

Report of the 41st Indian Geography Congress & National Conference

On the behalf of the entire Organizing Committee I hereby present the Report of the 41st Indian Geography Congress & National Conference on "*21st Century Challenges of Agriculture, Health and Development in India with Special focus of Tribal Areas*", organized by the Department of General and Applied Geography during 28-30 December 2019.

The Conference began with the **Inaugural Ceremony** held on 28th December at 10.30 am. In the Opening Ceremony:

- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. **R. P. Tiwari**, was the Chief Guest
- **Prof. N. C. Gautam**, Presided over the function,
- **Prof. Rana Pratap**, President Elect (NAGI) graced the occasion.
- **Prof. S. C. Rai**, Secretary General (NAGI) read the report of the progress of NAGI during last one year.
- **Prof. R. B. P. Singh**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Patna University, was the Guest of Honour,
- **Prof. R. P. Mishra**, Convener, 41st IGC (NAGI) welcomed the guest and introduced the theme of the conference.
- In the Opening Ceremony Souvenir & Abstract Volume of 41st IGC & National Conference was released by the Dignitaries on the Dias.
- **Prof. Gopal Krishan, Chandigarh** was honoured **with Bhoogol Ratna Award by NAGI**
- **Prof. R. K. Rai, Sagar** and **Prof. H. N. Mishra, Prayagraj** received **Vachaspati Award**
- Thereafter the Felicitation of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Raghvendra P. Tiwari**, was done by NAGI
- Felicitation of Former Heads by the Organising Committee of 41st IGC NAGI, Department of General & Applied Geography
- Felicitation of **Prof. S. C. Rai, Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh, Prof. R. P. Mishra and Dr. Akhtar Ali** by **Prof. N. C. Gautam**
- Release of Book of Bhoogol Ratna Prof. R. P. Mishra, Prayagraj titled " Million Cities of India –Volume III"
- Release of Book of Bhoogol Ratna Prof. H. S. Sharma's Book Land Resource –Volume

Three Memorial Lectures have been delivered....

- **Prof. Moonis Raza Memorial Lecture** by delivered by **Prof. Sachidanand Sinha**, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi on 28.12.2019 at 1.00 PM. The session was Chaired Prof. Y. G. Joshi.

- **Prof. A. N. Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture** was delivered by **Prof. R. N. Mishra**, (Retired Professor), Department of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur on 28.12.2019 at 5.00 PM.
The session was **Chaired by Prof. P. S. Tiwari, Chennai and Co-chair by Prof. D. P. Singh, Patna.**
- **Prof. C. P. Singh Memorial Lecture** was delivered by **Prof. Shri Kamal Sharma**, (Retired Professor), Dept. of General & Applied Geography, Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.) on 29.12.2019 at 2.30 PM. The same was **Chaired by Prof. Sukhwai and Co-chaired by Suryakant, Chandigarh.**

Panel Discussion on " *Climate Change: Impact and Adaptation in Tribal Areas* "

Chairperson : Prof. H. S. Sharma, Jaipur
 Panelists : Prof. H. N. Mishra, Pray
 : Prof. Y. G. Joshi, Ujjain
 : Prof. R. S. Yadav, Varanasi

Presentations for N.P. Ayyar Young Geographer Award were held on 29.12.2019 at 5:00 pm.

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 Members : Prof. Salauddin Qureshi, Aligarh
 Members: Prof. A. P. Mishra, Varanasi

Technical Sessions:

We had received a total of 450 abstracts with 750 Authors on wide range of themes of the Congress.

Nearly 500 delegates including Eminent Geographers, Scientists and Planners from more than 20 states and abroad participated in the Conference.

Nearly 350 papers were presented in 40 Technical Sessions during the three days conference.

The Technical Sessions covered the wide range of themes with a major focus on emerging challenges of agriculture, health and development in the context of climate change.

The major themes are:

- Physical Geography and Earth System Science
- Climate Change- Impacts and Adaptation: A Century Review
- Ecology, Bio-Diversity and Environmental Challenges
- Water Resource: Crises and Management
- Natural & Human Resource Development
- Remote Sensing and GIS Technologies in Geographical Studies

- Population Composition, Change and Development
- Geography of Health and Well-being
- Rural Ecology and Development
- Agricultural Challenges and Development
- Urban Ecology and Transformations
- Social and Economic Transformations
- Gender Dimensions of Development
- Tribal Society, Economy and Development
- Regional Development and Planning
- Industrial Growth and Transport Geography
- Cultural Heritage and Tourisms
- Geopolitics, Conflict Resolution and Geography of Peace
- Indian Geography: The Emerging Vistas
- Geography Education in Contemporary World

Meetings:

Two NAGI Executive Committee Meeting were held in the evening on 28th December 2019 and in the morning of 30th December 2019.

NAGI General Body Meeting was held in the evening of 29th December 2019.

Cultural Programme

A beautiful composition of tabla, traditional dances, skit was performed by the students of Dept. of Fine and Performing Arts in the evening on 28th December. I express my thankfulness to Dr. Rakesh Soni and Dr. Swarnkar and Dr. Avdhesh and his team.

On this very occasion I would like to congratulate Prof. B. Hemamalini for being elected as President of NAGI.

I on the behalf of the entire Organizing Committee and on my personal behalf express my thankfulness to all the delegates from all across the country and abroad for actively participating this three days Congress.



