

Department of Geology, Kumaun University Nainital
Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions for the payment of registration fee of
GEH-2025

(1) Display Business Name: The display name will be “COORDINATOR FIST AND COORDINATOR CAS” and used for collection of registrations fee.

(2) About us: The Department of Geology was established in 1975 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025. To mark this significant milestone, we are collaborating with the Geological Society of India (GSI) to hold an international conference titled “Geodynamic evolution of Himalaya: Crustal Architecture, Climate, Recourse, and Disaster (GEH)” from 6 to 10 October, 2025. The event will include a two-day field trip in the Kumaun Lesser Himalaya. The Department aims to educate students about geological issues and develop observational and interpretational skills in them. Since its inception, the Department of Geology has been proactive in geological science research, particularly in the fields of tectonics, sedimentology, geomorphology, petrology, structural geology, geochemistry, earthquake seismology, marine geology, and environmental geology. Recognizing its outstanding teaching and research, the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, approved the Special Assistance Programmes (COSIST, DRS, SAP, CAS), and the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, supported the Department under DST-FIST Level I and II. The Department received generous grants under COSIST Phase- I (1984), Special Assistance Programme (SAP) Phase- I (1989), COSIST-Phase- II (1991), SAP-Phase- II (1997), SAP-Phase- III (2003), ISD (UGC) (2007), CAS Phase- I (2011-2016), and CAS-Phase-II (2018-2023), heralding the overall development of the Department.

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(4) Refund and Cancellation Policy: The registration fee can be refunded upon request, provided it is made one month before the conference commencement date.

(5) T&C's: These Terms and Conditions govern your use of the online payment facility for paying the conference registration fee for "International Conference on Geodynamic Evolution of Himalaya Crustal Architecture, Climate, Resources, and Disaster" organized by Department of Geology, Kumaun University, and Geological Society of India.

- (i) Payments for the conference fee will be processed through a secure third-party payment gateway Razorpay. The organizer does not store or process your card or banking details directly.
- (ii) The registration fee for the conference varies based on participant category (e.g., student, faculty, international delegates). All applicable taxes, service charges, and transaction fees (if any) will be borne by the participant unless otherwise specified.
- (iii) Upon successful payment, you will receive a confirmation email along with the transaction details. This confirmation will serve as your proof of registration.
- (iv) The organizers shall not be liable for any technical issues, payment failures, or delays caused by the payment gateway, bank, or internet connectivity. Participants are advised to retain transaction receipts.
- (v) The organizers reserve the right to update or modify these terms at any time without prior notice. The updated terms will be posted on the official conference website.

(6) Privacy Policy: The International Conference on “Geodynamic Evolution of Himalaya Crustal Architecture, Climate, Resources, and Disaster” establishes and discloses the following personal information handling guidelines to protect the personal information.

The table of contents of this Privacy Policy is as follows.

1. Why Personal Information is Collected and Used: “International Conference on Geodynamic Evolution of Himalaya Crustal Architecture, Climate, Resources, and Disaster” collects and uses personal information for the following purposes within the minimum scope to provide optimal services to users.

- (i) Processing related tasks such as customer notice, news delivery, training application and notice delivery, course registration confirmation and completion certificate printing, and post-service provision

- (ii) International Conference on Geodynamic Evolution of Himalaya Crustal Architecture, Climate, Resources, and Disaster training guide and other advertising information transmission and marketing activities (e-mail, text message, postal)

2. **Types of Personal Information Collected:** The minimum personal information necessary to provide information and education for the overall participates and institutions by classifying them into essential and optional information.

Required items: name: organization, country, phone number, email

Optional information: department, position, address

3. **Period of retention personal information, and destruction:** When the personal information becomes unnecessary, such as achievement, abolition of the service, or termination of the business, the personal information is also destroyed within 30 business days. However, if the user requests a separate withdrawal, the collected personal information is completely deleted from the hard disk by a method that cannot be reproduced and is processed so that it cannot be viewed or used for any purpose.
4. **Measures to secure the safety of personal information:** Ensuring the security of personal information is a fundamental priority in any organization that collects, stores, and processes such data. To safeguard this information from unauthorized access, misuse, or loss, several administrative, technical, and physical measures are implemented.
5. Administratively, robust internal policies and procedures are in place to govern the management of personal data. Employees receive regular training on data protection regulations, privacy best practices, and the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Access to personal information is strictly limited to personnel who require it for their duties, thereby reducing the likelihood of internal data breaches. Technically, advanced security measures are implemented to safeguard digital data. These include encryption for data both in transit and at rest, secure server infrastructure, firewalls, antivirus protection, intrusion detection systems, and multi-factor authentication. Routine security audits and vulnerability assessments are carried out to detect and mitigate potential risks. Additionally, data backup systems are maintained to ensure recovery in the event of system failures or cyber incidents.