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Reimagining Geography For Sustainable Futures : Integrating Spatial Intelligence, Human Behaviour and Management
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BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Geography is an integrative interdisciplinary discipline undergoing significant transformation through advances in spatial data frame works, artificial intelligence, advanced geomatics and observation, behaviour science and big data driven terrain analysis. The proposed theme seeds to examine the geographical trajectories which seek to understand the complexities among interactions of society, environment, technology and artificial intelligence.

The International conference will provide an academic platform for researchers, academicians, practitioners, policy makers and students to deliberate on contemporary geographical challenges, innovative methodologies and thereby providing sustainable resource management, climate resilience in infrastructure development and regional transformation leading to an inclusive development.

The proposed conference will further facilitate critical discussions on spatial inequalities, changing human environment relationships, dynamics of Urban planning, Regional planning and environment sustainability. This will increase the interdisciplinary research innovations, methodological advancements, knowledge dissemination and high end collaboration among academic Institutions, government agencies and professional organisation strengthening the discipline to a higher level of development.

SUB-THEMES AND THEIR CODE NUMBERS

Note: Use following code number of Subtheme for the submission of your abstract while filling up registration in Google form

DT-1: Geospatial Intelligence, GeoAI, and Data Driven Governance for Sustainable Planning

1. GeoAI in Monitoring Terrain Morphology
2. GIS in Resource Inventory and Monitoring
3. Application of Toxicity Monitoring using Multi-Spectral and Hyper-Spectral dataset in Hydrology
4. Satellite Data for Crop Mapping and Forecasting
5. Traditional Cartography meets Modern GIS

DT-2: Climate Risk, Disaster Resilience, and Adaptive Geography

1. Spatial Modelling of Climate Hazards
2. Geospatial analytics for Early-Warning Systems and Last-Mile alerts
3. Himalayan Glacial Retreat & GLOF risk
4. Western Ghats and Landslide
5. Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction
6. Climate Risk Finance & Insurance
7. Geographies of Post-Disaster Recovery

DT-3: Water Security, Hydro-Geography, Heritage, and Hydro-Politics

1. Water Crisis and Management in India
2. Jal Jeevan Mission: Spatial Equity
3. Himalayan Basin Management & Glacial Melt
4. Hydro-Politics and Trans-boundary Water Governance
5. Gendered Water Access and Burden
6. Indigenous Water Knowledge Systems for Effective Climate Adaptation
7. Virtual Water Flows: Trade, Exports and Equity Concerns
8. Urban "Day Zero" Water Crises

DT-4 : Human Mobility, Migration and Behavioural Geography

1. Circular and Seasonal Labour Migration
2. Gendered Mobility Constraints
3. Reverse Migration Trends
4. Refugee and Cross-Border Displacement
5. Diaspora Geographies and Development
6. Youth Migration for Education/Jobs
7. Place Attachment and Displacement Resistance
8. GIS modelling of Mobility Behavior
9. Climate Induced Displacement and Migration

DT-5: Urban and Social Geography: Spatial Justice, Smart Cities, and Inclusive Development

1. Smart City Mission: Spatial Evaluation
2. Informal Settlements and Housing Inequity
3. Tribal Land Rights and Marginalisation
4. Inclusive Planning for Disabled and Elderly
5. Gentrification and Displacement
6. Spatial Equity in Healthcare and Education
7. Engendering the Urban Spaces
8. Digital Divide and E-Governance Access
9. Right to the City in India

DT-6: Agrarian Geography and Rural Livelihood Transitions

1. Climate-Smart Agriculture Adoption
2. Application of CROPWAT for Crop Water Requirement
3. Land Fragmentation and Productivity
4. MSP Policy: Regional Impact

5. MGNREGA, VB-G RAM G and Rural Employment
6. Monsoon Variability and Crop Insurance
7. Climatic Stress and Crop Area Charting
8. Application of SAR in Agricultural Monitoring

