

Becoming a PG Department

The department has reached another milestone by introducing post graduate (M.A.) course in the department. With an intake capacity of 20 students as approved by Gauhati University. The first batch comprises of 18 students from across the state. An analysis of the recently declared first semester results revealed that all the students secured first class. The department has also organized guest lectures for the students on various aspects of the syllabus by noted geographers of the state.

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E-Course on Geoinformatics by IIRS

The Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) has recognized Nowgong Girls' College as its outreach network centre for conducting an online course on 'Application of Geoinformatics in Ecological Studies'. The course was conducted by IIRS during 13/07/2020 to 24/07/2020. Dr. Smarajit Ojah, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Nowgong Girls' College was the course coordinator at our outreach centre that had 7 participants from different colleges and universities of the state.

International Webinar on 'Research in Social Sciences'

An International Webinar on 'Research in Social Sciences' was organised on the 30th of August, 2020 via google meet. Principal of the college, Dr. Balin Kumar Bhuyan, inaugurated the webinar. The sessions were moderated by Dr. Nazneen Akhtar, which had a total of 1127 participants from different institutions across India. Four eminent resource persons delivered their talks on various topics related to Research in Social Sciences. Prof. Shahab Fazal, from the Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University delivered a talk on "How to write a good research paper". Prof Tulshi Kumar Das, from the Department of Social Work, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh discussed on "Social Science Research Methods and related issues" Prof. Ashok Kumar Bora, Department of Geography, Gauhati University expresses his ideas on "Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods" and Prof. Madhushree Das, Department of Geography, Gauhati University- spoke on "Selecting a Research Problem and designing a Research Agenda" The webinar ended on a vote of thanks by Manash Jyoti Bhuyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography.



Faculty Exchange Programme

A faculty exchange programme was conducted with Dr. B.K.B. College, Puranigudam where Dr. Debita Kemprai, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Dr. B.K.B. College, Puranigudam delivered a talk at our college on 'Techniques of Weather Forecasting'. On the other hand, Dr. Nilotpal Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Nowgong Girls' College delivered a lecture on 'Application of Linear Bi-Variate Correlation and Regression Analysis in Geographical Studies' at Dr. B.K.B. College.

E-Lecture on 'Career opportunities in Geography'

The department also organised an e-lecture programme on 'Career Opportunities in Geography' on September 8, 2020. A total of 45 students attended the said programme where Azruddin Khan, an independent researcher acted as the invited speaker. The speaker shed light on various career opportunities next to bachelor and master degrees in geography.



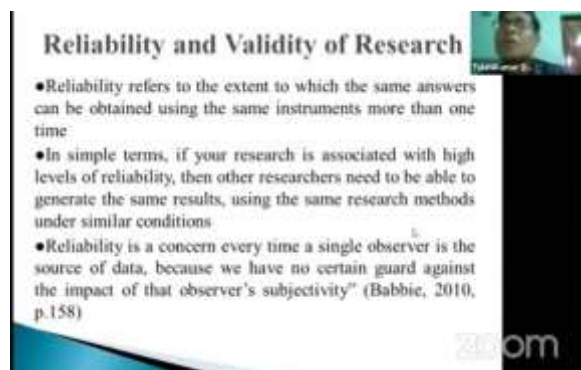
MOUs Signed

MOUs have been signed with the following reputed organisations during 2020-21.

- 1) Society for Socio-Economic Awareness and Environment Protection (SSEAEP)
- 2) S. S. Infocom

E-workshop on 'Identification and Selection of a Research Problem'

The Department organised one day e-workshop on 'Identification and Selection of a Research Problem' on 15th July, 2020 in collaboration with the Research Cell, Nowgong Girls' College. The invited speaker Prof. Tulshi Kumar Das from the Department of Social Work, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh interacted with the students of the Department of Geography. The total no. of participants was 37.



