



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

EVENT BULLETIN 2023

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FEBRUARY

- ***Field Trip To Ajmer, Rajasthan***

field works help to understand every phenomena from different perspectives. It gives first hand experience to understand any phenomenon. The department of Geography organized a field excursion as was required by the syllabus of Geography Honours semester IV. A group of 50 students visited Ajmer and surrounding areas in Rajasthan from 31st January to 4th february 2023. The teachers who conducted the trip and supervised the trip and supervised the field research by students were Dr. Bratati Barik and Dr. Bharati Dave.

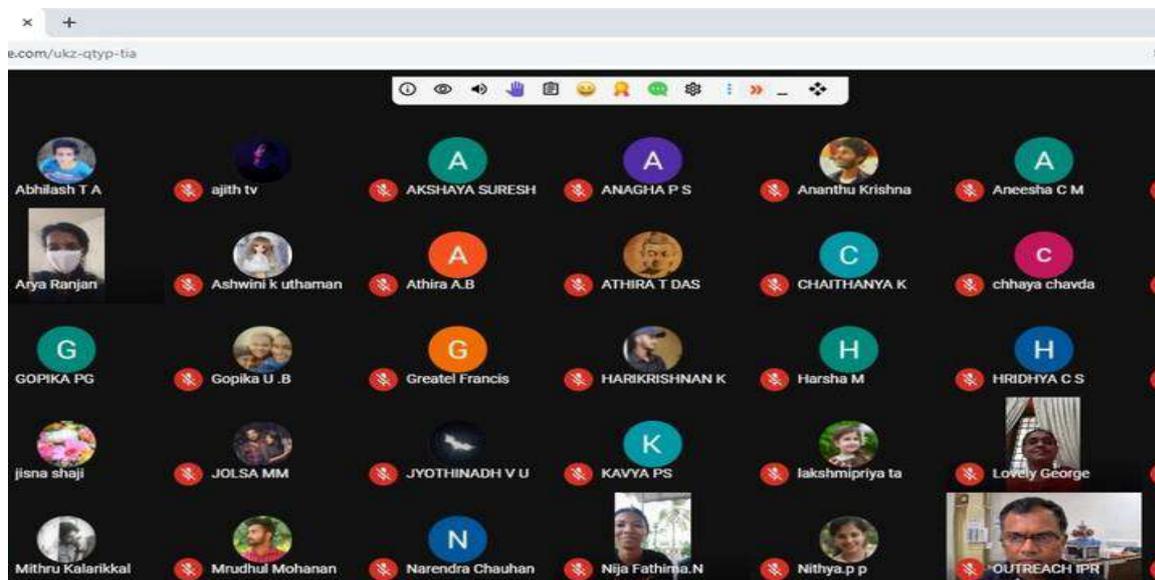
The students visited a number of places starting from Barefoot College, Tilonia, Chota Nraina, Pushkar lake and Kishangarh Marble Dumping Yard. The students learnt and collected data from field observation, questionnaire survey, discussion and interaction. The aim of the survey in Chota Naraina Village was to understand the socio-economic status of respondents. They collected information about the general awareness of sanitation, recycling etc. in Barefoot college.



- ***An Interactive Session On Social Media Marketing In Tourism***

Department of Geography, Kamala Nehru College organised an interactive session on “Social Media Marketing in Tourism” on 18th February, 2023. The organiser of the session were Dr. Joseph K. Ravi and Dr. Nisha (professors of geography department). Mr. Sahil Sharma, former project associate at 'Incredible India' and scholar at 'Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management' was invited as a speaker to share his knowledge through this session to students.

This session was held online through google meet. The purpose was to make students familiar with promoting and disseminating skills for using social media as a business platform where they can develop E- Tourism products. Around 35 students attended the sessions. All the students were from different disciplines who have been pursuing a Skill Enhancement Course.



- ***An Interactive Session On The “ Life Cycle Of Wet, Dry And Electric Waste ”***



Department of Geography
Kamala Nehru College
Organizes



AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH

Rachel Ann Kerr

Coordinator at Chintan. Environmentalist



On the Topic

LIFE CYCLE OF WET/DRY AND ELECTRIC WASTE

- Stages and processes of waste collection and treatment
- Products from processed waste
- Stakeholders and Value Chain of processing

Organized for the Value Added Course on Swachh Bharat

An interactive session was conducted for first year students who had “Swachh Bharat” as their Value Added Course (VAC). An environmentalist, Richel Ann Kher, coordinator at Chintan Organization was invited to create awareness regarding the stages and processes of waste collection and treatment, the procedure to make products from processed waste, stakeholders and value chain at processing. Chintan reduces waste consumption, manages solid and electronic waste and advocates around materials waste consumption. Ms. Richel has an experience of more than 5 years in this field. There were about 35 attendees. This session was organised by Dr. Joseph K Ravi and Dr. Nisha, Professors of the Department of Geography.

