

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES REPORT
2022-2023

FACULTY MEETING, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Place: Department of geography

Date: 6th September 2022

Agenda

- 1) Conduction of orientation program
- 2) Distribution of syllabus

RESOLUTION:

A faculty meeting was held on 6th September 2022 in the department of Geography from 1 pm to 1:30 pm. The main agenda of the meeting were the discussion relating to conduction of the orientation program and the distribution of syllabus among the faculty members for 1st semester students.

It was decided that the orientation program for the new students will be conducted on 8th September 2022 from 10 am to 11am in the department. Dr. Pribat Rai explained all the important issues to be highlighted to the students during the orientation program. Later, two theory papers and practical papers of 1st semester were distributed among four faculty members of the department and the responsibility of supervising the computer lab undertaken by Dr. Pribat Rai (HOD). The meeting concluded at 1:30 pm.

TEACHERS PRESENT

1. Dr. Pribat Rai
2. Miss Parvati Rai
3. Mrs Nim Luckey Sherpa
4. Miss Evelyn Lepcha

DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION FOR 1st SEMESTER

Place: Department of geography

Date: 8th September, 2022

Departmental orientation was organized for 1st semester students on 8th September 2022 from 10 am to 11 am. The main objective was to introduce students about the vision and mission of the college, rules and regulations, course syllabus, requirements of practical classes, departmental activities and study tours.

Miss Evelyn Lepcha initiated the program with a welcome speech and introduced all the faculty members of the department to the students. Miss Parvati Rai explained the history of St. Joseph's College and departmental history in brief. Departmental activities and examination methods were explained by Dr. Pribat Rai (HOD) in detail. Later, rules and regulations of the college were made familiar to the students by Miss Parvati Rai. The orientation program ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs. NimLucky Sherpa.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1.	WELCOME SPEECH	MISS. EVELYN LEPCHA
2.	BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE AND THE DEPARTMENT	MISS. PARVATI RAI
3.	INTRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENT TEACHERS	MISS. EVELYN LEPCHA
4.	ATTENDANCE AND FEE PAYMENT	MISS. NIM LUCKEY SHERPA
5.	DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND EXAM METHODS	DR. PRIBAT RAI
6.	RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLLEGE	MISS. PARVATI RAI
7.	BRIEF REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION	-
8.	VOTE OF THANKS	MRS. NIM LUCKEY SHERPA

Report on Teacher's Day Celebration 5th September-2022

A teacher's celebration was observed on 5th September 2022 in the department of geography as a mark of tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the great academic philosopher, and one of the most well-known diplomats, scholar, president of India and above all a teacher.

Students expressed their gratitude and appreciation by offering khadas and a bouquet of flower to the respective teachers in the main entrance of the department. The program started with a short prayer and lighting of the candle followed by cake cutting by the respected H.O.D, Dr Pribat Rai after which, the students showcased their talents by performing dances on different cultural songs. The program ended with a fun game arranged for the teachers by the students making it a joyous celebration.

No. of Participants

1. Total of **100** students had actively participated in the teacher's day programme.
2. **Four** teachers with **two** non-teaching staff were present.

Some glimpse of teacher's day celebration.



FIELD STUDY OF 5TH SEMESTER GEOGRAPHY STUDENT

Problems of solid waste management in Darjeeling township area

Date: 22nd October, 2022

Fifth Semester students were taken for field study in and around Darjeeling for the partial fulfillment of B.A Geography fifth Semester Honours Examination 2022, Research Project titled “Environmental Problems of North Bengal relating to solid waste” under the supervision of Miss Parvati Rai ,Assistant Professor, Department of Geography. The major objective of the field study was to investigate the core issues related to the solid waste management in Darjeeling town and also to assess negative environmental impacts and the related health hazards due to defective management of solid waste during the field investigation.

A pretested and self administered questionnaire was used for primary data collection covering 30 household which were selected randomly. The study investigated the domestic waste practices, waste disposal and perceptions about waste generation in an urban community. The study utilized a mixed-method approach. A cross –sectional survey questionnaires and in-depth interview were used to collect data.

No of participants

- 1.Total of 46 students has actively participated the field tour with one teacher.
2. Followings are some photographs from the field tour.



