

Report (2018)

A one-day workshop was organized by Department of Geography on “College Disaster preparedness plan” on 5th of February, 2018. The experts for the workshop were Shri Kamal Kishore, member, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India, and ShriHari Kumar, Regional Coordinator, Geo-Hazards International. The workshop covered several aspects of disaster preparedness including identifying the vulnerability of an institute to disasters, preparedness strategies and mitigation measures. There were two main sessions. The first session had a role play exercise in which the student participants were divided into three groups representing teachers, students and administrative staff of the college. The students were asked how they would respond in case of an earthquake. This role play exercise was followed by the comments of experts. The exercise was very interesting and useful for understanding the need and intricacies of disaster preparedness. In the second session, ShriHari Kumar presented a very comprehensive account of all aspects of disaster management. He elaborated on the importance of making of an evacuation plan for the college which would include preparedness drills among other such measures.

A group of sixty Geography students of BA (Hons.) IV semester and of BA (Prog.) VI semester went for a field trip to Chail in Himachal Pradesh from 15th to 18th February, 2018. They were accompanied by four teachers. The students did a household survey in Chail and also studied the farming practices with special emphasis on organic farming. They visited Kufri and studied the impact of tourism on the environment and also the lives of the local people. On their return, each student submitted a detailed report of all the aspects that they had studied.

The Geography Day 2017-18 was organized on the 8th February. The theme was ‘Career Choices in Geography’. Five alumnae students were invited to share their own careers and interact with the students. It was indeed a proud moment for the department to see its alumnae do so well in various fields. The Geography Day 2018-19 was held on 6th October, 2018. The main theme was Agriculture. The guest speakers were Professor Quereshi from JNU and Professor Noor Mohammad from the Department of Geography, Delhi University. Professor Quereshi spoke on the origin of agriculture in India and the problems faced by this sector. Professor Noor Mohammad traced the progress of Indian agriculture after Independence in terms of technology, increase in productivity, changes in cropping pattern and diversification of agriculture, all of which have increased the per hectare yield and total production of agricultural crops in India. Two books written by the faculty members of Geography, DrNitashaMalhotra and DrBharati Dave, were released by the speakers. Thereafter, the students engaged in several activities like a quiz completion, poster-making events, ending with a cultural programme.