MARCH

- *Field-Survey Of Final Year Students To Shahpur Jat Village, Delhi*

A group of 100 students of B.A Honors Geography went to Shahpur Jat Village to conduct a survey on “Community Preparedness and Resilience” to study Disaster Management under their course curriculum. The field survey was conducted on 23rd March, 2023. The teachers of four groups - Dr. Joseph Kumar Ravi, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Om Prakash Koli and Dr. Sarita Ghai were the supervisors of the field survey.

Students collected the data through questionnaires and interviews. They interviewed people living in the commercial and residential spaces. Overall, the survey was useful to understand the preparedness of the community and individuals against disasters.



- ***Geographica '23 (Department Fest)***

The day was packed with various events and activities that kept the participants engaged and entertained. One of the most popular events was Rangkaari, a face painting competition that showcased the artistic talents of the participants. In-Quiz-Itors, a quiz competition, tested the participants' knowledge of geography, while Take the Bait: Let's Debate gave them a platform to voice their opinions on current environmental issues.

Geographers Got Talent showcased various talents of the participants, while Chayachitra, a videography competition, challenged them to make short films on the theme of Prajval. The treasure hunt, Tesoro, was also a hit among the participants, who had to use their knowledge of geography to solve clues and find the hidden treasure.

The event was well-organized and received an overwhelming response from students,

Geographica 23, the annual fest of the Geography Department, was held on March 28, 2023, with the theme "Prajval- the culmination of the Panch-Tattva" which means merging of the five elements.

The event was a huge success with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff. The event started with a keynote address by Professor Anindita Datta, Head of the Department of Geography, University of Delhi. She spoke on the topic "Gender and Geography", highlighting the importance of studying the gendered dimension of geographical phenomena. Her talk was thought-provoking, inspiring, and well-received by the audience. The activities were designed



to be both educational and entertaining, and the participants had a lot of fun while learning about various geographical concepts. Geographica'23 provided a platform for students to showcase their skills and knowledge, and it was a great opportunity for them to interact with experts in the field of geography. It was an event that brought together the entire geography department, and it was a great success. Thanks to the efforts of the organizers and the enthusiastic participation of the students.

Overall, it was an event that everyone involved will remember for a long time to come

- **Field Trip To Okhla**

On 29th March 2023, B.A(H) Geography 70 final year students of Kamala Nehru College as a part of their course curriculum with three eminent professors of their department went for a field trip to Okhla Bird Sanctuary with an aim to understand the emerging problem of urban flooding in the designated area of study.

The trip was conducted by Dr. Sarita Ghai, Dr. O m Prakash Koli, Dr. Joseph Kumar Ravi and Dr. Nisha.

Okhla Bird Sanctuary (OBS) was chosen as our study area which is located between 28032'43.5" N to 28032'5S.3" N latitudes and 77018'41.7" E to 77018'5S.S" E longitudes, bordering Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The topography of the sanctuary is marked downwards in elevation about 185m above mean sea level. The students were given maps in their hands and they started collecting the data to assess the problem. The major findings of the study were that the inhabitants were from backward classes with migrant workers.



Through the interaction they got to know that many factors contribute towards urban flooding in their region, naming some of them like metrological factors, high urbanisation, the flow of Yamuna within Delhi is by and large influenced by discharge from Tajewala Headwork 240kms upstream. The consequences of which are gloomy, through the interaction we came to know that they have to face issues like damaged water supply, property loss, sewerage problems, their mobility is largely hampered, hygiene is compromised and diseases spread when sewage and solid waste wash into houses and buildings. The birds also suffer due to loss of shelter due to flooding. Thus the need for a



climate resilient infrastructure development, early warning, design and management of urban drain system were some of our concluding measures. Lastly it was a successful trip as all the students learned a lot from the field and we returned to our college taking with us pool of information, knowledge and memories of a lifetime.

AUGUST

- *GI Fair India 2023*

Our visit to the Geographic Indication (GI) fair was an enriching experience that brought together a plethora of GI-tagged products, aiming to boost both B2B and B2C markets. With India holding the presidency in G20 for 2023, the fair sought to raise global awareness about the rich diversity of our culture and local economy, aligning with the "Vocal for Local" campaign.

Geography Department Students from Kamala Nehru College for Women, Delhi University, seized the opportunity to explore India's varied heritage through this fair. The college organized a trip, and on the 22nd of July 2023, our bus departed at 10:00 a.m., traversing the Yamuna Expressway and reaching the India Expo Centre and Mart in approximately 1.5 hours.

