

Department Report
Department of geography
2023-2024

DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION FOR 1st SEMESTER

Place: Department of geography

Days/Date: 2nd August -4th August, 2023

Departmental orientation was organized for 1st semester students for 3days from 2nd August to 4th August 2023 at 10 am. The main aim of the orientation was to familiarize students to both the academic and social aspects of the institution. On the first day of the orientation, the welcoming of the new students by the faculty members and the ice breaking activities were conducted in order to help them get to know each other and make them feel comfortable in the new environment. The students were also made to introduce themselves and state their goals and expectations. The second day of the orientation was focused more on explaining the demand of the college in terms of study habits and self discipline habits, peer pressure, self esteem, importance of co-curricular activities and co curricular activities and college facilities facilitated in the college. On the third day, the students were introduced to existing college rules and regulations and NEP, Four Year graduate Program under new curriculum and Credit Framework,2022.

Total Participants

1. All the Faculty members (5)
2. 50 students

Departmental Faculty meeting

Date: 4th August, 2023

Place: Geography Department

Time: 10:00 am – 10:30 am

On 4th of August, a faculty meeting was conducted in the department. The main agenda of the meeting was the distribution of the new syllabus of 1st semester major, Minor, MDC and VAC papers. Under the guidance of the HOD, Miss. Parvati Rai, all the theory papers and practical portions were distributed among all the faculty members of the department. At the end, few suggestions and recommendations were also given by the Head of the Department for the smooth functioning of the odd semester, 2023.

DISTRIBUTION OF SYLLABUS

Semester I

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Geotectonics	Theory- Unit 1 Practical – Scale
		Disaster Management	Theory- Unit 1
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Geotectonics	Theory - Unit 1 Practical – Thematic Maps
		Disaster Management	Theory – Unit 1
		V.A.C	Unit 1
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Geotectonics	Theory - Unit 2
		Disaster Management	Theory – Unit 2 Practical- Project Report
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Geotectonics	Theory - Unit 2,3 Practical – Bar & Line Diagrams
		Disaster Management	Theory- Unit 1 Practical – Project Report
		M.D.C	ALL

SEMESTER III

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Climatology	All
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Geography of India	All
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Statistical Methods in Geography	All
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Rural Developmemnt	All

SEMESTER V

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Pedology & Biogeography	All
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Population Geography	All
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Urban Geography	All
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Remote Sensing & GIS	All

Member attended:

1. Miss. Parvati Rai
2. Mrs. Nimluckey Sherpa
3. Miss. Evelyn Lepcha
4. Mr. Prashant Mukhia

FACULTY MEETING, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Place: Department of geography

Date: 11th August, 2022

Departmental meeting was held on 11th August 2023 at 1.00 pm at staffroom, dept of geography. The main agenda of the meeting were:-

- i) To conduct Parents Teachers Meeting for 1st semester students.
- ii) To enlighten Parent's about the New Education Policy & its structure.
- iii) Student's participation in Field report surveys
- iv) Importance of attendance in marks distribution.

TEACHERS PRESENT

1. Miss. Parvati Rai
2. Mrs Nim Luckey Sherpa
3. Miss Evelyn Lepcha
4. Mr. Prashant Mukhia

REPORT ON PARENTS TEACHER MEETING

On 18th August 2023 a Parent's Teacher Meeting with the newly admitted 1st Semester was held at St. Joseph's College, Department of Geography. The meeting was aimed to foster collaboration between parents & teachers. The key discussions of this meeting included New Education Policy and its structure, student's involvement in field activities, college rules and regulations, the significance of regular attendance and its importance in university examination. The meeting started sharp at 11:00am and most of the parents were present and the meeting was conducted smoothly.

In conclusion, the PTM successfully facilitated productive discussion and collaborative efforts between parents and teachers. The teachers will address parental concern by establishing a dedicated communication channel and also expecting same from the parents.



Teacher's Day Celebration

Department of Geography, St. Joseph College

Venue: Department of Geography

Date: 5/09/2023

Time: 1.00 P.M.

