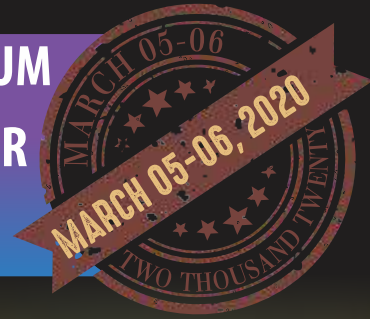




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**THE ETHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (ESI)**

# introduction

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India with its diverse habitats and rich biodiversity is an open laboratory for ethology, offering opportunities for unraveling the mysteries of animal behaviour, a pursuit started by Charles Darwin and placed prominently on the research map by the 1973 Nobel Prize for ethologists. From field observations to experimental studies the science of ethology has now advanced to encompass a wide range of themes in life sciences and is also increasingly being harnessed to formulate solutions to some of the biodiversity management issues. This year's focal theme is **avian ethology**, recognizing the importance of India's rich and varied avian biodiversity and in honour of Dr. Salim Ali, the founding father of bird behavior studies in South Asia.

The symposium will cover a wide range of topics as listed below:

## SYMPOSIUM SUB-THEMES & CODES

1. Avian Ethology
2. Migratory Behaviour
3. Breeding Behaviour
4. Predator-Prey Relationships
5. Applied Ethology
6. Camouflage and Mimicry
7. Social Behaviour
8. Animal Cognition
9. Animal behaviour in relation to climate change and anthropogenic pressure
10. Behaviour and Genetics
11. Hormones, Pheromones and Behaviour
12. Chronobiology
13. Natural Disasters and Animal Behaviour
14. Animal Communication
15. Issues in Ethological Studies in India
16. Ethology, biodiversity conservation and the Post 2020 CBD Global Biodiversity Framework
17. Human-wildlife Conflicts
18. Health, nutrition & behaviour
19. Ethology of urban animals / Urban Development & Landscape Architecture in India and its impact on Animal Behaviour
20. Human Ethology

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### **ABOUT THE MDS UNIVERSITY:**

The Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer is a comparatively young University of the country which came into existence on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1987. Ever since its inception the University has for the last 32 years has never settled for the slow pace – it has steadily and successfully marched on the road to development attaining several milestones during its journey of growth and progress. There are 307 Colleges affiliated to this University which are spread over 4 districts in the state of Rajasthan. The University registered 3,18,325 students for various courses during the 2018-19 session. ([www.mdsuajmer.ac.in](http://www.mdsuajmer.ac.in))

### **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT:**

The Department of Environmental Science was established in 1993. It is housed in the beautiful building “Charak Bhawan” with the State of Art Infrastructure for Teaching and Research. Research is conducted relating to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Disaster Management, Air, Water, Noise & Soil Pollution, Lake Conservation, Mining, Deforestation, Climate Change and Ornithology.

### **Centre for Excellence in Environmental Science**

It was decided by the MDS University’s 60th Academic Council dated 26 November 2019 to make the Department of Environmental Science as a Centre for Excellence. The same was approved by the 95th Board of Management Meeting on 29th November 2019. The Department is committed to give its best by incorporating new courses and State of the art Laboratories to cater to the needs of Ajmer City as well as for the Society.

### **The Department offers the following courses:**

- M.Sc. Environmental Science four Semester Course
- Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety Health & Environment (PGDISHE) one year duration
- Certificate Course in Birding (CCB) Six months course
- Diploma Course in Basics of Ornithology (DCBO) Six months course



## ETHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (ESI)

The Ethological Society of India (E.S.I.) was founded in 1970 in Bangalore as a professional association of behavioral biologists and research students from across the country to promote animal behavioral studies in the University system and outside. The Society has so far conducted forty two annual conferences on various animal behavior themes in partnership with front line research organizations across the country. These conferences and publications of the Society have played a critical role in advancing ethological studies in the country. For more details and membership visit website [www.esi1970.org](http://www.esi1970.org) or contact: [vvbinoy@gmail.com](mailto:vvbinoy@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### DATES

20 December, 2019  
10 February, 2020  
15 February, 2020  
5-6 March, 2020  
7 March, 2020

#### EVENTS

Registration starts  
Abstract submission last date  
Early registration ends  
Symposium  
Post-Symposium Field Visit  
(optional) on Payment basis

- Full paper may be sent before the commencement of the symposium and selected papers will be included in the conference proceedings.