Awareness Camp on Impact of Fluorosis on Health of School Children

An awareness camp on the detrimental impact of Fluorosis on Health of School Children was organised by the Department at Lankagaon, Kampur, Nagaon on 27th January, 2021. Prevalence of Dental Fluorosis was found to be considerably high, affecting nearly two-thirds of the students. The awareness camp helped to create awareness in school going children and training was provided by experts for home based defluoridation techniques.



Workshop on ‘Yoga and Meditation’ for school children



One day Workshop on ‘Yoga and Meditation’ was organised on March 3, 2021 for classes 3 to 5 of Uzan Haibargaon LP School, North Haibargaon by the Department of Geography as an extension activity in collaboration with the IQAC of the college. The session was conducted by Mrs. Snigdha Bordoloi who is an Akuyarma Therapeutic Trainer. A total of 38 students along with the faculty members of the school also attended the workshop.

Certificate Courses Completed

The department has successfully completed the following certificate courses during the session:

- 1) Human-Wildlife Conflict and Management, and
- 2) GPS

Introducing B.Voc. in Geoinformatics

The Gauhati University with approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC) has given approval to our college to introduce Bachelor of Vocational Education (B.Voc.) in Geoinformatics in 2020-21. With this, the college becomes the first in the state to introduce B.Voc. In Geoinformatics. A total of 6 students have been pursuing this course at present. The course has been flexibly designed with pre-defined entry and multiple exit points.

SCIFIESTA-21

An annual science festival, Scifiesta was organised by the Faculty of Sciences in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Nowgong Girls’ College from February 23 to March 3. The Department of Geography organised a lecture programme on February 23 during this event. The talk was delivered by Dr. Biman Lahkar, Assistant Professor, B.P. Chaliha College, Nagarbera on ‘Application of Geospatial Techniques in Multidisciplinary Studies’. The workshop turned out to be very fruitful for the students as the resource person threw light on the methodological applications of GIS and GPS in various dimensions of geographical research.



Lecture programme on ‘World Wetland Day’

On the occasion of World Wetland Day, the department organised a lecture programme on 2nd February, 2021 in which Tinku Nath, Research Scholar from the Department of Geography, Gauhati University, was invited as the speaker where a total of 15 students attended the programme in his speech titled “Wetland Conservation and sustainability issues”.



Felicitation Ceremony of Nazneen Akhtar

The Department of Geography organised a Felicitation ceremony to felicitate. Dr. Nazneen Akhtar, Assistant Professor in the department who had been conferred with Ph.D. by NEHU, Shillong. She talked about her experiences and struggles during her Ph.D journey balancing both studies, work and home and inspired the students to take up higher studies in future. A total of 23 students had attended the ceremony along with few faculty members of the department.



Farewell Ceremony of Nizam Uddin Ahmed

The farewell ceremony of Nizam Uddin Ahmed Sir was held on 29th January, 2021 who retired as the Head of the Department after a long period of rendering continuous service to the department and college at large. Ahmed Sir in his speech spoke about his experiences at the College and urged the students to take special interest in studying Geography as it will really help them in achieving and facing real life problems in future.



Lecture Programme on ‘Geography and its Related Concepts’

A lecture programme on ‘Geography and its related concepts’ was organised by the department on the 19th of March, 2021 in the conference hall. Dr. Madhushree Das, Head, Department of Geography, Gauhati University was the resource person of the Lecture Programme where a total of 24 students attended the programme along with the faculty members of the department



Publications and other Academic Activities of the Faculty Members, 2020-21



Dr. Dibyajyoti Saikia, Associate Professor and HOD

Seminars/Conferences Attended

2020: International Webinar on '*Research in Social Sciences*', organized by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC, Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon, Assam.

2020: International Web-Conference on '*Covid-19 Pandemic from the Eyes of Geography: Global. National and Regional Perspectives*', organized by the Department of Geography, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam.

2020: National Webinar on '*Post Pandemic Challenges and Higher Educational Institutions*' organized by the IQAC, Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon, Assam in collaboration with AIKIDO Society, Pathsala, Assam on the occasion of 59th College Foundation Day.