DT-7: Geopolitics, Border Regions, and Strategic Spatial Management

1. Border Infrastructure and Internal Security
2. Indo-Pacific Maritime Strategy
3. Cross-border Connectivity (BBIN, BIMSTEC)
4. Geopolitics of Energy Corridor
5. Neighbourhood Policy: Co-Operation and Friction
6. Defense Infrastructure and Geospatial Tech

DT-8: Coast, Environment and the Net-Zero Transition

1. Forest Governance and Carbon Sequestration
2. Blue Economy and Coastal Development
3. Protected Areas and Wildlife Conflict
4. Air Pollution and Airshed Management
5. Oceanic Circulation and Climatic Anomaly
6. Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management
7. Carbon Credit Markets and Equity
8. Urban Green Space Planning

DT-9 : Keralam: God's Own Country – Emerging Trends, Geographies and Sustainable Futures in Tourism

1. Ecotourism and Nature-Based Tourism for Sustainable destinations.
2. Ayurveda, traditional healing practices, wellness landscapes and medical tourism.
3. Backwater, Wetland and Coastal Tourism and Environmental Sustainability.
4. Monsoon Tourism, Seasonality, Climate Experiences, Climate Variability and Tourism Resilience.
5. Indigenous knowledge, Traditional Practices, Cultural Landscapes and Heritage Tourism.
6. Emerging and Alternative Tourism Geographies – Rural, Agro, Adventure, Heritage, Spiritual, Experiential and Slow tourism.

DT-10: Geography Education, Pedagogy, and Disciplinary Futures under NEP 2020

1. FYUGP Curriculum Reform in Geography
2. Fieldwork Pedagogy under NEP
3. School-to-College Geography Linkage
4. Assessment & Accreditation under NEP

ATTRACTION OF CONFERENCE

(1) Dr. V. Raghavswamy Panel Discussion Session

(2) Professor B. Hema Malini Young Geographer Award Session

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SAARC Countries	USD 150		USD 150	
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- (1) Registration fee is not refundable
- (2) Only PDF Copy of abstract will be shared on **DGSI-Palghat-2027** WhatsApp Group
- (3) Delegates will be provided shared accommodation in Training center
- (4) Local U.G. and PG students and Research scholars (Without Accommodation) have to pay Fee INR 1500 for conference kit and certificate
- (5) Accommodation will not be provided to the local participants
- (6) Registration fee covers Accommodation, Hospitality, kit and Certificate for Non - Local Participants

IMPORTANT DATES

Conference Date	:	07 - 09 January, 2027
Last date of Registration	:	15 Dec 2026
Last date of Abstract Submission	:	15 Dec 2026
Last date of Abstract Intimation	:	27 Dec 2026
Last date for full paper Submission	:	03 Jan 2027

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

Authors are requested to submit their original research contributions in the form of an Abstract (not exceeding 400 words), including the author's name, designation, affiliation, email ID, WhatsApp mobile number, Sub-themes and their code numbers and keywords. The Abstract should be submitted by word format on or before 15th December 2026. The Abstract must be sent as a soft copy (Font: English, Times New Roman) only to the email ID: dgsi2027geography@gmail.com. Please note that without payment of the registration fee, the abstract will not be included in the Abstract Volume. The author's will be informed by email about the acceptance of the Abstract by 31st December 2026. **Conference Language: English**

