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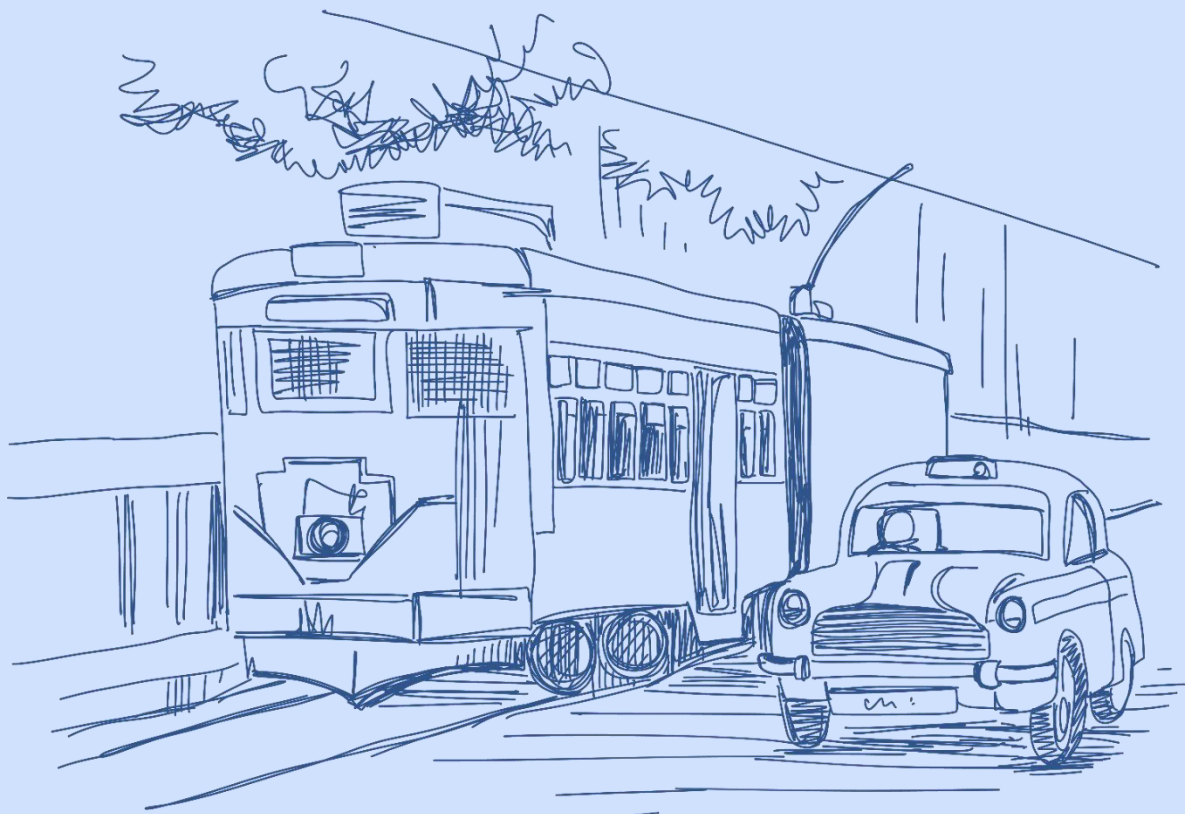
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Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG)

The Institute of Indian Geographers was 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 the UGC CARE list. IIG regularly organises the annual Geographers' meet in different parts of the country, and topical seminars from time to time. IIG currently has more than 1200 life members, institutional members, annual members, and regular journal subscribers.



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Concept Note

Development is a multifaceted and plural concept. It combines holistic perspectives and efforts for economic growth, human well-being, equity, inclusiveness, freedom and justice. Development processes operate through dynamic interfaces via economy, society, and environmental interactions. The larger aim of development is to achieve societal-economic progress while maintaining harmonious relationships with nature. Today, the world is witnessing unprecedented and new development challenges of different types and magnitudes. Billions of people have faced the vagaries of global climate change, widespread ecological disasters, economic hardship, rural development challenges, urban crises, dwindling agricultural growth, universal health, education, and diverse socio-economic and regional disparities. In addition, in any society or nation-state, contestations prevail over development issues like economic growth versus inequality and redistribution, rising affluence alongside prevailing poverty and deprivation, individual well-being side by side with marginalization of certain communities, and the progress of society at the cost of nature. There is thus an urgent need to reorient geographical research to comprehend the diverse nature of such contemporary development issues and redefine the future roadmap.