Stepping into the exhibition hall, we were greeted by an astounding array of handicrafts from different states, each telling a unique story of local traditions and craftsmanship. The products, ranging from Sohrai paintings of Jharkhand to Phulkari dupattas of Punjab, showcased the undivided diversity of India. Dividing into groups, we delved into the informative and beautiful backstories behind each product, understanding the hardships faced by artisans and their determination to preserve and promote their cultural heritage.

With more than 400 products on display, the GI fair provided a comprehensive glimpse into India's traditions and cultural icons. The artisans, echoing a common slogan of "Vocal for Local," not only exhibited and sold their products but also conducted live demonstrations, showcasing their art and talent. Interactions with representatives from different states offered insights into the origin, importance, demand, and supply of specific handicrafts, emphasizing the impact on local economies and communities.

From the Sohrai paintings empowering over 600 female workers in Jharkhand to the Muga silk sarees of Assam, the fair showcased the diverse talents of artisans and their dedication to preserving traditional crafts. The fair was not just a marketplace but a platform for knowledge, allowing us to understand our local artisans' commendable hard work, often overlooked in our daily lives.

The GI fair emerged as a holistic and enlightening experience, providing students like us with an opportunity to connect with the diverse cultures of India through its handicrafts and fabrics. It underscored the essence of "Unity in Diversity," as we marveled at the intricate designs narrating the struggles and determination of people from different states to preserve their unique culture.

From glass statues of Firozabad to lac bangles of Hyderabad, each craft spoke a different story, showcasing the beauty of India's rich traditions. Interactions with representatives further deepened our understanding of the significance and eco-friendly practices associated with various delicately crafted pieces, such as the Pine Cone Needle Paper from Uttarakhand.

In conclusion, the GI fair not only allowed us to explore and appreciate our nation but also provided a remarkable stage to connect with our roots and strengthen our cultural identity with awe and trust.



AUGUST- NOVEMBER

- *IIRS Outreach Programme*

This focuses on strengthening the academia and user segments in space technology & its applications using online learning platforms. Department of Geography, Kamala Nehru College is a nodal centre for this programme where our students have undertaken two courses in the year 2023, which has helped them to improve their subjective and practical knowledge for future.

Details are as follows:

Name of the Certificate Program (IIRS Nodal Centre- Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi)	Year (date of commencement and date when it ended with
Course Id-122 - "Basic of RS GIS & GNSS"	August 28- November 17, 2023

Course Id-127 Geographical Information System	09/10/2023 to 27/10/2023

Course Coordinator – Dr.Bratati Barik

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IIRS Outreach Programme focusses on strengthening the Academia and User Segments in Space Technology & Its Applications using Online Learning Platforms. Under this programme the two mode of content delivery system is developed using online learning platform (i.e) Live & Interactive mode (known as EDUSAT) and e-Learning mode.



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Announcement Brochure

IIRS Outreach Programme

**Basics of Remote Sensing, Geographical Information System and
Global Navigation Satellite System**

***There are limited number of seats. Registration will be done on first come first serve basis**

August 28- November 17, 2023

Organised by

Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
Indian Space Research Organisation
Department of Space, Govt. of India
Dehradun

SEPTEMBER

- *Geography Department Council Election Report*

The Geography Department Council Election for the academic year [Year] was held on [Date] with the aim of selecting key representatives for the positions of President, Vice President (from 3rd year), General Secretary (2nd year), and Joint Secretary (1st year). The election process was conducted through a secret ballot, ensuring a fair and transparent selection process. The election was overseen by Dr. Nitasha Malhotra, the Teacher in Charge (TIC), and Dr. Bharati Dave.

Election Process:

The election process was conducted in an organized and systematic manner. Nominees for each position presented their candidacy, outlining their visions and plans for the department. Candidates were given the opportunity to address their fellow students, providing insights into their qualifications, aspirations, and commitment to contributing to the growth and development of the Geography Department.

Following the nomination phase, the actual election took place through a secret ballot. This method was chosen to ensure the confidentiality of votes and maintain the integrity of the democratic process. Students were encouraged to cast their votes responsibly, with a focus on selecting individuals who would best represent the interests and concerns of the student body.

Election Oversight:

Dr. Nitasha Malhotra served as the Teacher in Charge (TIC) for the election, overseeing the entire process. Her role included managing the nomination process, conducting candidate briefings, and ensuring that the election adhered to the established guidelines and regulations. Dr. Bharati Dave also played a crucial role in the election process, providing additional support and supervision.