There is a saying "a great teacher aspire" and true to this word, on the 5th sep 2023, Department of geography, St Joseph's College held a teacher's day Celebration. The celebration was entirely conducted by the students with an objective of expressing their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers in imparting knowledge, instilling ethics and monitoring them in becoming successful adults and responsible citizens. The celebration was held at the respective Department where the teachers and students assembled to enjoy the day. The program started at 1.00 pm with a warm welcome speech by the host, on behalf of all students followed by the offerings of khadas and gifts and a special cake cutting ceremony. The students performed various cultural activities like group songs, solo songs and group dances etc. The most interesting part of the celebration was the fun games arranged for the teachers wherein all the teachers enthusiastically participated along with the students creating an enjoyable environment for everyone. Towards the end of the program, a vote of thanks was delivered by Aishika Das, student of 5th semester where she highlighted the contribution of the teachers for being the guiding lights for the students in every possible way . Eventually the programme came to an end at 4:00 pm on a happy note by clicking some good group photos.

Following pictures are the some glimpse of Teacher's Day Celebration.



REPORT ON INTRA DEPARTMENTAL QUIZ COMPETITION

Date: 23rd, September 2023

Venue: Room No; MB139, Department of Geography,

St. Joseph's College, North Point, Darjeeling.

Time: 10:45a.m. To 02:30p.m.

An Intra departmental quiz competition was successfully conducted by Geographical Society, Department of Geography. The event was held in the Geographical Society Room No. 139 and was delighted with the presence of huge number of students. The programme began with the introductory speech by the President, Diya Sarkar and Vice President, Jotika Dewan, of the Geographical Society who welcomed the participants and conveyed their best wishes for the competition.

The competition began at around 11:00 am, with the Judges being Chirag Subba, Academic Secretary and Sanskrit Pradhan, Assistant Academic Secretary, Geographical Society. All the semesters had 3 participants each. The competition was divided into three rounds with different sets of rules which were explained by Ashwini Rai, Treasurer, Geographical Society. The rounds were as follows:

1st Round - 30 GK Questions

2nd Round- Identification Round

3rd Round- Rapid Fire.

Every round was a mixed bag that included questions mainly from current affairs and subjects like geography, political science, history etc. All the students were at the edges of the seats to know the answers and the participants were very active. The question put forth to the teams were intriguing, exciting and made the audience applaud excitedly when the teams answered correctly. This quiz truly was a learning experience, for both the audience and participants.

Although all the teams participated actively, the winner of this Quiz competition was 5th Semester with the participants being Sulochana Pradhan, Brishti Dutta Roy and Impa Dewri . The first runner up was 3rd semester and the participants included Prashika Sherpa, Sreyashi Singh and Debangee Deb and

1st semester was declared second runner up and the team had Sameer Paswan, Rashee Gurung and Nirnidhi Sarkar as the participants. It was very informative and knowledge enriching competition for the participants along with the audience. The executive members and the class Representatives of all the semester worked efficiently to make the competition a grand success. The competition concluded at 2.30 p.m. with the vote of thanks given by the President and with alots of memorable group photos.

GLIMPSE OF QUIZ COMPETITION



Initiative by geographical society, Department Of geography, St Joseph's College for Teesta Flood victims

On 7th Oct, 2023, Geographical society visited Giel khola area and distributed the essential relief materials to the flood victims of teesta river caused by sudden glacial outburst at Lhonak lake, Sikkim. On reaching the disaster spot, a deplorable situation was observed where a total of 9 houses were buried completely under the sand and sediments. Even after few days had already past, the mishap had occurred; there was no major help available from the local government due to its isolation caused by the cut off NH10 that connected the settlement with other urban amenities. The villagers reported that the help from the nearby communities had just started to arrive since yesterday. The total fund collected was 17920 and the major contribution of the fund was made by the students and teachers of geography department. With the collected amount the members of geographical society bought some essential items like clothes, towels, soap, candle and some groceries. The relief items were handed to the victims by the members of the society. The villagers expressed their gratitude for the help provided during the time of need. The student felt a sense of immense happiness to be able to realize that they have made a difference in somebody's life and promise to continue to do the service to mankind in future again. As someone rightly said, 'Helping someone couldn't change the whole world but may change the world for one person.'



REPORT ON PARENTS TEACHER MEETING

On 9th Nov 2023 a Parent's Teacher Meeting of 1st Semester was held at St. Joseph's College, Department of Geography at 10 am .The agenda of the PTM were to discuss about the academic performance of the students as well as to apprise parents about the academic score of internal assessment conducted earlier. Miss Parvati Rai, Head of the department addressed the gathering and put forwarded the academic as well as the overall reports of the students that included issues on discipline, academic performance and regularity of students in the classes. She also focused on the expectation from the students in their academics and also highlighted the eligibility of writing semester exam and the importance of scoring good marks in internal assessment. She also requested the parents to work in collaboration with teachers for the better outcome of the students. Mr Prashant Mukhia motivated the students to secure good ranks in the university exam making both the parents and teachers proud. He also appreciated those students who had put their extra efforts and had made considerable academic progress which was reflected in recently conducted internal assessment.

