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5<sup>th</sup> International Online Conference on the Saraswati River  
(ICSR-2021)



## Saraswati River - New Perspectives and Heritage Development

February 15, 2021



Jointly organised by

**Vidya Bharti Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan, Kurukshetra**

&

**Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB)**

Website: [www.hshdb.in](http://www.hshdb.in)



## Background

River Saraswati has been the holiest and the mightiest river of India during Rigvedic period. The River dried up due to neo-tectonic and climatic change. The River Saraswati is described in the Rigvedic literature as "*Ambitame, Naditame, Devitame Saraswati*" that is, the best of mothers, the best of Rivers and the best of Goddess. The Vedic Saraswati was a mighty and holy river of northwest India which probably originated from Banderpunch glacier and discharged into the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat. The discovery of the sites of Harappan Civilization along the banks of Saraswati River also improved its might and magnanimity. More than 70 organizations viz., ISRO, GSI, ASI, ONGC, BARC etc. are working in the field of Saraswati River Research and its Heritage. In spite of extensive studies carried out on the Saraswati River over the last several decades, there are many aspects, which are uncertain and need to be explored.

The Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB) is an autonomous body of the Govt. of Haryana, which has been set up to develop, preserve, promote and protect the Saraswati Heritage in the State. Vidya Bharti Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan, Kurukshetra has been engaged in the process of conservation and dissemination, as well as its transmission to the younger generation of the rich cultural heritage of India, including the great lineage of knowledge, traditions and the values since 1984. The International Conference 'Saraswati River - New Perspectives and Heritage Development' (ICSR-2021) is being organized in Vidya Bharti Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan on February 15, 2021. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be conducted in a blended mode, with offline talks, by invited experts only. Keeping in view the safety of the participants and the social distancing norms as well as the standard operating procedures of the Government of Haryana for this pandemic, very few individuals would be invited physically in the conference. The organizers of the Conference request everyone to join digitally in this international event.

The objective of the conference is to bring together all the eminent people and researchers and organizations working on different aspects related with Palaeo River Saraswati and provide a platform for scientific deliberations and meaningful research on the subject and chalk out plans and steps for further development of Saraswati Heritage. The Government also aims to promote a deeper understanding of the subject and scientific facts among the people about the river that represent the cradle of the Indian civilization and the awesome heritage that flourished on its banks.

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

The Conference shall have inaugural session, technical sessions with keynote address, plenary and invited talks. The researchers, scholars, and people interested in the Saraswati River, its heritage and Indian culture and traditions are invited for participation in the conference through online mode.



**The broad sub-themes of the Conference are:**

- ◆ Geo-scientific aspects of the Saraswati River
- ◆ Archaeological Studies and Heritage Development
- ◆ Agricultural practices and Historiography
- ◆ Indological, Vedic, Cultural and Linguistic studies
- ◆ Literary and Oral traditions
- ◆ Saraswati River rejuvenation, development of heritage and artificial recharge.
- ◆ Potential Tourism destination developments and conceptualisation

**PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE**

**February 15, 2021**

Session	Timing
Inaugural Session	10:00 AM to 12:40 PM
Plenary Talk	12:40 PM to 1:30 PM
Technical Session	2:25 PM to 4:45 PM
Valedictory Session	5:00 PM to 5:40 PM

**Venue :**

**Vidya Bharti Sanskriti Shiksha Sansthan,  
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