Geographical research analyses and contributes to a wide range of issues, encompassing various environmental interfaces of economic and social development challenges. It critically evaluates public policies that aim to initiate development processes which operate on different geographical and 5 sectoral scales. It engages with critical questions, diverse theoretical perspectives, and intellectual positions to comprehend the ongoing processes and their outcomes.

Geographers are uniquely equipped with a balanced understanding of socio-economic-cultural aspects and their relation to natural entities. They can provide alternative development possibilities, policy interventions, and formulate sustainable practices for overcoming shortfalls in achieving equitable development. They have an essential edge in investigating the most pressing global and local development issues. The forthcoming International Seminar on “Geography for Development: Economy, Society and Environmental Interactions” invites academics and practitioners from different geographies to critically engage and contribute towards a better understanding of our current development issues and suggest probable best practices for their solutions.

Sub-themes

In accordance with the concept note, the following are the main subthemes of the seminar:

- i. Economic Development: Economic Growth; Employment-Formal and Informal Sectors and Emerging Labour.
- ii. Rural Development: Role of Banking and Micro-Credit in Rural Transformation.
- iii. Agriculture and Development: Spatiality of Cropping Patterns; Technological Innovations; Land, Labour and Capital in Agriculture.
- iv. Tourism and Development, Transport Linkages and Trade.
- v. Development and Social Wellbeing: Quality of Life, Social Deprivation, Inequality and Social Justice.
- vi. Urbanisation, Planning and Regional Development: Sustainable Urbanism; Amenities and Accessibility; Right to the City; Emerging Theories.
- vii. Population and Development: Population Growth, Migration, Nutrition, Food Security and Public Health; Human Development.
- viii. Gender, Culture, Space and Development.
- ix. Politics of Development: Geopolitics; Development and Dispossession; Elections and Governance.
- x. Physical Geography for Development: Managing Anthropogenic Landscapes; Natural Hazard Susceptibility and Vulnerability; Applied Geomorphology for Regional Development.
- xi. Environment and Natural Resources: Managing Soils, Forests and Waterscapes.
- xii. Climate Change and Development Challenges.
- xiii. Contemporary Development and Governance in West Bengal.
- xiv. Recent Flagship Development Policies in India.

Proposal for Organising Special Technical Sessions

Seminar committee also invites proposals to organise select special sessions related to the theme. The special session proposal within 500 words should be sent directly to the convenor(iigpresidency@gmail.com) by **30th October 2024**. The special session may be arranged in a hybrid format depending on the number of abstracts received and requests from international participants and experts willing to participate in this international seminar.

Young Geographers' Award

A competition will be organised to select one young geographer. The criteria for participation in the competition are as follows:

- The participant should be below 30 years of age. The participant should be an Indian National.
- A single-authored abstract should be submitted within the deadline mentioned in the abstract submission section.
- The last date for submitting the full paper via email to the convenor (email id: iigpresidency@gmail.com) is **15th December 2024**.
- A bonafide certificate from the Head of the Department or Supervisor(s) should be submitted along with the abstract.
- Copy of the institutional identity card.

Presidency University

Presidency University occupies a unique place in the history of education in India. It was one of the first institutes of Western-type higher education in Asia. In 1817, a group of enlightened Indians and Englishmen set up the Hindoo College. This was taken over by the British Government in 1855 as the College of the Bengal Presidency and placed in 1857 under the newly founded Calcutta University.

Over the next hundred years and more, Presidency College was Bengal's pre-eminent centre of higher learning. Although a Constituent College of Calcutta University, it preserved a tradition of research matched by few universities in India. This gave a unique dimension to its undergraduate teaching. The formal establishment of Presidency University in July 2010 allows it to refashion its venerable traditions and continuing strengths into a leading institution of the future.

Department of Geography

Department of Geography started functioning in 1949 –1950 in the erstwhile Presidency College with Prof. N. R. Kar (Head), Dr A. B. Chatterjee and Dr S. P. Dasgupta, R. K. Basu (Demonstrator), G. C. Roy (Draftsman) and Md. Ramzan Ali (Bearer). Thus, it is one of the oldest geography departments in the country. Department is on the verge of completing 75 years of its academic journey in the present year, 2024-25. The department has a brilliant galaxy of alumni comprising eminent geographers working in India and abroad.

The present department includes 14 faculty members with diverse expertise across human and physical geography. It offers specialisation in various fields and sub-fields. The department is well-equipped with multiple learning resources and dedicated laboratories for advanced research in physical and human geography. The department has completed the DST-FIST (Phase 1) programme, Government of India.

Abstract Submission

General Information:

The Organising Committee seeks submissions of abstracts of original contributions on any topic related to the scientific programme sessions. If you wish to submit an abstract for consideration, kindly follow the instructions outlined below.

