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**ATTRACTION
OF JAISALMER**



**GADISAR
LAKE**

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**SALIM SINGH
HAVELI**



**JAIN
TEMPLE**



**SAM SAND
DUNES**



Estd.1970

Rajasthan Geography Association (RGA) 47th National Conference
**Sustainable Desert Tourism and Environment :
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13th to 15th Sept., 2019



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**Organized by
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JAISALMER Rajasthan, India**

AN INVITATION

The 47th Rajasthan Geography Association (RGA) conference is scheduled to be organized at Sangidas Balkishan Kothari Government College, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. It will be hosted by the Department of Geography on September 13-15, 2019. The focal theme of the conference is "Sustainable Desert Tourism and Environment : Perspective and Challenges". All the members of geographical fraternity including RGA life members and researchers from allied disciplines are cordially invited to present their research papers and participate in the discussions and proceedings in the 3-day long event.

THE HOST INSTITUTION

Government College Jaisalmer was established in the year 1970, later it was named after Seth Sangidas Balkishan Kothari, who had given Rs. 2 lakh donation to college that time. With the heritage dating back to more than 49 years, S.B.K. Government College, one of the premier institutes of higher learning contributed significantly to the academic and cultural life of the entire western Rajasthan. In the NAAC accreditation being done in 2017, S.B.K. Government College has been awarded with grade "B++". The college runs under-graduate, post-graduate and Ph.D. courses. Having more than 1500 students studying in 03 undergraduate and 01 postgraduate departments, the college is fully equipped with digital library, smart classrooms, sophisticated instruments, computer labs, and other impressive infrastructures.

THE HOST DEPARTMENT

The Department of Geography in S.B.K. Government College is well known for its academic pursuits and excellence. The subject was first introduced at the UG level in 1982. The Department has 02 faculties and one laboratory bearer. The Department is well equipped with 01 smart classrooms, and one Geography lab. The department has one on-going projects funded by UGC. Over the years the Department of Geography was blessed by the services of some illustrious academicians Prof. Ratan Singh, Prof. M.L. Lakshar, Prof. K.K.Sharma, Prof. Ansarul Huq, Prof. Ahmad Ali, Prof. A.B.Pandey, Prof. Mahesh Gour, Prof. M.R.Sou, and Dr. Adarbad Motafram

THE HOST CITY

District JAISALMER is located within a rectangle lying between 26°4' -28°23' North parallel and 69°20'-72°42' east meridians. It is the largest district of Rajasthan and one of the largest in the country. The breadth (East-West) of the district is 270 Kms and the length (North-South) is 186 Kms. On the present map, district Jaisalmer is bounded on the north by Bikaner, on the west & south-west by Indian boarder, on the south by Barmer and Jodhpur and on the east by Jodhpur and Bikaner Districts. The length of international boarder attached to District Jaisalmer is 471 Kms.

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS

JAISALMER District, a part of the Great Indian Thar Desert, is sandy, dry and scorched. The terrain around within a radius of about 60 kms is stony and rocky. The area is barren, undulating with its famous sand dunes and slopes towards the Indus valley and the Runn of Kutch. The soil here is grateful even to a little rain and turns lush green during monsoon. There is no perennial river in the district. The underground water level is very low. Geographically this district is spread over in 38,401 sq. kms which is one of the largest district and almost equal to the state of Kerala. Joined together, the district of Barmer and Jaisalmer is the Largest Parliamentary constituency in India.

FLORA & FAUNA

Khezada, Bavia, Lora, Rohida, Van, Phog, Kumbhar, Jal, Neem, Babul and many other trees are to be found among sparse vegetation. Orchards are luxury and can be seen occasionally in a very rare spot. Grass-beds or lawns are never seen anywhere. Animals perforce have to move from one place to another in search of fodder and water. Sheep, cow, goat, camel, chinkara wild boar and jackals are the fauna here. Poisonous snakes are common in the desert. The birds of various kinds commonly found in the area are peacock, parrot, pigeon, crow and specially the white Palam birds make the surroundings lively and interesting. The number of great Indian bustards which were once in abundance in Thar Desert, began to decline fast. In addition to these cocks and hens are domestic birds.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

District JAISALMER has a very dry climate with very hot summer; a cold winter and sparse rains. The climate is extremely hot during summer with maximum temperature reaching up to 49.2 degree celcius and extremely cold during winter with minimum temp. in the range of 1 degree celcius. The variation in temperature from morning to noon and the late midnight is a sudden phenomenon. The average rainfall is only 16.4 cms as against the state average of 57.51 cms.

ABOUT RGA

The Rajasthan Geography Association (RGA) is one of the oldest among state level geography associations in India. It was formed in 1965 during the time of first academic conference of Rajasthan Geographers; it was organized by the department of geography M.L.V. Govt. College Bhilwara, which later on became the permanent headquarters of this association. The association was registered in 1971 under the Rajasthan Societies Act, 1958. Its monogram was designed and adopted with three key words Maru, Meru and Mal, i.e., desert, mountain and plateau, which not only summarizes the Geography of Rajasthan but also explains the cultural patterns associated with three types of natural landscapes in the state. Despite financial constraints, the association holds its annual conference regularly in the various colleges and universities of the state of the Rajasthan.