2020: Webinar on '*Remote Sensing and Resource Management*', organised by Guwahati College, Guwahati in collaboration with IQAC, Guwahati College

2020: International Webinar on '*Progress and Dimension in Geographical Research*' organized by the Department of Geography, Aliah University, Kolkata, West Bengal.

FDP and Workshops Attended

2020: Workshop on '*Data Analysis in Geographical Research using R and MS-Excel*', organized by the North-East India Geographical Society (NEIGS) in association with Department of Geography, Gauhati University during July 9-16.



Dr. Smarajit Ojah, Assistant Professor

Seminars/Conferences Attended

2020: International Webinar on '*Research in Social Sciences*', organized by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC, Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon, Assam

2020: International Web-Conference on '*Covid-19 Pandemic from the Eyes of Geography: Global. National and Regional Perspectives*', organized by the Department of Geography, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam

2020: National Webinar on '*Socio-Cultural and Environmental challenges in the context to Covid-19 pandemic*', organized by Ch. Charan Singh P.G. College Heonra, Etawah U.P.

2020: National Webinar on '*Post Pandemic Challenges and Higher Educational Institutions*' organized by the IQAC, Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon, Assam in collaboration with AIKIDO Society, Pathsala, Assam on the occasion of 59th College Foundation Day.

Invited Talks/Lectures

2020: Attended and delivered a lecture on a workshop on '*Application of Advanced Techniques in GIS and Remote Sensing in Wildlife Sciences*', organized by the Nagaon Wildlife Division in collaboration with Department of Geography, Nowgong Girls' College from June 18-23.



Dr. Nazneen Akhtar, Assistant Professor

Seminars/Conferences Attended

2020: International Webinar on '*Research in Social Sciences*', organized by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC, Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon, Assam

2020: Two day web symposium on '*Creating a Better Workplace for Women*', organised by ICC, Assam University, Silchar

2020: National Webinar on '*Socio-Cultural and Environmental challenges in the context to Covid-19 pandemic*', organized by Ch. Charan Singh P.G. College Heonra, Etawah U.P.

2020: National Webinar on '*Traditional Water Systems in India*', organised by Morigaon College, Morigaon.

2020: Webinar on '*Social Geography through Ages, Social Space and Social Well-being*', organised by the Department of Earth Sciences, USTM, Meghalaya.

FDPs/Workshops/ OC/RCs Attended

2019: One-week Faculty Development Programme on '*Use of ICT Tools for Classroom Teaching*', organized by Electronics & ICT Academy and Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IITG) in association with Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon from October 21-26.

2020: '*Introductory Master Class in Grounded Theory*', organised by Brisbane Institute of Strength Based Practice, Australia held from July 25 to 27.

2020: National Level One week '*GIS Online Training Workshop*', conducted by Department of Geography in collaboration with Pragjyotish College Geographical Society, Pragjyotish College, Guwahati, Assam held from August 10 to 15.

2020: Webinar on '*Remote Sensing and Resource Management*', organised by Guwahati College, Guwahati in collaboration with IQAC, Guwahati College

2020: One day International Multidisciplinary Webinar on '*Environment, Development and Livelihood: Challenges and Opportunities in the Era of Covid-19 Pandemic*', organised by Department of Geography and Department of Economics, Chandrapur College, Pub Bardhaman, West Bengal.

2020: Two week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on '*Advanced Research Methodology, Tools and Techniques*', organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi held from 30th Jan to 14th Feb, 2021



Manash Jyoti Bhuyan, Assistant Professor

Papers Published

2020: *'Tea-Garden Community of Assam: The Nexus between Work and Culture'*, in Chetia, T. and Dutta, B. (ed.) *Uttar-Pub Bharator Sanskriti*, Published by Purbayon Publication, Panbazar, Guwahati-1, 218-232. ISBN: 978-81-944656-6-9.

2021: *'Rural Hydrological Environment of the Brahmaputra Valley, Assam: A Micro-Observation'*, in Bora, A. K. and Das, K. (ed.) *North-East India: Physical Landscape and Environment*, Published by Eastern Book House, Panbazar, Guwahati- 1, 179-209. ISBN: 978-93-90434-69-5.

