ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

CELEBRATION OF VARIOUS COMMEMORATIVE DAYS: The

department of Geography has been consistently participating in various important activities

and commemorative days. The students and faculty members gracefully celebrate Earth Day, World Environment Day, World Women Day etc. every year including organising seminars on respective themes in presence of the invited resource persons across the country. These seminars are very much useful for the students in acquiring across-the-discipline knowledges which in turn helps vigorously in doing betterment over their professional life. These types of seminars also act as an bridging platform between the ongoing and senior ex-students to facilitate themselves know about the outer ecosystems. All the faculty members of this department wholeheartedly encourage the students in organising and participating in these activities more and more.





World Environment Day Celebration:

World Environment Day is very much significant to this department. We celebrate 5th June as World Environment Day every year very enthusiastically aiming to aware all the youngers to take environment as a serious issue. Deforestation is a common problem in Sundarban area. So, the students and people of the Sundarban have a crucial role in planting and saving the local mangrove vegetation as well as the associated ecosystems in order to improve our posterity. Thus, this department sincerely organises awareness and Tree Plantation Programme every year for the betterment in our society.



Teacher and students in plantation programme

Earth Day Celebration: The department also celebrates World Earth Day on 22nd April every year to support environmental protection. The theme of the day is changed year to year. According to the theme our department organises the program in different way to aware the about various students the contemporary environmental issues in local area as well as throughout the global view. Aim of this program is not only to understand the global issues but also to connect the students with different global issues.





GEO-QUIZ: Quiz competition is very interesting and enthusiastic to the students. This Geography Department organizes 'GEO-QUIZ' competition almost every year aiming to make the students interested to this subject. The department gives them prizes to promote them for group works and also for competitive mentality.

SEMINARS: Undoubtedly, seminars, webinars, interactions, workshops are very crucial parts in higher education. The Department of Geography of Kultali Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College organised its 1st offline seminar on 'Neo-determinism approach in future planning of the Sundarban(India)' in 2016. Various internationally famous personalities were invited for delivering their valuable lectures in the seminars. Through these seminars the students enable themselves to interact with the renowned persons within their outreach and satisfy themselves about their queries. About sixty participants including students, teachers and non-teaching

members were present in the programme. However, this department has organized so many seminars on 'Sundarban' till date and some of them are as:

Date	Title of the Seminar	Speakers
29 th November, 2016	Neo-determinism approach in future planning of the Sundarban(India)	 Prof. Dr. Subhash Chandra Mukhopadhaya, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta. Prof. Dr. Malay Mukhopadhaya, Department of Geography, Viswabharati University.
11 th May, 2017	Environmental Challenges and Developmental Strategies of the Indian Sundarban	1) Prof. Dr. Laxmi Narayan Satpati, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta.
17 th August, 2019	The Indian Sundarban— Understanding for Sustainable Development Goals	 Prof. Dr. Sunando Bandopadhaya, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta. Prof. Dr. Laxmi Narayan Satpati, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta and Director, HRDC, C.U.

A GLIMPS OF DIFFERENT SEMINARS



WEBINAR: During Pandemic situation (lock down period) the Department did not stop its active performances. The teachers not only took their online classes, but also organized several webinars to stimulate and keep the students active enough in combating Covid 19 pandemic situation. Beside this, the department arranged a webinar to aware and solve the then problems caused by the cyclonic storm 'YAAS' in Sundarban region in 2021. Prof. Dr. Arunabha Majumder, Professor-Emeritus, School of Water Resources Engineering, Jadavpur University & Former Director-Professor, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health and Er. Partha



Pratim Ganguly, Ex-Indian Engineering Services, Expert in Power Generation & Distribution were invited as resource-persons for a webinar entitled 'Water and Power Resources Management in Disaster Situation Like 'AMPHAN CYCLONE'. And it was very effective to the students and the local people in real.

STUDENTS' SEMINAR: The students themselves in our department organize seminar on various issues. Students' Seminar was organized on the topic of 'Sundarban-O-Paribesh' in 2018. It was a well-organized and gorgeous with delivering speeches, recitations of self-written poems, poster presentation, singing etc. This type of seminar teaches the students to grow leadership, spirit of group work and self-confidence, above allthese activities help to enhance their interests in

the subjects.

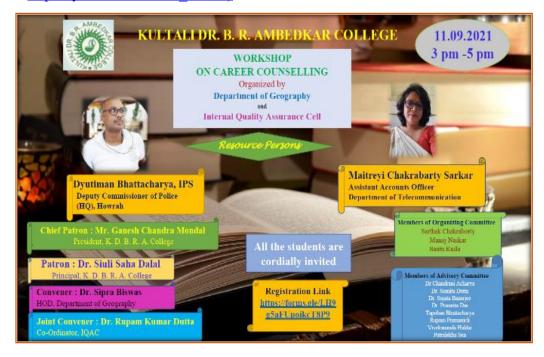




Students are delivering their lecture

<u>CAREER COUNSELLING:</u> The department used to organise career counselling to enlighten the students for selecting the right ways in their future. It is done not only for our departmental students, but also for all the current and ex-students of our institution as a whole and irrespective of discipline. Faculty members of the department do take active part in these types of career counselling every year. The department organized career counselling for all the

students (current & ex.) of our institution in online mode in 2021 (YouTube Link of this program: https://youtu.be/YO0ifJ H1Sw)and offline mode in 2022.