### THE VENUE AND CONNECTIVITY

The University campus is situated in the lap of Central Aravalli hill ranges presenting a panoramic view of a mix of beautiful landscape and architecture. The campus spanning over 310 ha of land area is situated by the side of National Highway No. 8 (Ajmer-Jaipur) at a distance of 7 kilometers from Ajmer Bus stand, 8 kilometers from Ajmer Railway Station and 12 kilometers from Kishangarh Airport. The Kishangarh Airport is well connected with major metropolitan cities (Delhi, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad) of India. The distance by road from Jaipur Airport to the University is about 120 kilometers.

### CLIMATE

Ajmer has a pleasant climate during the months of February and March. The average day temperature during these months is around 20°C. It is the finest time to visit this city for sightseeing as well as bird watching.

## REGISTRATION

Registration fee for the seminar will be as follows:

Category	Early Registration	Spot Registration
Student	Rs. 800	Rs. 1500
Research Scholars	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1500
	ESILM Rs. 800	*ESILM Rs. 1000
Faculty / Scientist	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2500
	ESILM Rs. 1800	ESI LM Rs. 2000
Accompanying person	Rs. 750	Rs. 1200

\*ESILM: Life Membership of ESI

## MODE OF PAYMENT

Registration fee should be paid in favor of Conference Convener, Department of Environmental Science, MDS University, Ajmer by SBI Collect only. Payment should be made through

<https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=1487557>

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for Oral/Poster presentation in MS Word format, not exceeding 300 words including Title, Author(s), Affiliation and E-mail address (Font size 12, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing) on any of the aforesaid sub-themes. Abstracts may be sent to the Conference Convener through e-mail: [nsab2020@mdsuajmer.ac.in](mailto:nsab2020@mdsuajmer.ac.in) with cc to [vvbinoy@gmail.com](mailto:vvbinoy@gmail.com) on or before January 30. Intimation of acceptance of abstract will be made in the given e-mail address and phone no. for correspondence on February 5, 2020.

## ORAL PRESENTATION

Authors of selected papers can make oral presentations followed by discussion. Power Point presentation facility will be available.

**Duration:** 10 minutes (\*Please avoid animation in the slide show)

## POSTER PRESENTATION

Poster should have a length of 120cm and width of 90cm. The main heading, sub heading(s), author(s) name and text should have the font size of 70, 48, 42 and 24 respectively. Font Arial or Times New Roman. Non-degradable materials (plastic/flex) should be avoided.

## AWARDS

- Young Ethologist Award (One) for young faculty
- Young Ethologist Award (One) for Research Scholar
- Best Oral Presentation Award (One) for Student
- Best Poster Awards (Three) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation will be arranged on payment basis at selected hotels in the city. Details of hotels and tariff will be intimated later.

## FIELD VISIT

A post-symposium field visit to the well-known Ramsar Site - Sambhar Lake shall be arranged. The tour will leave in the early morning of 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. This will be on payment basis, those who are interested in participating in the field visit may e-mail on: [nsab2020@mdsuajmer.ac.in](mailto:nsab2020@mdsuajmer.ac.in) on or before February 5, 2020. Fee is 2500/- per person (Including Conveyance and Food).

## PLACES TO VISIT IN AJMER

Ajmer is a city with a unique blend of culture, history, and traditions. The city is home to several major attractions. Some of these are Dargah Sharif, Pushkar Lake, Brahma Temple, Taragarh Fort, Savitri Temple, Nasiyan Jain Temple, Akbar's Palace and Museum, Mayo College, Baradari on Lake Anasagar, Lake Foyasagar, Adhai-din-ka-jhonpra, Rishi Udhyan, Bhinay Kothi and Nareli Jain Temple.





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- Oral Presentation
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(Hostel Accommodation available on payment basis - only for Students and Research Scholars)

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