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WELCOME INVITATION

We are pleased to invite you to the 27th Annual Conference and National Seminar of AGBJ, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi on the topic **Agro-Climatic Variability & Sustainable Development: Pathways towards Viksit Bharat@2047**, to be held at the University Department of Geography, L. N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, on 31st October - 1st November 2026.

About the Focal Theme

The conference-cum-national seminar on “**Agro-Climatic Variability & Sustainable Development: Pathways towards Viksit Bharat @2047**” is an important and relevant theme that addresses the environmental and economic challenges of the Bihar and Jharkhand region. It seeks to bridge the critical dialogue between two distinct yet interconnected topographies: the flood-prone plains of North Bihar and the rugged, moisture-stressed highlands of Jharkhand. The forum aims to discuss the dual challenges of hydrological extremes, agroclimatic vulnerabilities and land degradation.

Central to this discourse is the synergy of water and soil governance, contrasting the scalability of irrigation systems in the plains with the vital role of watershed management and check-dams in hilly terrains. Beyond ecological resilience, the sessions will explore the commercial evolution of regional assets under the “Vocal for Local” mandate. It aims to explore pathways for scaling Geographical Indication (GI) and organic hubs-ranging from Mithila’s iconic Makhana and Litchi to Jharkhand’s forest-based minor produce Tasar silk and organic millets. This economic shift is underpinned by a digital transformation strategy, where GIS, Remote Sensing, and AI-driven forecasting move from theoretical models to “last-mile” climate advisories for marginal farmers. Furthermore, the seminar emphasizes ecological restoration, positioning the “Chauras” (wetlands) of Bihar and Jharkhand’s forest-fringe agriculture as essential carbon sinks as a measure against climate change. By fostering a framework for agri-entrepreneurship and localized processing clusters, it aims to address the socio-economic trigger of distress migration, replacing it with a vibrant “Agri-tech” startup ecosystem. Ultimately, these dialogues are designed to converge into integrated policy advocacy, aligning the regional developmental trajectories of both states with the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) to ensure a resilient, food-secure, and climate-smart future.

Sub Themes

1. Spatio-temporal Climate Variability & Climate-Resilient Agriculture
2. Climate Trends & Vulnerability Mapping
3. Water Resources & The “Flood-Drought” Paradox
4. Climate-Smart Livestock & Fisheries
5. Rainwater harvesting in drought-prone areas
6. Biodiversity, Ecological Challenges and Environmental Sustainability
7. GI Tags & Agri-Resource Commercialization
8. Agro-Forestry & Green Growth
9. Use of ICT, Remote Sensing, Technology innovations in agriculture and crop insurance.
10. Digital Land record, Soil Health Card, Kisan Card and Smart Farming.
11. Agro-Forestry and ‘Jal-Jeevan Hariyali’ Mission in Bihar and Jharkhand.
12. Application of Geo-Spatial Technology in Resource Management
13. Sustainable Rural Transportation & Infrastructure Development
14. Socio-Economic Transformation & “Rurban” Development
15. Cultivation of Medicinal Plants and its management.
16. Role of New Education Policy (NEP) for agricultural development.
17. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in agricultural infrastructure in Bihar and Jharkhand.
18. Challenges in and Prospects of Sustainable development of agriculture sector in Bihar and Jharkhand
19. Geospatial solutions in Agriculture and Rural Development.
20. Policy Roadmap, Governance & Pathways to Viksit Bharat 2047
21. Sapta Dhara- Seven Strategic Pillars to transform Bharat into a Developed Nation by 2047

About the Venue

The L.N.Mithila University, Darbhanga established in 1972, is today one of the leading universities of Bihar having the status of Multidisciplinary education and research university (MERU). It has a very beautiful and picturesque campus, magnificent buildings and academic environment and is the only university in Bihar accredited by NAAC with B++ grade.

The University Department of Geography, Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga, established in 1976, is a premier centre for teaching, research, and innovation in Geography. The Department is committed to academic excellence through quality postgraduate education, advanced research, and the holistic development of students as skilled professionals and responsible citizens.

The Department currently offers M.A. (Geography) and PhD programmes and has awarded more than 168 PhD degrees. Its postgraduate programme attracts over 1,500 applicants annually, reflecting its strong academic reputation. The Department actively promotes research and academic exchange through the Mithila Association of Geographers (MAG), its peer-reviewed journal Geo Vision, and SWAYAM MOOCs, thereby extending quality learning beyond the traditional classroom. Equipped with a modern GIS and Remote Sensing Laboratory, the Department provides state-of-the-art facilities for geospatial education and interdisciplinary research. In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Department is expanding its academic outreach through diploma programmes in Disaster Management, Remote Sensing & GIS, Gender Inequalities, and Panchayati Raj.