At the end the forum was open for discussion. The meeting ended at 11.30 am.



Departmental Faculty meeting

Date: 13thNov, 2023

Place: Staffroom, Department of Geography

Time: 1:00 pm –2:00pm

On 13th of November, 2023, a faculty meeting was called by Head of the Department to discuss about how far the syllabus has been covered by the respective faculty members for 1st, 3rd and 5th semester respectively. Miss. Parvati Rai, head, instructed all the faculty members to complete the remaining portion of the syllabus by all faculty members within next ten days as the university exam would be conducted the following month. She also suggested that if needed they can take extra classes to complete the remaining portions. Details of the covered syllabus till date were as follows:

Semester I

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit	Syllabus covered
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Geotectonics	Theory- Unit 1 Practical – Scale	100%
		Disaster Management	Theory- Unit 1	90%
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Geotectonics	Theory - Unit 1 Practical – Thematic Maps	100%
		Disaster Management	Theory – Unit 1	88%
		V.A.C	Unit 1	100%
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Geotectonics	Theory - Unit 2	95%
		Disaster Management	Theory – Unit 2 Practical- Project Report	85%
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Geotectonics	Theory - Unit 2,3 Practical – Bar & Line Diagrams	100%
		Disaster Management	Theory- Unit 1 Practical – Project Report	90%
		M.D.C	ALL	95%

Departmental Faculty meeting

Date: 19th Feb, 2024

Place: Geography Department

Time: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

On 19th of February, 2024, a faculty meeting was conducted in the department. The main agenda of the meeting was the distribution of the new syllabus of 6th, 4th and 2nd semester major, MDC and VAC papers. Miss. Parvati Rai, head of the dept, convened the meeting. With the discussion and consultation, she distributed the theory and practical portions among the staff members unanimously. The syllabus distribution was made as follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF SYLLABUS

Semester II

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Settlement geography	Theory- Unit 4 Practical – unit 1: projection
		Sustainable development	Theory- Unit 1
		VAC	Unit 1:mountains and landscape of India
		MDC	Unit 1a,b
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Settlement geography	Theory – unit 2 Practical unit 2:diagonal and vernier scale
		Sustainable development	Theory – Unit 2
		V.A.C	Unit 1 :population growth of India
		M,D.C	Unit 2:a, b
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Settlement geography	Theory - Unit 1
		Sustainable development	Theory – Unit 1 Practical- Project Report

		VAC	Unit 1: Festivals and culture of India
		MDC	Unit 1 c , d, e
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Settlement geography	Theory - Unit 2
		Sustainable development	Unit 2 Practical –Project Report
		VAC	Unit 1: rivers of India
		MDC	Unit 2 c, d unit 3a,b

SEMESTER IV

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Tourism Geography	All
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Economic Geography	All
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Research methodology in geography	All
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Regional geography	All

SEMESTER V

Sl NO.	Name of the Faculty member	Paper	Unit
1	Miss. Parvati Rai	Geographical thought	All
2	Mrs. Nim Luckey Sherpa	Social and cultural geography	All
3	Miss. Evelyn Lepcha	Political geography	All
4	Mr. Prashant Mukhia	Disaster Management	All

Members Present:

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| 2. Miss. Parvati Rai | 2. Mrs. Nimluckey Sherpa |
| 4. Miss. Evelyn Lepcha | 4. Mr. Prashant Mukhia |

Departmental Faculty meeting**Date:** 16th March, 2024**Place:** Geography Department**Time:** 3.00 to 3:45pm

The objective of the meeting was to decide upon the date regarding the conduction of internal continuous evaluation and to make of question papers for the same based on university pattern. The idea of conducting internal evaluation was to assess their academic progress so far made and as well as to prepare them for the upcoming semester examination. Further it was also decided that a parents teachers meeting would be called upon for the second semester students where the appraisal about the student's progress and the performance will be made before the parents so that an improved result can be achieved. The date for the PTM was confirmed on 22 March and the time and place of the PTM was fixed at 12.30pm, dept of Geography. The meeting was convened by the head of the department with all the other members being present