Students interacting with local people to obtain primary data

Children's Day Celebration

On 14th Nov 2022, the department of geography department celebrated **Children's Day** to pay tribute to India's first prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru because of his fondness towards kids. The programme was organized by the faculty members of geography department which began around 11 am. The main purpose of the program was to motivate and boost children's confidence. The celebration began with a short welcome speech and good wishes by the teachers followed by cake cutting. A variety of activities and games were also planned by the teachers focusing on children and their enjoyment. As a token of love and affection all the children were handed with some chocolates and pastries. The celebration ended with a group dance involving both the teachers and the students.

Some Memories of children's day celebration.



FACULTY MEETING, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Place: Staffroom, Department of geography

Date: 22nd Nov, 2022

AGENDA

- 1) Fixation of date for Internal evaluation for all semesters
- 2) Fixation of date for 3rd sem Generic Elective geography practical examination, 2022 and 5th sem B.A program
- 3) Handing over H.O.D post and other important responsibilities among the faculty members

A faculty meeting was held on 22nd November 2022 from 11 am to 12 pm in the department to discuss the date for internal evaluation and practical examination. It was decided in the meeting that the post of Head of the department should be handed over to Miss. Parvati Rai. Miss. Mrs Nim Luckey Sherpa was assigned as the new incharge of departmental library and Miss. Evelyn Lepcha was assigned to supervise computer laboratory. Finally, date and time for internal evaluation for honours students and practical evaluation for generic elective paper and program students were decided as follows:

INTERNAL EVALUATION,2022

SEMESTER	DATE	PAPERS
I	21/11/2022	Geotectonic
	23/11/2022	Geomorphology
III	16/11/2022	Climatatology
	16/11/2022	Geography of India
	17/11/22	Statistics
V	28/11/ 2022	Environmental geography
	18/11/2022	Urban geography
	22/11/2022	Population geography

PROGRAM & G.E PRACTICAL EXAMINATION,2022

SEMESTER	PAPER	DATE	TIME
III (Honours)	Generic Elective Code: GEOH-GE-3L-304	28/11/2022	10:00am – 12:00pm
V (Program course)	Generic Elective Code: GEO-GE-01-PR	28/11/2022	10:00am – 12:00pm
V (Program course)	DSE Code: GEO-P-DSE-5-01-PR	28/11/2022	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Faculty members present

- i. Miss Parvati Rai
- ii. Miss Evelyn Lepcha
- iii. Mrs Nim Luckey Sherpa

FACULTY MEETING, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Place: Department of geography

Date: 1st Dec, 2022

Agenda

- 3) To conduct Parents Teachers Meeting for 1st semester students (2022-2023 batch)

RESOLUTION:

A faculty meeting was held on 1st Dec 2022 in the department of Geography from 3 pm to 3:30 pm. The main agenda of the meeting were the discussion relating to conduction of the Parents Teachers Meeting for 1st semester students.

It was decided that the Parents Teachers Meeting for the 1st semester students will be called on 13th Dec,2022. The main aim of the PTM was to bridged the gap between the teachers and the parents relating to Academic performance of the students.Further unanimous decision of informing parents about the field excursion for 4th and 5th semester were also taken.The meeting came to an end at 3:30 pm.

TEACHERS PRESENT

5. Miss Parvati Rai
6. Mrs Nim Luckey Sherpa
7. Miss Evelyn Lepcha

Report on Parents Teacher Meeting 13th Dec-2022

Parent teacher meeting is an opportunity to exchange observation of a child or bridge a gap between the teachers and the parents. Sharing daily experience and observation provides a wider prospect for both the teacher and parent to plan, prepare and execute planning for better learning outcome of a child. With this objective in mind, the faculty members of department of geography, St. Joseph's College called for the PTM on 13th dec, 2022 at 10 am to discuss the academic performance of the students with their parents. In this meeting, the grade score of internal evaluation conducted few days earlier as a part of semester examination were shown to the parents. The meeting provided a platform between the teachers and the parents where they discussed both the strengths and the areas of improvements. Any suggestions provided by the parents were noted and reciprocately the parents were also informed about the areas where they need to give extra care and attention for the holistic development of their wards. In addition to the academic performance, the parents were also apprise about the forthcoming excursion which is to be organized during 4th and 6th semester compulsorily for the partial fulfillment of semester practical examination.

