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Urban Dynamics & Smart City Prospect in Bihar & Jharkhand

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Introduction
The Association of Geographers, Bihar & Jharkhand is going to organise its
19th Annual Conference in the P.G. Department of Geography, A.N. College, Patna on October 8th and 9th, 2017. The association has been organising a National Seminar on this auspicious occasion. The focal theme of this year seminar is "Urban Dynamics & Smart City Prospect in Bihar and Jharkhand". Bihar & Jharkhand are two such states, where the level of urbanisation is below the national average inspite of having huge natural, cultural and human resources. However, there are cities like Patna, Jamshedpur, Ranchi and Dhanbad Urban Agglomeration, whose internal morphological pattern, very high density of population, phenomenal dense vehicular traffic, large size slum pockets and peripheral squatter growth present a
completely different scenario where a social scientist is compelled to think whether these states are over-urbanised or under-urbanised.

An indepth analysis would simply expose the urban chaos and urbanisation without the basics of urban growth. The emergence of a new concept of smart city may be able to resolve many issues causing chaos & mismanagement. The concept is based on ICT and peoples response. These two states need to respond effectively to bring sustainable urban system.

In order to make the relevance of the focal theme effectively flashed and communicating the stake holders in a convincing way, the seminar deliberations will cover the following sub themes:
1. Concept of Urban Dynamism and components of Urban Dynamics.
2. Trends of Urbanisation in India and SAARC countries.
5. Spatial & Hierarchical Pattern of Urban Centres in Bihar & Jharkhand.
8. Urban Social Areas.
11. Urban Problems at National & Regional Levels.
12. Concept of Urban Planning and its Chronological Evolution in India.
13. Concept of Smart City - A New Dimensions in Urban Planning & Management. 
14. Urban Management and Role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
15. Smart City Selection Process in India and its Limitations.
16. Selected Smart Cities of Bihar & Jharkhand.
17. Parameters used in the Selection of Smart Cities in Bihar & Jharkhand.
19. Smart City and Human Response.
20. Prospect of Smart City in Bihar & Jharkhand.
21. Any other topic related to the focal theme.

About A.N. College, Patna and the P.G. Department of Geography

A.N. College, Patna is a NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade College in Magadh University. The college has been accorded the status of “College with potential for Excellence” by UGC and presently is one of the most premier colleges of Bihar. The college has been named after a great freedom fighter Bihar Bibhuti Dr. Anugrah Narayan Sinha, who was also the first Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar. This college was established in 1956 and its Department of Geography was established in 1968 and Post Graduate teaching started in 1985. The department aims to integrate geographical skill with decision making processes by correlating changing landscape and environment with human activities, through its well-equipped lab and library. It is pioneering and collaborating with Inter departmental as well as national and international research activities on emerging geographical issues like urbanisation, natural resource and climate change.
About The Venue

The modern city of Patna is situated on the southern bank of river Ganges. Patna is well connected through road, rail and air transport. Patna Junction, Patliputra Station and Rajendranagar Terminal are the main three railway stations that serve the city of Patna. Bus services from various districts of Bihar and Jharkhand can be availed at the Mithapur and Gandhi Maidan Bus Stand. J.P. International Airport connects Patna with various Indian cities.

Department of Geography, A.N. College, Patna (Magadh University) welcomes all the delegates of the XIX Annual Conference and National Seminar of the Association of Geographers, Bihar and Jharkhand (AGBJ) to Patna. The **First Day** of the Annual Conference and National Seminar (AGBJ) will be held at Gyan Bhawan of the Samrat Ashok Convention Centre. This Convention Center is located on North Gandhi Maidan, between Magadh Mahila College and Mahatma Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna. A.N. College premises is the venue for the **Second Day** of the Annual Conference and National Seminar (AGBJ).

**Prof. R. Gauntia, Young Geographer’s Award**

The scheme of awarding young geographers has been introduced in order to encourage research in various fields of geography. The young geographers are advised to present papers in the conference on contemporary geographical problems. A cash award of Rs. 3000/- is given every year at the time of Annual Conference to the participant whose paper is adjudged the best by the expert committee constituted by the executive committee of AGBJ. The cash award for the second best paper is Rs. 1500/-. This award is limited to the participants by the committee on the basis of merit for presentation and the authors will be asked to present their papers in a special session.

The research papers for the award must be sent to the General Secretary, AGBJ, Department of Geography, Patna University, Patna by the 30th September 2017 along with the attested copy of age proof. The first awarded paper will be published in the Journal of the Association; i.e., GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVE, 2018.

**Submission of Abstract & Registration Fee**

Desirous participants are requested to send the Registration fee with the abstract of papers (about 300 words). Only those abstract papers will be published in the Abstract Volume which will accompany duly filled in Registration Form and a sum of Rs. 200/- as a part of the registration fee. However, the remaining amount must be paid before the commencement of the conference. The last date for sending abstract of papers along with the Registration fee and filled in form is the 31st August, 2017. The accompanying persons shall not be entitled to receive the seminar kit and other documents.

All participants are requested to email their soft copy of abstract only in MS Word format (Hindi font must be in Krutidev10) at geo.dep.anc@gmail.com

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2. Abstract paper (soft copy) should be sent to Email: geo.dep.anc@gmail.com
3. D.D. / M.O of Registration fee should be drawn in favour of "Convener, National Seminar, Department of Geography, A.N. College, Patna", Payable at Patna.

Important Dates
• Last date of submission of Abstract - 31st August, 2017 (without late fine)
  20th September, 2017 (with late fine)
• Last date of submission of full paper to be presented in the Conference - September 15, 2017.
• Seminar / Conference - 08th - 09th October, 2017.

Venue
• 08th October, 2017- Samrat Ashok Convention Centre (Gyan Bhawan), Gandhi Maidan, Patna.
• 09th October, 2017 - Department of Geography, A.N. College, Patna.
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