The time table for I.C.E was schedule as follows:

Routine for Internal Continuous Evaluation (I.C.E) Even Semester 2024

Date	6 th Semester		4 th Semester		2 nd Semester
Time	9:05 – 10:05am		9:05 – 10:05am		2:30- 3:30pm
4th April 2024 Thursday	Political Geography	G.E Program	Regional Development	Planning &	Settlement Geography
Time	9:05 – 10:05am		9:05 – 10:05am		2:30- 3:30pm
5th April 2024 Friday	Disaster Management		Tourism Management		M.D.C
Time	9:05 – 10:05am		9:05 10:05am	10:30- 11:30am	2:30- 3:30pm
6th April 2024 Saturday	Social & Cultural Geography		Economic Geography	G.E	Sustainable Development
Time	9:05 – 10:05am		9:05 – 10:05am		2:30- 3:30pm
8th April 2024 Monday	Geographical Thoughts		Field Work Methodology	& Research	Minor
Time	9:05 – 10:05am		9:05 – 10:05am		2:30- 3:30pm
9th April 2024 Tuesday	-----		-----		A.E.C

REPORT ON PARENTS TEACHER MEETING

On 22 March, 2024 a Parent's Teacher Meeting for second Semester was conducted from 12.30 to 2pm by department of geography, St Joseph's College, Darjeeling Department of Geography. The parents were intimated through students well in advance. The main agenda of the PTM was to apprise parents about the previous semester university result. The department head, Miss Parvati Rai presented the detail analysis of university marks of second semester students and discuss about the possible causes that had hindered their performance. She urged each parents to be extra vigilant with their ward at home in terms of their study hours. She also made an appeal to the parents to work in collaboration with the teachers for the better outcome of the students by maintaining constant communication. Miss Evelyn Lepcha asked parent's opinion about their child's performance and requested parents to restrict the time of mobile and internet use of their ward at home so that they may utilize their time in best possible manner focusing more on studying. She appreciated those students who with their effort were able to manage good marks. She also assured the parents that all possible help and guidance will be

provided to the students from all faculties' side which will motivate and boost students conduct. Mr Prashant also gave an insight of student's attendance and punctuality to parents. At the end the house was open for discussion wherein some parents suggested that extra attention to be given to the low achievers so that the improvement becomes noticeable, upon which all the teachers agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 2.30 pm.



Report on Field survey VI sem

A meticulous field survey was orchestrated for 44 students of VI Semester under the guidance of two teachers namely Ms. Nim Luckey Sherpa and Mr.Prashant Mukhia hailing from Department of Geography,St.Joseph College Darjeeling in the village of Baxipalli, nestled within Ganjam district, Odisha which is according to syllabus mentioned in the paper Disater Management.This comprehensive undertaking spanned from April 18th to April 22nd, 2024, with the actual survey being meticulously executed on April 20th, 2024 on designated topic “Comprehensive Analysis of Cyclonic Hazard”. The focal point of this investigative effort was to conduct an in-depth analysis of the preparedness levels and repercussions of cyclonic disasters within the village. A total of 100 households were scrutinized, encompassing multifaceted aspects such as disaster readiness protocols, historical encounters with cyclonic phenomena, infrastructural susceptibilities, and the collective resilience of the community. The overarching objective was to furnish invaluable insights and strategic directives aimed at fortifying the village's capacity to mitigate and manage cyclonic calamities effectively.



SOCIO- ECONOMIC SURVEY

4TH SEMESTER

ST.JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The field trip to Chitkul village, near Indo-Tibet border, Himachal Pradesh, undertaken by 38 students of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, from 25th April to 3rd May, 2024, for the partial fulfilment of 4th semester syllabus, Paper: Field Work and Research Methodology, marked a significant milestone in student's academic journey. Under the meticulous guidance of Miss. Evelyn Lepcha and Miss. Parvati Rai, the students immersed themselves in the intricacies of real-world research, conducting a comprehensive socio-economic survey across 100 households. Through the blend of qualitative and quantitative methods, they unearthed compelling insights into the economic, educational and cultural fabric of the community. This hands-on experience not only bridged the gap between theory and practical but also fostered a deep sense of community engagement and cultural exchange. As the students return enriched with practical skills and a profound understanding of rural dynamics, the impact of their research extends beyond the classroom, promising to shape future academic endeavours and contribute meaningfully to societal well-being.