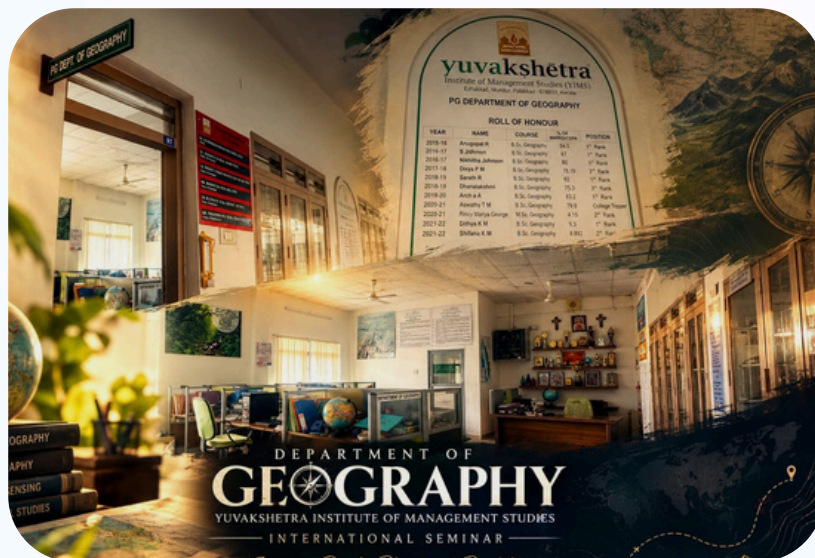
ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Nestled within a serene rural landscape in the Palakkad district, Yuvakshetra Institute of Management Studies (YIMS) stands as one of the best colleges in Keralam, renowned for its exceptional academic rigor and high intellectual value. The institution achieved NAAC 'A' Grade accreditation right in its very first cycle and has secured various prestigious national and international recognitions for its excellence in higher education. Set across a sprawling, eco-friendly green campus that champions a sustainable environment, YIMS features state-of-the-art infrastructure, including one of the largest libraries in Keralam equipped with extensive learning resources. By seamlessly blending discipline, modern professional training, and traditional values, YIMS continues to mold young minds into skilled, confident leaders.



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Geography, Yuvakshetra Institute of Management Studies (YIMS), Palakkad, established its Undergraduate Programme in 2013 and Postgraduate Programme in 2019, has emerged as a vibrant centre of geographical education, research, and experiential learning. With highly qualified faculty and a consistent record of University ranks, the Department promotes student-centred and practical learning through bridge courses, field studies, field visits, study tours, internships, and research activities. The department actively addresses contemporary environmental, social, and cross-cutting issues while equipping students with modern skills through its Advanced Cartography and GIS Laboratories. MoUs with various academic and professional organisations further enhance collaboration and exposure.



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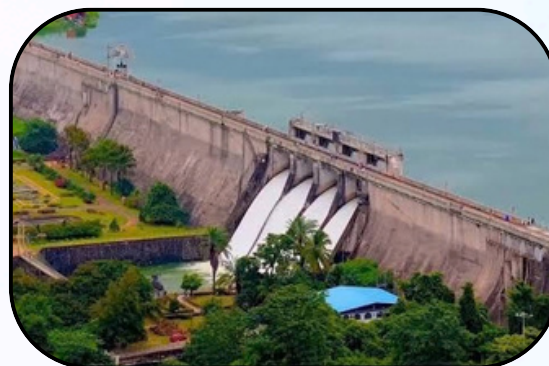
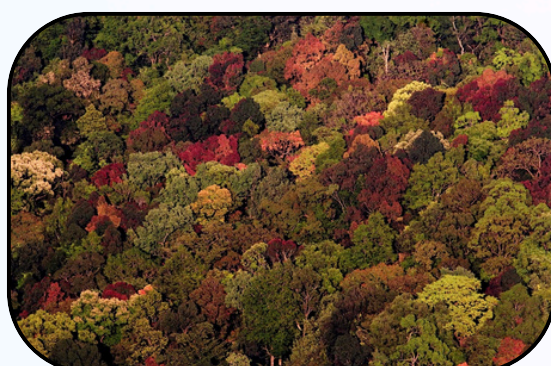
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ABOUT PALAKKAD

Palakkad, located in central Keralam, serves as a natural gateway connecting the state with the rest of the Indian peninsula through the Palakkad Gap, which extends approximately 32-40 km in width. The Palakkad Gap is the most prominent mountain pass in southern India and has historically served as an important trade and cultural corridor. The east-west orientation is reflected in several geomorphic features, including the Bharathapuzha River. Known as the “Gateway of Keralam,” Palakkad is distinguished by its rich geographical, cultural, and historical heritage. The historic Kalpathy Heritage Village is renowned for its traditional architecture, agraharams, and vibrant cultural traditions. The ancient Jain Temple at Jainimedu reflects the region’s significant religious and architectural heritage.



HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

- By Air** : Nearest airports are Coimbatore International Airport and is 76KM from the venue, Calicut International Airport, and is 86KM from the venue, Cochin International Airport is 117KM, Mangaluru International Airport and is 353KM from Palakkad.
- By Rail** : Palakkad is well connected from other major cities of India by Rail network
- By Road** : All major cities of Trivandrum, Ernakulam, Kasaragod, Coimbatore, Chennai and Bangalore are well connected to Palakkad by buses. Distances to Palakkad from cities: Trivandrum-349 KM, Ernakulam-142 KM, Kasaragod-295 KM, Coimbatore-64 KM, Chennai- 559 KM, Bangalore - 379 KM.

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ABOUT PALAKKAD & SURROUNDING ATTRACTIONS

Palakkad, known as the "Gateway of Keralam," is a culturally rich city located at the foothills of the Western Ghats. Famous for its scenic landscapes, historic heritage, and the Palakkad Gap, the city serves as an important link between Keralam and Tamil Nadu. Palakkad is also renowned for its agriculture, traditional arts, and natural beauty, attracting visitors throughout the year.

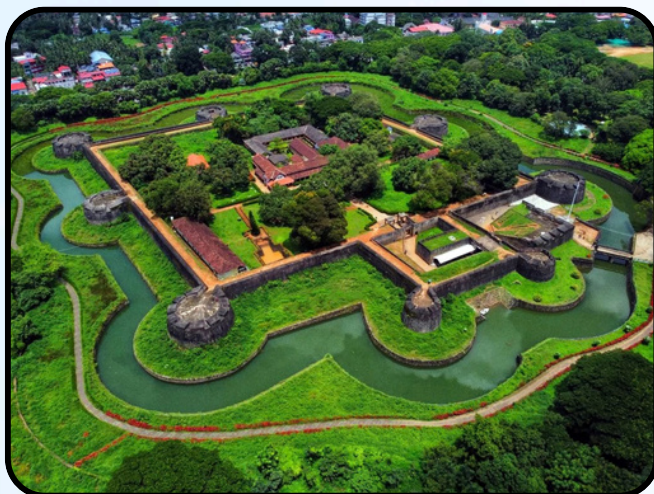


Silent Valley National Park

Silent Valley National Park, located in Palakkad, is one of India's finest tropical rainforests and a biodiversity hotspot of the Western Ghats. Known for its **evergreen forests**, **rare wildlife**, and the pristine **Kunthipuzha River**, the park offers an unparalleled experience of untouched natural beauty.

Nelliampathy

Nelliampathi is a hill station in Palakkad district, Keralam. It is famous for its **green hills**, **forests**, **tea and coffee plantations**, and **cool climate**. The area has **beautiful valleys**, **waterfalls**, and **scenic views**. Nelliampathi is a peaceful place and a popular destination for tourists and nature lovers.



Palakkad Fort

Palakkad Fort, one of the best-preserved forts in Keralam, is a historic landmark located in the heart of Palakkad city. **Built in 1766 by Hyder Ali of Mysore**, the fort is surrounded by a wide moat and lush green gardens, **reflecting the region's rich military and cultural heritage**. Today, it stands as a major tourist attraction, offering visitors a glimpse into Keralam's colonial and medieval past.

Kalpathy Heritage Village

Kalpathy is a **heritage village** in Palakkad. It is famous for its **old Tamil Brahmin houses**, **traditional streets**, and the historic **Viswanatha Swamy Temple**. The area has **unique row houses**, **ancient architecture**, and **cultural charm**. Kalpathy is a peaceful place and a popular destination for travelers and history lovers, especially during its **famous annual chariot festival**.



Tholpavakoothu

Tholpavakoothu is a mesmerizing **traditional shadow puppetry art** deeply rooted in the Bhagavathy temples of Keralam, where leather figures narrate **timeless epics behind a backlit white screen**. In Palakkad district, particularly across the cultural heartland of **Valluvanad**, this ancient ritual transforms into a vibrant living heritage during annual temple festivals. For anyone exploring the region, witnessing a performance under the night sky offers an unmatched glimpse into **authentic local folklore and traditional craftsmanship**.

