

1st ANNOUNCEMENT

2nd International Conference on Sarasvati River (ICSR- 2018)

Vedic Sarasvati River - New Perspectives and Heritage Development

January 19-20, 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

Venue

Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana

Jointly Organised By

**Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board
(HSHDB), Panchkula**

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**Centre of Excellence for Research on the Saraswati
River, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana**

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Preamble

Legend of mighty Sarasvati River has lived on in India since the time immemorial. The mention of the river Sarasvati exists in all the ancient Indian literature including the Vedas, the Puranas, the Upanishads, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. In Rig- Veda River Sarasvati is mentioned as a holy and the mightiest river. The river flowed in area between rivers Indus and Ganges, originated in Himalayas descended in to the Rann of Kutch after passing through, Sindh and Bahawalpur Provinces of Pakistan. The river dried up around 3500 B.P. The river is even today remembered in Hindu religious ceremonies, and cultural practices. On the bank of Sarasvati river existed an ancient civilization of the world known as Harappan Civilisation. The palaeo channels of the river and remains/ artefacts of Harappan age are found in Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat and in Pakistan. A large part of the river course lies buried below sands of Thar Desert. The recent researches have revealed course of the now extinct river Sarasvati below the Thar Desert. However many aspects of the Sarasvati civilisation still remain to be studied in detail.

Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB) has been constituted by Government of Haryana in 2015, with an objective to promote, to preserve, to raise awareness, to develop, & to restore Sarasvati Heritage and to initiate, & to support research in the field of Sarasvati River Heritage, under the Chairmanship of Hon CM Haryana at Panchkula (Haryana). The NAAC A+ rated Kurukshetra University, (www.kuk.ac.in) is spread over 425 acres and has 46 teaching departments with nearly all the modern amenities. The Centre of Excellence for Research on the Sarasvati River (CERSR) was established in Kurukshetra University in August, 2017. The Centre endeavours to carry out multi-disciplinary research on varied aspects of the Sarasvati River System. The faculty of the Department of Geology, which Kurukshetra University has been engaged in Sarasvati river research for a long time, similar to more than fifteen years. Like the previous year, this year too, the HSHDB is going to organise an International Conference viz. entitled 'Vedic Sarasvati River - New Perspectives and Heritage Development' (ICSR- 2018) at Kurukshetra University in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for Research on the Sarasvati River.

The objective of the conference is to bring together all the eminent people and researchers and organisations working on different aspects related with palaeo river Sarasvati and to provide a platform for scientific deliberations and meaningful research on the subject and chalk out concrete plans and steps for further development of Sarasvati Heritage. Further, this conference will help to generate a deeper understanding of the subject and scientific facts among the people about the river that represent the origin of the Indians and its Heritage including the ancient civilization that flourished on the Sarasvati and Indus river banks.

The deliberations in the conference will cover a wide array of invited talks and paper presentations by well known experts in the field working on the subject within the country and abroad.

Call for Papers: Abstract/ Paper Submission

The conference shall have Inaugural session, Technical sessions with keynote address, plenary/ invited talks, paper presentations, poster presentations and panel discussion. The researchers, scholars, and the people interested in Sarasvati River and Heritage and culture of the country are invited for participation in the conference.

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The papers may be submitted on following themes/ topics related to the conference

- Geo-scientific aspects of Sarasvati River (Geological/ **Remote Sensing**/Geohydrological /Geomorphological / Sedimentological/ Hydrological/ Glaciological /Palaeo Environmental aspects etc.)
- Archaeological Studies and Heritage Development
- Indological , Vedic, Cultural and Linguistic studies
- Rejuvenation of River Sarasvati
- Heritage and artificial Recharge
- Potential Tourism destination developments and Conceptualisation along Sarasvati

Extended abstract 1 to 2 pages long including figure (Max. 350 words) highlighting specific/ new achievements may be sent by email to icsr2k18@gmail.com well before the deadline. Abstract should be typed in 12-point Times Roman font, 1.15 line spacing, in A4 size paper, with 1 inch (25mm) margins all round. Final paper max. 4 to 6 pages including Figures, Tables and Photographs would have to be prepared as per the guidelines provided in the circular. Power point Presentations (PPTs) will have to be prepared (only for the papers selected for oral presentations) for about 15 minutes duration including Q/A session. For the papers selected for poster session, panel space of about 4 ft x 4 ft will be made available for display of individual posters. Neat and clearly legible posters will have to be prepared accordingly, to suit the provided space of 4ft x 4ft.

Important Dates/ Deadlines

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| Last date for abstracts submission(350 words) | - December 25 th , 2017 |
| Last Date for acceptance of Papers | - December 30 th , 2017 |
| Full paper submission | -January 07, 2017 |

Accommodation:

Will be provided in University guest house, state govt guest house, or economy Hotels based on advance request, guest house accommodation will depend based on availability. In guest houses preference will be given for Invited speakers/ guests, senior citizens and ladies.

Guidelines : Non English Text

Please use Unicode for non English text. Unicode can be written using any text/ document editor such as MS Word.

Baraha is a good unicode editor for the Devanagari script and other Indian languages. Scholars have to download its setup. With "Arial Unicode MS" one can write in devanagari characters. This font is by default available in computers so there is nothing to install/setup.

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- Single column
- Title >> author(s) >> affiliation (s) >> email (s) (all centered)
- Abstract including objectives, relevance and the study area, Key words
- and separate sections/ Sub sections on Data & Methodology, Results and Conclusion, Acknowledgements (Optional) and References. Appendix (if any)
- References (Last name, First name, Middle name, Year, Title In Italics,

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- For Sanskrit words, use EITHER pratipadika (stems) OR nominative Singular (prathamaaekavacana) forms. Do not use both.
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