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**Third International Conference on Sarasvati River (ICSR- 2019)**  
**Agricultural Practices and Archaeological Evidence &  
Exploration along Sarasvati River Palaeochannel**  
**(February 8-9, 2019)**



**Organised by**  
**Panjab University, Chandigarh**



**In collaboration with**  
**Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board**  
**Panchkula (Haryana)**

**SUBTHEMES**

- Geo-Scientific Researches and Analytical Studies
- Agricultural Practices and Historiography
- Indological Studies, Archaeological Explorations along Sarasvati River Palaeo Channel
- River Sarasvati in Literary and Oral Traditions, Cultural Tourism, Challenges and Rejuvenation.





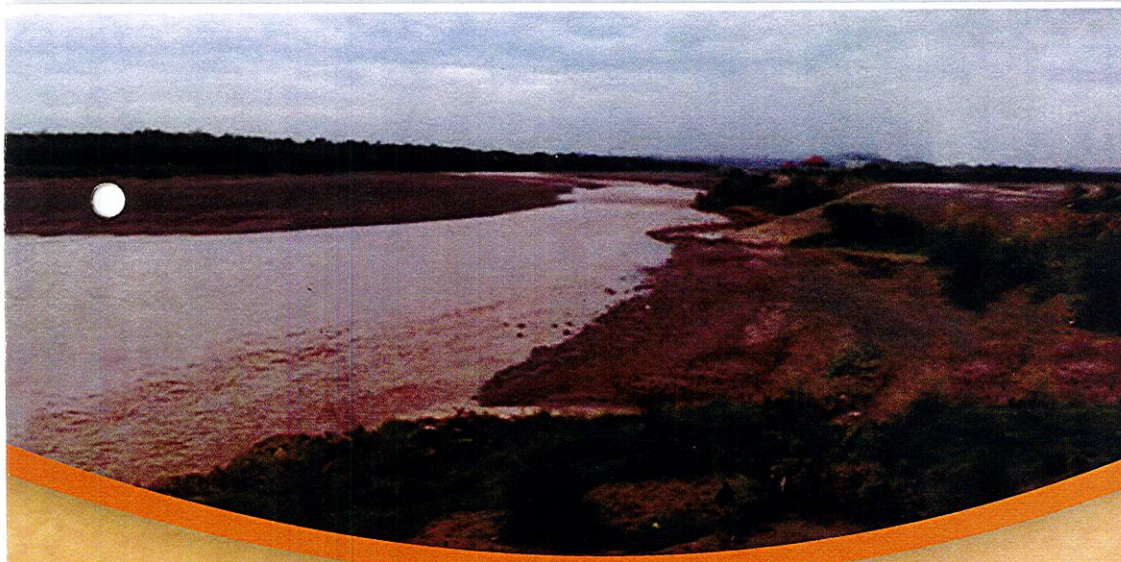
## Concept Note

An advanced use of scientific knowledge and methods has brought home the need to revisit established historical understanding of Indian societies constructed under colonial paradigm. One such domain remains the legend of river Sarasvati, which has been neglected for long in twentieth century scholarship. Hailed as the mighty and glorious river in the Rig Veda, the memory of the river remained embedded in many religious scriptures and cultural memories of Indian society contesting colonialist efforts to reject glorious chapters of Indian history. The name of Sarasvati River is evoked in many rituals and functions, which dotted the socio-cultural world of north India. The deployment of Remote Sensing techniques by various agencies like ISRO has substantiated the India traditions praising the Sarasvati River, which once flowed in region between rivers Indus and Ganges. The remote sensing of palaeochannel has helped the researchers to trace the origin and flow of Sarasvati River in the region, which originated in Himalaya and descended in to the Rann of Kutch after passing through, Haryana, Rajasthan, Sindh and Bahawalpur Provinces of Pakistan. The researchers are studying the emergence, movement and drying up of the river to understand the movement of settlements around its banks. The relation of Sarasvati River with Harappan civilization needs to be restudied in the light of recent discoveries. The effort will enable researchers to fill the existing gaps in the domain of knowledge while connecting geological understanding of the region with the historical movement of cultures and people of north India. With these objectives in mind, Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board is organizing a two day **International Conference** with the theme, '**Agricultural Practices and Archaeological Evidence and Exploration along Sarasvati River Palaeochannel**'

The Government of Haryana has constituted Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB) in 2015, with an objective to promote, preserve, raise awareness, develop and restore Sarasvati Heritage and to initiate and support research in the field of Sarasvati River Heritage, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble CM Haryana at Panchkula (Haryana).

Established in 1882, Panjab University remains one of the premier universities in the country. It has 78 Teaching and Research Departments and 15 Centers/Chairs for teaching and research at the main campus located at Chandigarh. Catering to the rural and backward areas of Punjab, the University has 6 Constituent Colleges located at Sikhwala (Sri Muktsar Sahib), Balachaur (SBS Nagar), Nihalsingh Wala (Moga), Dharamkot (Moga), Mokham Khan Wala (Ferozepur) and Guru Harsahai (Ferozepur). Panjab University in collaboration with HSHDB is organizing 3rd **International Conference on Sarasvati River -2019** on Feb 8-9, 2019 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.





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## SCHEDULE OF THE CONFERENCE

February 8, 2019.

Session	Timing	Venue
Inaugural Session	10:30 am-12:00 pm	University Law Auditorium , PU Chandigarh
Plenary Session	1:30 pm-2:00 pm	ICSSR NW Regional Complex
Technical Session –I Geo-Scientific Researches and Analytical Studies	2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Golden Jubilee Hall, Panjab University Chandigarh
Technical Session –II Agricultural Practices and Historiography	2:00 pm-5:00 pm	ICSSR NW Regional Complex

February 9, 2019.

Session	Timing	Venue
Technical Session –III Indological Studies, Archaeological Exploration. Palaeo Channel Course	9:30 am-12:00 pm	Golden Jubilee Hall, Panjab University Chandigarh
Technical Session –IV River Sarasvati in Literary and Oral Traditions, Cultural Tourism, Challenges and Rejuvenation	9:30 am-12:00 pm	ICSSR NW Regional Complex
Valedictory Session	1:30 pm- 3:00 pm	Golden Jubilee Hall, Panjab University Chandigarh

### Venues

#### Inaugural and Valedictory

University Law Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh

#### Technical Sessions

ICSSR (NW) Regional Complex and Golden Jubilee Hall, Panjab University, Chandigarh

#### Valedictory Session

Golden Jubilee Hall, Panjab University, Chandigarh