

Report 2012-2013

Geography manifests a collage of interactions between man and nature creating varied landscapes and human adaptations over the earth's surface. And, we, at the department of Geography, have always endeavoured to reflect these geographical realities in all our programmes.

The department organized a field excursion in January 2012 (16th January, 2012 to 20th January, 2012) to Jodhpur and Osian as a part of the course curriculum for B.A (Honours) second year students. It was organized under the leadership of Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni and Mr. Chetan Chauhan. Here the beauty of the architecture and sculptures were further enhanced by the multi-faceted lifestyles of the local communities, the colourful costumes of the Marwaris residing in a stark desert terrain and lending it the colours not only of their costumes but also of life itself. The students visited the sand dunes at Osian to understand the dynamics of the creation of desert landforms. They also visited the Bishnois in village Khejarli – a community which represents one of the most significant groups of modern day conservationists in India .

Further the department also organized its annual festival in the form of 'Geographika' based on the theme 'Delhi 350'. This theme was taken up to initiate awareness among the student community about the climate related crisis faced by us. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. N. J. Raju, School of Environmental Sciences , Jawaharlal Nehru University . He was also the key-note speaker who presented a lecture on 'Water Resource Management and Sustainable Development'. The fest was a one-day event where around ten colleges participated. The festival had various activities like a poster making competition, a competition on photography and a quiz followed by an interactive session revolving around the career opportunities related to the field of Geography. The departmental newsletter was also released during the festival. The students also participated in various Geography and environment fests throughout the University winning prizes and bringing laurels to the college.