After the votes were counted, the results of the election were announced. The newly elected representatives for the academic year [2023-2024] are as follows:

- President: Ronak Kaushik
- Vice President (3rd year): Aleema Ahmad Samir
- General Secretary (2nd year): Shrankhala Parmar
- Joint Secretary (1st year): Riya Sharma

These individuals demonstrated the trust and confidence that their fellow students placed in them through the election process. Each elected representative is expected to uphold the responsibilities of their respective positions and work collaboratively to address the needs and concerns of the Geography Department.

OCTOBER

JNU Professor, Praveen Pathak's Talk on Micro Geographies of Child Sex Ratio in India

Date: 16/October/2023

Venue: Kamala Nehru College Auditorium

On [16/10/23], Professor Praveen Pathak who is professor at JNU , delivered an enlightening talk on the topic "Micro Geographies of Child Sex Ratio in India." The talk lasted for 50 minutes , which started at 2PM and was concluded at 3 PM , and was a result of extensive research conducted by Professor Pathak in various villages across India. This report summarizes the key insights and findings presented during his talk.



Professor Praveen Pathak began his talk by providing an overview of the research conducted. He emphasized the importance of understanding the regional and micro-level factors that influence child sex ratios in India. He discussed how these variations can be attributed to factors such as economic disparities, cultural practices, and accessibility to healthcare and education. He presented case studies through presentation to illustrate the impact of these norms on child sex ratios. The audience asked multiple questions (related to census , sex ratiion differentiation in different states) after his lecture and he answered each and every of that with zeal .



Teacher-In-Charge of geography department felicitating our guest Professor Praveen addressing the audience.

- ***Seminar Report: Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Seminar***

Date and Organizers: The Department of Geography, in collaboration with DUCAT (IT Training School), hosted a seminar on October 12, 2023, focusing on Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence.

The seminar commenced with emphasizing on the importance of staying abreast of technological advancements in the field of geography. She highlighted the role of data analytics and artificial intelligence in shaping the future of geographical research and analysis.

Mr. Rohit Pahwa took the stage as the keynote speaker, captivating the audience with his in-depth knowledge and engaging presentation style. He provided an overview of the current trends and challenges in data analytics and artificial intelligence, illustrating their practical applications in geographical studies.

The session included case studies and real-world examples to demonstrate how these technologies are transforming the way geographical data is analyzed and interpreted. Following the keynote address, an interactive Q&A session allowed participants to seek clarification on specific topics and engage in meaningful discussions with the speaker.

Organizers and Support:

The seminar received tremendous support from the department, with Dr. Nitasha Malhotra serving as the Teacher in Charge. Her efforts, alongside the coordination by Dr. Azka Kamil, ensured the seamless execution of the event. The collaboration with DUCAT added an industry perspective, enhancing the practical relevance of the seminar. C

The Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Seminar proved to be a valuable platform for students to enhance their understanding of emerging technologies in geography. The event not only provided theoretical knowledge but also connected students with industry professionals, fostering a bridge between academia and the practical applications of data analytics and artificial intelligence.



- ***GeoScope - An Inter-Department Quiz Competition***

Date: 27 October 2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Kamala Nehru College

Introduction

The Geography Department of Kamala Nehru College, in collaboration with the college's quiz society Kaleidoscope, organized an inter-department quiz competition titled "GeoScope" on 27 October 2023. The competition aimed to encourage the spirit of quiz and test participants' knowledge of culture and social sciences.

The GeoScope quiz saw enthusiastic participation from 30 students representing 15 teams of 2 members each, spanning multiple departments of Kamala Nehru College including Political Science, Economics, English etc.

The event was organized smoothly across 4 quiz rounds:

Preliminary Round: A written elimination round testing basic knowledge

Audio-Visual Round: Questions based on audio or video clues

Rapid Fire Round: Fast-paced buzzer round

Guess the Statement: Identifying the personality behind the statement

After the prelims, 8 teams qualified for the subsequent oral quiz rounds. The final winners were:

Winners: Amy Barman & Chaitanya, Political Science Dept

1st Runners Up: Anjali Bhardwaj & Shreya Pandey, Political Science Dept

2nd Runners Up: Ananya Kaushik & Ananya Pandey, Geography Dept

The winning teams received attractive cash prizes sponsored by the college's Student Council. Participation certificates were handed out to all teams.

Event Coordinators

The quiz was envisaged and planned under guidance of Dr. Nitasha Malhotra, faculty at Department of Geography, KNC and Dr. Neena Bansal, Teacher Convener of the Kaleidoscope quiz club. Their invaluable direction led to seamless conduct of the event.

As the GeoScope 2023 drew to a close, conveners expressed heartfelt thanks to all participants, volunteers, judges as well as college administration for their involvement in making it a grand success.