The meeting came to an end at around 12 pm where both the parents and the teachers decided for a joint effort in the areas of improvements and to further communicate with each other to monitor the progress of a child.

Interacting with parents of 1st semester students



INITIATIVE FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, DARJEELING

VISIT TO OLD AGE HOME, ROHINI, KURSEONG

DATE: 25/02/2023

Nowadays, the alarming increase of old-age homes is a matter of serious concern. People moved from a large extended family system to a nuclear family for their selfish ends. They don't have enough time to take care of their parents and gradually parents become a burden for them. And for the elderly, a roof over their heads is a critical need. So, this is where the need for old age homes lies.

The students of Geography Department, St Joseph's College, Darjeeling, visited old age home located in Rohini, Kothidhura Tea garden, Kurseong on 25th February 2023 to provide some help in form of clothes donation and ration to aged people living in the said old age home. Rohini old age home was established in 17th Jan 2018 in the loving memory of late Aashik Lama Ghawang and late Palmo Dolma Lama Moktan by their elder son Rimpoche Nawang Thingley Gatyso Ghawang and Tri ratna Buddhist Monastery, Salbari. The building was a two storeyed building where a total of nineteen old people at the time of visit were currently spending their lives. Altogether nine students including both from Sem IV and Sem VI along with two faculty members namely Miss Parvati Rai and Mrs Nim Luckey Sherpa met and interacted with the elderly people residing there and this casual meeting brought a smile of hope and joy in their faces. On returning from the old age home there was a sense of satisfaction on the part of the students for having provided atleast a meager help they could for this homeless and helpless people and they assured themselves for more frequent help and visit in near future.



Students and teachers connecting with the old people of Rohini old age home



FAREWELL CEREMONY

St. Joseph College, Department of Geography

Venue: Geographical Society Room, Department of Geography

Date: 25/03/2023

Time: 11:00 A.M

A farewell ceremony was arranged in honour of our Ex-HOD (Head of the Department) Dr.Pribat Rai. A total of 140 students including all the three semesters along with other three faculty members namely Parvati Rai, NimLucky Sherpa and Evelyn Lepcha were present to bid warm goodbye to their respected H.O.D .The function began with the welcome speech by Jason Lepcha,VI sem student and then after students and the teachers offered floral wreaths and garland with much love and respect to their beloved Ex-Hod. A very euphonious farewell speech was delivered by Parvati Rai (present Head of the Department) on behalf of the teachers and students. She highlighted the significant role played by Dr. Pribat Rai as a teacher, guide and mentor as well as his memorable contributions in the growth and development of the department for which the department shall always remain in debt towards him. A very well designed Memento and gifts was presented to him as gratitude by the teachers and the students. Some items like group dance, duet songs and group songs were also performed.

Manorama Thapa, the wife of Dr.Pribat Rai also attended the program and was seen providing constant emotional support to him. Finally , the farewell program concluded with the heart warming and emotional speech by Dr.Pribat Rai wherein he thanked everyone for giving his best time at the department as well as he also imparted a valuable lesson about the meaning of life to the young mind in his speech. He also promised to make himself available whenever the students needs him in any areas of their life and assured to remain in touch with the students and the teachers wherein he considered himself fortunate to have been the part of the department and the prestigious college itself. It was an emotional moment for everyone. Eventually the programme came to end at 2:00 P.M. with a happy group photos, wishing good health and long life for Dr.Pribat Rai.

Some glimpses of the day



COLLEGE FETE

NAME OF THE EVENT: COLLEGE FETE

DATE: 17TH& 18TH March, 2023

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, DARJEELING

On 17th and 18th March, 2023, the Student council of St. Joseph's college organized an annual college fete. All the clubs participated in the fete enthusiastically. Different items of foods stall and fun games were arranged to draw the larger crowd. The objective of the fete was to generate income for the financial growth of the participating college clubs so that they can carry forward the club related activities for the betterment of the respective club members. On both the days, the students from different colleges and schools were also invited to enjoy the festive mood. Among all the clubs of the college, Geographical society had kept momo stall. The students divided into groups and were assigned different responsibilities for smooth functioning of the stall under the supervision of the faculty members. A total of 144 students from geography department contributed Rs.100 for setting up the stall. After putting their heart and soul at the end of the day they manage to earn a profit of Rs.3779. It was a fun experience.



MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING

A departmental faculty meeting was held on 10th April 2023 for the following agenda:

1. Field study of 4th and 6th semester
2. Internal evaluation

House resolved:

Head of the department, Miss. Parvati Rai suggested that the students of 4th and 6th semester should be taken for the field study in the month of April and May respectively for the research project to be submitted to the university of west Bengal as the part of their semester examination. The dates for the internal evaluation of 2nd, 4th and 6th semester were also decided during the course of the meeting upon which all the faculty members agreed to the decision unaminously.

Members attended:

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

FIELD STUDY OF 4TH SEMESTER GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS

Exploring the rural livelihood of East Sikkim

Date: 15th April to 19th April 2023

Fourth Semester students were taken to East Sikkim to explore the rural livelihood for the partial fulfillment of B.A Geography fourth Semester Honours Examination 2023, Research Project titled “Exploring the rural livelihood of east Sikkim” under the supervision of Miss Evelyn Lepcha and Miss Parvati Rai, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography. A total of 45 students visited the study area and 100 households were surveyed by the students. The **objectives of the field survey** were to understand the social & cultural aspects of the study area by using the questionnaire & personal interview method and to analyse the socio- economic problem faced by the residents. The following are the findings of the field survey:

- The people of Rawtey Rumtek are mostly engaged in Primary and Tertiary sectors of economy
- Spring water and PHE are the main source of drinking water.
- The village has well connected and well- maintained metalled road. The road connects the Rumtek to the city capital.
- The number of household has increased from 396 in the year 2009 to 628 in 2023.
- The traditional methods of livelihood in rural areas are changing into urban ways of life in rapid rate.
- The One family, one job Scheme was introduced by the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Mr. Pawan Chamling in the year 2019. This scheme has helped tremendously every corner of Sikkim in terms of Economic Upliftment



← Students collecting data

FIELD STUDY OF 6TH SEMESTER GEOGRAPHY STUDENT

Exploring the flood affected area, Shantipara village, Guwahati, Assam

Date: 8th May to 13th May, 2023

Sixth Semester students visited flood affected area of Assam for the partial fulfillment of B.A Geography sixth Semester Honours Examination 2023, Research Project titled “ Exploring the flood affected area, Chandrapur village, District-Kamrup, Guwahati, Assam” under the supervision of Miss Evelyn Lepcha and Miss Parvati Rai, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography. A total of 46 students visited the study area. The objectives of the field tour were to assessment of flood affected area of Guwahati, Shantipara Village using the questionnaire & personal interview method. A total 100 households were surveyed to understand the cause & effects of annual flood of Brahmaputra River.

Outcome of the activity – Students could understand the mechanism of cause of the flood, hardship faced by the people & various mitigation processes.

Findings of the field survey are stated here in brief;

- The economic conditions of the villagers were bleak and were mostly indulged in primary and secondary activities.
- The houses often suffered bursting due to weak foundation caused by loose soil on the surface. The event of flood results in the loss of life and property. However, local people have adopted themselves by increasing the height of the foundation of houses, tang ghars, construction of wall around the houses. The houses are now constructed with cement, bricks etc, as compared to those houses built in the past which were made up of mud and woods etc. During the times of flood the residents temporarily migrate towards a hill Bhagawati Tilha and Don Bosco School. During the survey the local people of Chandrapur stated that the flood occurs every year but in the present time the frequency has been reduced.

- They believed in the strategy that digging up the river to lower the water level is the only effective way to avert flooding.
- During the times of flood the people are only provided with temporary measures like rations, mosquito nets, canvas (tirpals) etc. No concrete solution from the government has been provided so far
- The main cause of flood is raising level of river Brahmaputra and the release of dam water from Meghalaya.
- The area which was flooded before has now been used by the villagers for their agricultural purpose.



Students collecting Data from the field