Guidelines for Preparing Abstracts:

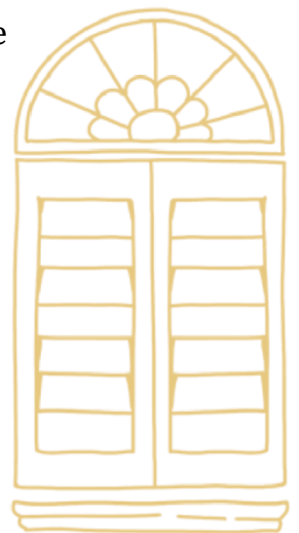
1. Title: A brief title within 20 words is suggested. It should be in bold type, capitalising the 1st letter of all words of four letters or more.
2. Author(s): The family name(s) should be typed in CAPITAL letters and the first and middle name(s) with first letter capital.
3. Affiliation of the author(s) should be listed by number, and add the number in superscript form after the name(s). Put a '*' mark on the corresponding author.
4. Text: The abstract must clearly indicate the problem, methodology and result of the work **within 300 words/2000 characters** (Abstracts above this limit will not be accepted).

The abstract should be submitted via Google form link:

<https://forms.gle/G9MJCgVw1SknnZhP9>

Necessary Information:

- Abstracts and registration fees should be submitted through the mentioned links by **30th October 2024**.
- Hard copy/Email submission of abstracts will not be accepted.
- All author (s) will be required to register for the Conference to ensure their abstract(s) is/are included in the technical sessions(s) and abstract volume.
- Acceptance of selected abstracts will be notified to the corresponding author on or before **30th November 2024** by email only.
- Full papers for the Young Geographers' competition should be submitted by **15th December 2024**.



- Sessions may not be held if there are insufficient abstracts submitted; abstracts submitted in any session that is not held will be re-allocated to a different session by the Programme Committee.
- **After receiving full-length papers, we plan to publish an edited book/ volume/ conference proceedings from any reputed national or international publisher. The last date for submitting full-length papers is *30th December 2024*. Submit the full-length paper to the seminar convenor at dhiraj.geog@gmail.com**
- No participation certificate will be issued to the non-participating delegates even if registered.

Registration

Category of Registration*	Early Bird Registration (Before October 31, 2024)			Late Registration (After October 31, 2024)		
	Indian (INR)	SAARC Countries (INR)	Foreign Delegates	Indian (INR)	SAARC Countries (INR)	Foreign Delegates
Regular (Member)	3000	4500	\$100	3500	5500	\$125
Student/ Research Scholar/ Retired Teacher (Member)	2500	4000	\$75	3000	4500	\$100
Accompanying Person	2500	4000	\$75	3000	4500	\$100

N. B:

1. Regular, Retired Teacher and Student Registration includes Participation, Conference Kit, Abstract Volume, and Food.
2. No accommodation will be provided by the organisers. However, organisers will provide the participants with necessary information about hotels, guesthouses, and hostels near the seminar venue.
3. Accompanying Person's registration includes Food.
4. Student Registration: Student Registration Fee is applicable to those below 30 years of age and continuing their M.Sc./M.Phil. /Ph. D. as a full-time student/scholar. A copy of an ID document (Institutional ID card or a letter from the departmental head or research supervisor) is required to avail of the student's registration facility.
5. Refund of Registration Fee: There is no provision to refund the registration fee.

Payment Link for Seminar Registration:

<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=469266>

Please select "IIG-Presidency Seminar 2025" from the dropdown options under Payment Category.

The foreign delegates will be provided with a separate bank account number on request (Email: iigpresidency@gmail.com).

Payment of Headquarter fee and IIG Membership Fee:

1. Non-member participants will have to take either the Annual or Life Membership of the Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) in advance.

For more details, visit: <https://iigeo.org/membership/>

2. An additional amount of Rs. 250/- will have to be separately deposited to the IIG account by every participant as IIG Headquarter Fee. The IIG headquarter fee is mandatory for all participants.

3. Participants are required to produce evidence of any amount deposited by them as membership fee, headquarter fee or registration fee in case of any dispute.

The headquarter fee and IIG membership fee can be paid online using the QR code or bank transfer as given below.



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Seminar venue

The three-day international seminar will be held at the Presidency University at 86/1 College Street, Kolkata.

Transport & Communication

Kolkata is one of India's leading cities and is well connected by roads, railways, and both domestic and international airlines. The regular bus services link it with neighbouring states and regions. Howrah and Sealdah are two of India's busiest railway stations and are situated within 3 km of Presidency University Campus in College Street. The Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport is approximately 13 kilometres from the seminar venue.

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