been running Post - Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management (till 2017), Certificate course in GIS, along with M.Phil. and Ph.D. program. The Department specializes in social and Urban Geography, Environmental Studies, and Physical Geography, regional Planning, Demographic studies and GIS. Department of Geography has also become a part of the Swyam Program of Government of India with an aim to linking wider base of learning.

Prof. N.P. Ayyar Young Geographers Award Scheme

This award has been instituted by NAGI and is restricted to members who are qualified Geographers within the age limit of 35 years at the time of submission of paper. The paper should be an original research contribution and submitted in 3 copies to the Secretary General, NAGI, so as to reach the Secretariat by October 15, 2018 by registered post/courier. The paper should be written in English, Hindi language only. The participant should also submit his/her detailed resume (3 copies).

An Expert Committee will be appointed by NAGI to evaluate the paper contributed and to shortlist five best papers among them. The five best papers will be presented in a special session at IGC and one among them would be finally selected for the young Geographers Award. The awardees will be honoured with a cash award of Rs. 1000.00 and a certificate of merit.

Nomination Invited For Professor Bandaru Hema Malini Eminent Geographer Award, 2018

This award has been instituted by NAGI and is restricted to members who are qualified Geographers. The nomination paper should reach the NAGI Secretariat by October 15th, 2018 by registered post/courier. Detailed guidelines are available in web site: www.nagi.org.in

NAGI Business Meetings

NAGI Executive Committee Meeting	:	29 th October 2018 at 5.30 P.M.
NAGI General Body Meeting	:	30 th October 2018 at 5.30 P.M.
NAGI Executive Committee Meeting	:	31 st October 2018 at 8.30 A.M.

All respective members are requested to attend the same. All above meetings will be held in the Department of Geography, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar.

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Registration Form

1. Name:
2. Position held:
3. Affiliation (Organisation):
4. Profession:.....
5. Address:
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6. Mobile No. & Email Id:
7. I wish to participate with or without papers as Life Member / Participating Member / Associate Member.....
8. Title of the paper.....
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9. Registration fee amounting Rs..... is sent by M.O /Crossed Demand Draft No..... Dated (Name of Bank)
10. Journey details- Date / Time of Arrival/Train number at Itanagar.....
Date /Time of Departure/ Number No/ Name.....
11. Accompanying persons, if any (Wife/Husband/Childrens/Research Scholar)
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12. Type of accommodation desired- Hostels/Guest House/Hotel
13. Field excursions preference: Y/ N preferred excursion – A / B

Note - If registration fees have been sent in advance please give details.

Place: Date: Signature.....

1. Payment by Demand Draft of Rs. 1800.00 (Rs. 1000.00 for students and Rs. 500.00 for Sr. Geographers) should be payable at any Bank at Itanagar in favour of “Convener, 40th Indian Geography Congress” and sent to - Prof. Nandini Singh, Convener, 40th Indian Geography Congress, Department of Geography, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar.

2. Payment by Demand Draft of Rs. 200/- (two hundred only) should be payable on any bank at New Delhi in favour of “National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI)” and sent to Prof. S.C. Rai, Secretary General – NAGI, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007

Date:

Signature

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS, INDIA
MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Membership of the Association is open to geographers and specialists from allied disciplines. The membership fee is given below.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
<i>Individual</i> Indian : Rs.4000.00 Foreign : Rs.US\$150.00 <i>Institution</i> Indian : Rs.5000.00 Foreign : Rs.US\$500.00	<i>Individual</i> Indian : Rs.500.00 Foreign : Rs.US\$30.00 <i>Institution</i> Indian : Rs.1000.00 Foreign : Rs.US\$30.00	Indian : Rs.200.00 Foreign : Rs.US\$25.00 (M.A Students)

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1. Name in Full:
2. Postal Address:
3. Qualification:
4. Designation:
5. Type of membership:
6. Mode of Payment (draft/M.O)

Date:

Signature

Draft should be made in favour of the “National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI)”, New Delhi and sent to Prof. S.C. Rai, Secretary General-NAGI Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007 by registered post.

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