The National Seminar will be hosted at the historic Nargauna Palace Campus of Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga. Situated in one of Bihar's most prominent cultural and educational centres, the venue enjoys excellent connectivity by air, rail, and road. It is conveniently located near Darbhanga Airport, ISBT Darbhanga, and Darbhanga Junction Railway Station, ensuring easy accessibility for delegates from across the country. Darbhanga is also well connected to Patna and other major cities through an extensive transportation network. The venue location can be accessed via Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SJtynJ8fZVZfx6Vr5>.

About Darbhanga

Darbhanga, the historic cultural capital of the Mithila region in Bihar, represents a unique confluence of ancient scholarship, royal heritage, and living cultural traditions. Situated in the fertile alluvial plains of the Bagmati and Kamala river systems, the city has long served as a centre of learning, governance, and socio-cultural development in eastern India. Its historical identity is closely associated with the erstwhile Raj Darbhanga, whose architectural legacy endures through landmarks such as the Nargauna Palace and Anand Bagh Palace, reflecting the region's rich historical and intellectual heritage. Renowned for its traditional symbols of Makhana (Fox Nut), Maach (Fish), and Paan (Betel Leaf), Darbhanga is celebrated for its distinctive cultural identity and hospitality. Together with its twin city, Laheriasarai, it functions as the principal educational, administrative, healthcare, and commercial hub of North Bihar. The city occupies a distinguished place in India's cultural landscape through the classical Darbhanga Gharana of Hindustani music, the globally acclaimed Mithila (Madhubani) Painting, the intricate Sikki grass craft, and the enduring literary legacy of the great Maithili poet Vidyapati. Rich festivals, particularly Chhath, vibrant folk traditions, and the melodious Maithili language further enrich the region's cultural fabric. Today, Darbhanga is emerging as a dynamic "Rurban" centre that successfully integrates its rich historical legacy with contemporary educational, scientific, and infrastructural development.

Geographical Landmarks worth visiting

- ▶ **Ahilya Asthan** : An ancient Ramayana-era site dedicated to the redemption of Ahilya by Lord Rama.
- ▶ **Gautam Kund** : A sacred pond tied to the Vedic sage Gautam Rishi, revered for its tranquil waters.
- ▶ **Ugna Mahadev** : A legendary temple where Lord Shiva took the guise of a servant to serve poet Vidyapati.
- ▶ **Kapleshwar Asthan** : A revered sanctuary housing a sacred Shiva Lingam.
- ▶ **Mithila Haat** : A vibrant cultural complex showcasing exquisite Madhubani paintings and authentic handicrafts.
- ▶ **Darbhanga Fort** : An imposing red-brick royal citadel reflecting the grand legacy of Raj Darbhanga.
- ▶ **Shyama Temple** : A majestic temple built over royal cremation grounds, renowned for its spiritual aura.
- ▶ **Chandradhari Museum** : A treasure trove displaying rare royal artifacts, ivory treasures etc.
- ▶ **Janakpur Dham** : The magnificent palace temple marking King Janak's capital and the divine wedding of Rama and Sita.
- ▶ **Punaura Dham** : A deeply revered birthplace site of Goddess Sita.

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IMPORTANT DATES :

- Last date of submission of Abstract Paper : October 10, 2026
- Last date of submission of Full Paper : October 25, 2026,
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- Date of Seminar/Conference : October 31 - November 1, 2026.
- Link for Abstracts & Registration : <https://forms.gle/q41r4ifoVj4brFx5>

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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 paper 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 the AGBJ. The cash award for the second best paper is Rs. 1500/-. This award is limited to the participants below 35 years of age on the 31st March, 2026. Participants shall be Life Member/Annual Member of the AGBJ. Five authors will be asked to present their paper in a special session before the delegates of the annual conference.

Online presentation will not be allowed.

The research paper for the award must be sent to the General Secretary, AGBJ, Department of Geography, Patna University, Patna or email : agbj2003@gmail.com by **October 10, 2026 along with the attested copy of age proof (Matric Certificate)**. The first awarded paper may be published in the Journal of the Association, provided it is approved by the Editorial Board.

DR VIDYA SAGAR YADAV EMERGING GEOGRAPHER'S AWARD

This award will be given to such geographer who will fulfil the following conditions:

- a) His or her age shall not be above 45 years on March 31, 2026.
- b) He/she must be a Post-graduate degree holder in Geography or allied subjects.
- c) He/she shall be Life Member/Annual Member of the AGBJ.
- d) The Association will invite full paper (around 3000 words) from the willing geographers on a particular theme selected by the Executive Committee. The Committee will scrutinise the research paper and select a maximum of five papers for presentation in a special session before the delegates of the annual conference of the AGBJ.
- e) Full research paper of the theme must be sent to the email address of the Association (agbj2003@gmail.com) by October 10, 2026. No other means of communication is acceptable in this regard.
- f) **Online presentation will not be allowed.**
- g) Three member jury, appointed by the Executive Committee will finally select the winner and the second winner of the award.
- h) The winner will get a certificate along with an amount of Rs. 5000/- The second winner will be given an amount of Rs. 2500/- and a certificate.
- i) This year's theme is **"Impact of USA-Iran war on World Supply Chain with special reference to India."**

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