Seminars/Conferences Attended

2020: International Webinar on *'Environment and Emergencies in the Face of COVID-19: What You Need to Know in a Pandemic Context'*, conducted by National Institute of Disaster Management in collaboration with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and OCHA Joint Environment Unit, on July 29.

2020: International Webinar on *'Immunology of COVID-19'*, organized by the Department of Zoology, Gargi College, University of Delhi, on August 5.

2020: Webinar on *'Climate Change and its Effect on Environment'*, organized by the School of Engineering and Technology, G. H. Rasoni University, Saikheda, Madhya Pradesh on August 10.

FDPs/Workshops/OCs/RCs/Certificate Courses Attended

2020: Faculty Development Programme on *'Research Article Writing and Online Academic Presentation'*, conducted by Government Girls' P. G. College, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh from August 17 – 23.

2020: Faculty Development Programme on *'Research Methodology'*, conducted by Malla Reddy Engineering College for Women, Dhulapally, Secunderabad, Telangana from July 27 – 31.

2020: Faculty Development Programme on *'High Impact Teaching Skills and Mind Mapping for Better Teaching'*, conducted by Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal on August 19 and 20.

2020: Workshop on *Writing and Publishing Quality Research Papers in Scholarly Top Tier Journals*, organized by RMD Sinhgad School of Management Studies, Warje, Pune, Maharashtra on July 19 – 20.

2020: Workshop on *'Environmental and Ecological Perspective in Current Scenario'*, organized by Balwant College, Vita, Maharashtra from July 15 – 21.

2020: *'UGC Sponsored Orientation Course'*, conducted by Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Mizoram University from July 28 – August 17.

2020: *'One Week Certificate Course on Apiculture'*, organized by Balwant College, Vita, Maharashtra from July 13 – 19.



Dr. Nilotpal Kalita, Assistant Professor

Seminars/Conferences Attended

2020: International Webinar on ‘*Research in Social Sciences*’, organized by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC, Nowgong Girls’ College, Nagaon, Assam on August 29.

2020: International Web-Conference on ‘*Covid-19 Pandemic from the Eyes of Geography: Global, National and Regional Perspectives*’, organized by the Department of Geography, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, on September 11 and 12.

2020: National Webinar on ‘*Post Pandemic Challenges and Higher Educational Institutions*’ organized by the IQAC, Nowgong Girls’ College, Nagaon, Assam in collaboration with AIKIDO Society, Pathsala, Assam on the occasion of 59th College Foundation Day, on September 12.

2020: National Webinar on ‘*Traditional Water Systems in India*’, organised by Morigaon College, Morigaon.

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2020: ‘*UGC Sponsored Orientation Course*’, conducted by Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Mizoram University from July 28 – August 17.

2020: Workshop on ‘*Data Analysis in Geographical Research using R and MS-Excel*’, organized by the North-East India Geographical Society (NEIGS) in association with Department of Geography, Gauhati University during July 9-16.

Invited Talks/Lectures

2021: Attended and delivered a lecture on ‘*Application of Linear Bi-Variate Correlation and Regression Analysis in Geographical Studies*’, organized by Department of Geography, Dr. B.K.B College, Puranigudam, Nagaon, Assam, March 19.

Part-Time Faculty



Mr. Arup Jyoti Bora

He joined the department as a part-time faculty member on 01/02/2021 and continued till 30/04/2021

Non-Teaching Staff



Mr. Kukil Saikia

He joined the department as laboratory bearer on 12/11/2020

Class Representatives (CRs)

B.A. 1st and 2nd Semesters: Dibyarani Bora
B.A. 3rd and 4th Semesters: Bonoshree Borah
B.A. 5th and 6th Semesters: Supriya Parashar
M.A. 1st and 2nd Sem: Supriya Patar

Total Students Enrolled in:

B.A. 2nd Semester: 59
B.A. 4th Semester: 29
B.A. 6th Semester: 36
M.A. 1st Semester: 18