Career Counselling, 2022





Micro **Counselling:** Micro Counselling arranged by the Department of Geography for the students and guardians to maintain more students' regularity in attendance as well as to find out and resolve the draw backs, if any. It was done online mode. Google Meet https://meet.google.com/jurdach-kto

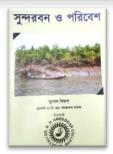
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PUBLICATION OF DEPARTMENTAL MAGAZINE:

In order to promote creative writing of the students this department published a magazine







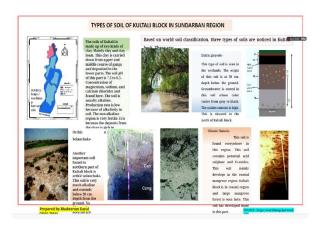


named '*Sundarban o Paribes*h'. Its 1st volume was unveiled on 17th August, 2019 by Dr. Sunando Bandopadhaya, Professor, University of Calcutta and Dr. Laxmi Narayan



Satpati, Professor, University of Calcutta, while the 2nd volume was divulged on 16th October, 2023 by the former Principal, Dr. Siuli Saha Dalal and 3rd Volume was published on 21st November, 2024 by State Mentor of NAAC Dr. Ashim Mondal, Associate Professor, Ramkrishna Mission Residential College and District Mentor of NAAC Dr. Ramkrishna Chakraborty, Principal of K.K. Das College. Publication of its 3rd volume is now under process. The students and teachers of the department write their various articles related with problems of the Sundarban. The journal also enhances the awareness regarding environment of the Sundarban among the students.

<u>E-MAGAZINE</u>: The students of the department are also involved in preparation of e-magazine on various topics. Making the digital form of magazine enhances the students computer efficiency.





INVOLVEMENT OF ALUMNI IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

The department is pride of its many alumni students. To the department they are very important resources. They are always ready to serve the department in any conditions. Our dear alumni students used to come our department and sometimes guide the juniors in study. They also participate in departmental various annual programmes like; plantation programme, environmental day celebration programe, teachers' day celebration programmes, seminars etc. Our ex- students have a WhatsApp group by which the teachers make interaction with the students. Those students are still deeply attached with the department and still they have a deep passion about their department. The alumni and the present students organise Re-union in the department of Geography. The healthy interaction among the ex and the present students make the re-union programme a successful one.

Re-union: The 1st Reunion Ceremony in this institution was organized by the Department of Geography on 16th October, 2023. This programme was arranged aiming for making a bridge between the current and former students, looking out the ongoing job-market for the

geographystudents and so on. The students and the teachers wholeheartedly enjoyed the programme.







Exhibition:

The Department organises various exhibitions for fostering the creativity and clearing the conceptions of the students and some of them are as:

<u>Poster Exhibition:</u> The department of Geography has given importance to poster presentation. During all the seminars our department arranges poster exhibition on the theme





of the seminar. Most of the students of the department participate in this enthusiastic work very gladly and voluntarily. Through this type of poster-exhibition encourages new thoughts of the students, that it is the aim of this Department.

Biodiversity Exhibition: Kultali Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College is situated in Sundarban area. This area is distinguished for its typical mangrove forest and vegetate, and also for its 'RAMSAR' -sites. So many species of trees and plants have grown up in this area. While

organising such Biodiversity Exhibition, the students of our department became able to identify different species of mangrove plants like *Sundari*, *Kakra*, *Hetal*, *Hogla*, *Bani*, *Keora*, *Garan* etc. naturally grown in and around their villages and make them familiar to the local people to a great extent.



<u>Model Exhibition:</u> Model creation and exhibition is another important part of now a days' education. The department of Geography always encourages the students to take part in this type of programme to grow a clear sense of any element, matter or conception. Our department has also organized model exhibition on several occasions.











Model Exhibition by the students

Tree Plantation Programme:

A Tree Plantation Program was organized by the Department of Geography from 30.06.2023 to 01.07.2023, as a Green Campus Initiative. On the 1st day a talk was arranged for the discussion of importance of the programme through online platform (Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/jur-dach-kto). On the 2nd day Tree Plantation was celebrated in our college ground where all the faculty members, students and ex-students participated intimately and actively. Different types of plants were planted, though emphasis was giving on medicinal and mangrove plants, as our college being situated within Sundarban Biosphere area.





Present students, ex- students and teachers are jointly working in making green campus

Cultural Activities: The department of Geography has n parallel to other co-lateral activities, opening a scope to the students to involve and participate in various cultural and sports activities. The students of this department have constantly been showing their outstanding performances in dancing, singing, recitation, drama and art competition among all the students in the institution. Shri Suman Chakraborty of our department was awarded 'The Best Student of the Year 2023' based on his notable cultural activities. Of course, needless to say, all the faculty members of this department also take active role in participating such cultural and sports programmes.

PARTICIPATION OF DEPARTMENTAL STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL PROGRAMMES







Celebration of The Teachers Day by the students of the department

Dance performed by the students







Students are rewarded by the teachers for their best performances



field visits. They also come to know about different topographies, societies, cultures, economies etc., other than their own. These field visits take very crucial parts in research **FIELD VISIT:** Field visit is a very important part in Geography as a subject. What the students' study in their printed books, they can find their ways to observe, touch, understand and learn through these



works mixing with each other more closely in a totally different space. The department of Geography, Kultali Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College conduct field visit very sincerely and dedicatedly every year. During such visits the students come to learn how to prepare formal reports under the direct guidance of the faculty members, and thus very much useful for the sake of their professional life.









Group of students during their field visit in different parts of India