

Geography Department (January –December 2020)

Details of the events

Department of Geography marks itself as one amongst the social sciences and of natural science therefore making it a multidisciplinary in its content. To meet the varied aspirations of the faculty and students, the department organizes multiple programs and events every year. The details of the events are presented as follows:

Academic Discourses and Webinars

Despite the challenges posed by Pandemic, the department showed tremendous motivation to keep its members engaged in various academic activities and training programs for the students. Hence, virtual sessions and training programs served as a platform where various events were successfully organized. The very first event during the pandemic begun with a webinar, titled – “COVID 19: Responses and Risk Reduction” with Prof. RB Singh, an eminent scholar in the field of geography and Disaster management, talked on various dimensions of risk, mitigation strategies and its implications. The event furthered with Mr Vikrant Mahajan (CEO , Sphere India), Mr. Sarabjit Singh Sahota(Emergency Specialist , UNICEF) Prof. Amita Singh (CSLG,JNU) and Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni (principal , KNC) presented an in-depth discussion on pandemic situation while establishing academic endeavours and perspectives towards research oriented solutions. On 1st day of May 2020, Dr. Puja Sawhney , an independent consultant on climate change and also an alumna of the department, presented and interacted with the members of the department on the theme 'Climate Change and Health: Impact of Climate Change on Agents of Bio-Diseases Food Security and Nutrition'. Dr Surender Singh (Shivaji College, DU) delivered a special lecture on the “Contemporary themes in Human Geography”. His lecture helped the students to connect the theoretical understandings with the ground realities through various sections of societies in different ecological conditions and suggested emerging approaches towards identification of themes in geographical discourses.

Dr. Safer Pasha M, St. Claret College, University of Bangalore presented on a present day relevant theme of ‘New Farm Acts: Panacea for Agrarian Crisis’. He discussed various laws in context with the agrarian situation to bring a balanced discussion on both sides of the weaknesses and strengths of agrarian reforms in Indian context.

On 10th day of Nov, 2020, Dr. Unniyal Chayanika Panda delivered lecture on “Women Empowerment: Reality and Myths”.

A webinar was organized on 12th day of November 2020 on the theme ‘Earthquake: Issues and Challenges’ by Prof. Devesh, Environmental Studies Department of NEHU. The topic was chosen in relation with the course paper on Disaster management for the students of 6th Semester (Hons.)

Training Programs/ Field visits and Excursions

A Departmental Orientation for first year students who joined in December 2020 was organized by the student’s society and the teachers to introduce the students with vibrant environment of the department as well as College. Presentation disseminated information to freshers on academic rules, regulations processes etc., the teachers responded to multiple queries by the students.

Department of geography became a member of the ambitious outreach training programs conducted by prestigious institution – Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, a constituent body of ISRO, Department of Space, GOI. Four such programs were conducted by the department for the students, using online learning platforms. The program envisaged live interactive session from the scientists along with e-contents and hand on exercises as complementary learning resources. The training

programs are as follows ‘53rd IIRS-ISRO Outreach Online Course on Geographical Information System’ ‘60th IIRS-ISRO Outreach Online Course on Application of Geoinformatics in Ecological Studies’ , ‘64th IIRS-ISRO Outreach Online Course on Basics of Remote Sensing & Geographic Information System’ ‘9013 IIRS-ISRO Outreach Online Course on Health GIS Geoinformatics for COVID-19’. The training program provided opportunity to students, from separate batches of 25-29 students, as per the requirement of their course work. A certificate of participation is presented by IIRS to all the students who successfully cleared the assessment examinations by the institute.

Two Field trips were organized in the year 2020 before the Pandemic and Lockdown phase. Students from BA program, 6th Semester were taken to a field trip to Jaipur, Rajasthan for their course work. Three themes were chosen for their study – tourism products and markets, socio economic patterns of stakeholders in tourism industry, effects of tourism on ecological attributes. The other field trip was organised in Udaipur, Chittaurgarh and Nathdwara in Rajasthan. The 4th Semester, honours students studies natural resources and socio economic responses to their utilization and extraction

Field Trip to Jaipur, Rajasthan for 6th Semester , BA Programme Students 22/02/2020 to 24/02/2020

Events by the Students’ community

The Second-year students organized virtual farewell for the outgoing batch on 15/06/2020, as a gesture of gratitude towards their productive phase of college life.

Student’s community, with the help of their representatives also organized Teacher’s day on 5th day of September 2020 to honour the teachers through overwhelming and creative programs by students across the semesters.

The department organizes ‘Department day’ that manifests variety of events pertaining to geographical knowledge and creative spree for the students from other colleges as well, besides the limitations of Pandemic, such events were organized virtually on 10th day of November 2020. Some of events are – ‘Geoquiosity’– Quiz, ‘Artography’- Pictionary event slam poetry etc.