FOCAL THEME

Sustainable Desert Tourism and Environment: Perspective and Challenges

Deserts harbor unique natural and cultural heritage that is found nowhere else in the world. However, threats to these heritage resources are rising due to increasing levels of accessibility, human population and exploitation of natural resources and modern agriculture practices. Thus, new alternative tools are needed to safeguard these fragile environments. In this respect, ecotourism has the potential to preserve the desert biome while supporting local cultures, traditional livelihoods and sustainable development. Desert display many opportunities to promote ecotourism, such as unique biodiversity protected by large national parks and reserves, geological features, archeological and historical sites evidencing past cultures, and a great variety of ethnic groups and costumes. Still, protection of desert heritage is challenged in many countries due to low levels of security, development and political stability. Ecotourism generates a plethora of environmental, economic and social-cultural impacts that need to be considered when developing tourist activities in desert environments. However, ecotourism should not be envisaged as a panacea for all the challenging impacts that deserts are facing, but it can offer a sustainable tool to contribute positively to the wellbeing of people and communities living within deserts. Ultimately, desert ecotourism can contribute to the 2030 agenda of the United Nations for the Sustainable Development Goals and the conservation and management of desert heritage.

SUB-THEME

- Desert Resources management –Environment, Soil, Mineral, agriculture and water management
- Desert Demography, Society and Culture
- Desert Ecology- flora, fauna, Biodiversity, migration of bird and animal
- Traditional land and water resource conservation technique
- Geomorphology and Hydro-Geology of Rajasthan
- Tourism –Cultural, Religious, Historical, Environmental and Border Area aspect
- Tourist and Tourist destination –Cultural and environmental issues
- Tourist Area Development: Disparities, Challenges and Opportunities
- Tourism Policy Initiatives, Governance and Socio-Economic Empowerment
- Sustainable Development Policies for Rural and Tribal Communities
- Desert national park and desert ecosystem conservation
- Urbanization: Trends, Impacts and Challenges
- Smart Cities and Green Infrastructures
- Power Energy resources in Thar – Natural Gas ,Petroleum, and Wind, Solar
- Geospatial Techniques and Applied Geographical Research for tourist development.
- Innovations in Teaching and Learning in tourism and Arid land Geography.
- Effect of climate change ,Global warming and other environmental in Thar desert
- Environment degradation and pollution

CALL FOR PAPER

The organizers invite research papers and posters from all interested academicians and researchers in the 47th RGA conference on Sustainable Desert Tourism and Environment : Perspective and Challenges. There will be oral as well as poster presentations in the conference. Participants intending to present paper(s) are requested to send the abstracts through email till 25th Aug, 2019. The acknowledgement about acceptance of paper will be sent on or before 30th Aug, 2019. The abstract of registered participants (appearing till 5th September, 2019) will be included in the Abstract volume. The full length paper (soft copy) should reach the Organizing Secretary latest by 5th September, 2019. The "Young Geographer Award" will be awarded for best research paper by the participant below the age of 35. Please mention "Young Geographer Award" on the abstract and first page of the research paper. The paper will be accepted in individual capacity.

LAYOUT OF ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPER

- Text- (in English) Normal, Times New Roman and font size 12. (In Hindi) Kruti Dev 011 with font size 12.

The abstract must clearly indicate the problem, methodology and findings of the work within 300 words.

- Key words-4 to 5 key words.
- Full paper- With original figures in soft copy and one hard copy should reach latest by 5th September, 2019
- No abstract will be accepted after 25th Aug, 2019.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Delegates	Before 30 th Aug, 2019	After 05 th Sep. 2019	Spot Reg. Fee	RGA Reg. Fee
Indian Delegates	2500	2800	3000	100
Research Delegates	1800	2000	2500	100
Corporate Delegates	2800	3000	3000	

Note-

- No registration will be entertained after 30th Aug, 2019.. However, Spot registration will be available only for the participant without kit and without accommodation on the day of the conference on payment of a registration fee of Rs. 3000.
- Research scholar's registration is applicable to M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholars. A copy of an institutional ID, as a proof of being a bonafide research scholar, is required to avail the research scholar's facility.

MODE OF PAYMENT

Registration fee can be paid through online bank transfer through RTGS/NEFT/Net Banking or Bank Draft.

- Bank draft should be drawn in favour of 47 Rajasthan Geography Association Jaisalmer payable at Jaisalmer
- Bank transfer should be made to the : **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, Indira Colony Jaisalmer branch**
in the account of : **RGA SEMINAR JAISALMER**
in the account no. : 3765019432
IFSC Code : CBN0284789 MICR CODE : 345016002

The last date of payment of early bird registration fee is 5th September 2019. However the scan copy of Demand Draft/online transfer receipt of early and late registration fee has to send to the official email of the conference on or before 5th September 2019 *Participants are requested to become Life member or Annual member of the RGA. If not a life member, annual fee of Rs. 300/- or life membership of Rs. 3500/- has to be paid together with membership form.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will only be provided to those delegates who inform the organizers in advance (before 5th September 2019) and will be accommodated in various institutional, Guesthouses and Dharamshalas available to the Organizing Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

Conference Date	13 th to 15 th September, 2019
Abstract Submission	Till 25 th August, 2019
Full paper submission	05 th September, 2019
Payment of Registration Fee	Till 30 th August, 2019 (Early Birds)
	05 th September, 2019 (Late)
Confirmation of Acceptance	05 th September, 2019

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