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An Invitation

The Department of Geography, Rampurhat College has planned to organize and host a two-day International Seminar on the theme of "**Recent Advancement in Geographical Studies: A Multidimensional Outlook**" on September 1-2, 2023 at the Rampurhat College, Birbhum, West Bengal, India.

The seminar aims to provide an open platform for all geography and allied discipline scholars to come together and exchange ideas. Renowned scholars will deliver different plenary lectures on various themes. In addition, young geographers will be encouraged to present their papers and participate in the seminar and gain exposures for shaping the future of geography.

Background of the Seminar

One of the main justification for organizing this seminar is to disseminate the latest research findings and advancements in geographical studies. This will enable all including administrators, planners, and decision-makers to have a better understanding of the scenarios and threats of climate change, biodiversity, natural hazards and risks, urban health, and sustainable development, etc., in both developing and developed countries. The outcomes of the seminar will be significant for academics, policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders in the field of geography and allied disciplines. The conference will provide an opportunity to identify new areas of research, collaborations, and partnerships that can advance the field of geography. Ultimately, the conference's success will depend on its ability to generate meaningful and actionable insights that can address the complex global challenges facing our societies today.

The Focal Theme

Geographical studies have undergone significant developments in recent times, offering new and exciting avenues for exploration. This multidimensional outlook on geographical studies highlights the diverse range of approaches and methods that have emerged, reflecting the ever-changing nature of our world. One of the most significant developments in geographical studies is the rise of technology-based tools and techniques. Remote Sensing (RS), Geographical Information Systems (GIS), and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) have revolutionized the way we analyze and visualize spatial and temporal data. These tools have allowed researchers to gather and analyze vast amounts of information about the physical and human environment in ways that were not possible before.

In addition to technological advancements, there has been a growing interest in the social, cultural, and political dimensions of geographical studies. This multidimensional approach recognizes that geography is not just about the physical landscape, but also about the social and cultural practices of the people who inhabit it. Geographers are increasingly interested in exploring issues such as migration, identity, and cultural diversity, as well as the complex interactions between people and the environment.

Another significant development in geographical studies is the increasing focus on sustainability and environmental conservation. Geographers are playing a vital role in addressing some of the most pressing environmental issues of the current time, such as climate change, deforestation, and water scarcity. They are using their expertise to help governments and organizations develop sustainable policies and practices that balance economic, social, and environmental concerns.



Furthermore, the multidimensional outlook on geographical studies has led to greater recognition of the importance of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinaryresearch. Geographers are collaborating with researchers from other fields such as Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, Ecology, and Environmental Sciences to explore complex issues that require a multifaceted approach.

The international seminar on "**Recent Advancement in Geographical Studies: A Multidimensional Outlook**" is a unique and exciting event that would showcase the latest research, tools, and methodologies in geography, and provide a common platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration. The prime objective of the seminar is to explore the advances in geographical studies addressing both contemporary geographical issues and methods of handling the issues for catering the socio-ecological well-being. It is an essential forum for researchers, practitioners, and students to stay abreast of the latest developments in the field and to contribute to the advancement of geographical knowledge and practice.

Sub-themes of the Seminar

- ⇔ Emerging concepts and methods in different branches of Geography
- Environmental monitoring and management, Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management, Land use change and degradation
- ∞ Water resources management and conservation
- ↔ Agriculture, food production systems and food security
- ∞ Spatial reorganisation of economic activities and their manifestations
- ∞ Sustainable Urbanization and infrastructure development
- ∞ Geographical analysis of rural regional development
- ∞ Migration, mobility, and borders: Geographical dimensions and policy responses
- ∞ Climate change impacts and adaptation
- ∞ Natural hazards, disasters and management
- ∞ Indigenous knowledge and place-based approaches: decolonizing geographical studies
- ↔ Application of modern tools and techniques in Geographical Studies (Physical & Human Geography)
- ↔ Advancement in RS-GIS techniques in geographical studies
- \Rightarrow Application of artificial intelligence and machine learning in decision making

Scientific Model Competition

As part of the International seminar, we also invites researchers, academicians, students of various departments to present their cutting-edge models that adress recent advancement in geographical studies to betterment the society. A winner will be announced and awarded during the valedictory ceremony of the seminar.



Poster Competition

As part of the seminar, we are excited to announce a Poster Competition that provides a fantastic opportunity for researchers, students, and professionals to showcase their work and contribute to the advancement of geographical studies. The competition aims to encourage creativity, innovation, and effective communication of research findings through visually appealing posters.

Competition Details

- 1. Participants are invited to submit posters related to any aspect of geographical studies.
- 2. Posters should effectively communicate research findings, methodologies, and key insights.
- 3. Poster Size 3 ft (Horizontal) x 4 ft (vertical), to be printed in a flex.
- 4. Presenters will have the opportunity to showcase their posters during dedicated sessions at the seminar.
- 5. A panel of expert judges will evaluate the posters based on criteria such as content, visual appeal, and presentation skills.
- 6. Winners will be announced and awarded during the closing ceremony of the seminar.

Submission of Abstract and Full Paper

Participants need to fill in the registration form and send an abstract (not exceeding 300 words) through Google Link <u>https://forms.gle/YhZosghfuVinqEsw9</u> by 15.08.2023. The full paper shall be submitted to the E-mail: <u>seminar2023.geo@gmail.com</u> on or before 15.08.2023. The participants willing to participate in the competition for awards should send the full paper on or before 15.08.2023 to the E-mail: <u>seminar2023.geo@gmail.com</u>. Abstract/Full paper must be written in English on MS Word in Times New Roman, double spacing with font size 12. It is advisable to mention the sub-theme in which the paper is to be included. The title should be concise, and the author's name, affiliation, and E-mail should be placed below the title. The list of references should only include works that are cited in the text and that have been published or accepted for publication. Authors have to follow APA 7th edition referencing style while preparing their manuscripts. The abstracts of the papers presented at the seminar will be published in an Abstract Volume, and the selected papers may be published as proceedings/book or in a journal of international repute as a Special Issue.

Best Paper Awards

The organizers have established a recognition program to acknowledge the exceptional work of young researchers. For each technical session, a best paper award will be given if at least five presenters, who are under the age of 40, present their papers. To be considered for this recognition, participants must submit a completed registration form, along with their abstract and full paper, by the specified deadline.

Publication

The abstracts of the paper to be presented at the seminar will be published in an Abstract Volume, and the selected papers through double side blind review will be published as proceedings or editorial book in **Springer Nature** or **Elsevier** or in a **Journal of international repute** as a Special Issue.



Important Dates

Abstract Submission starts	June 15, 2023
Abstract Submission closes	August 15, 2023
Notilcation of Acceptance of Abstract	August 15, 2023
Submission of Full-length Paper	August 15, 2023
Registration starts	June 15, 2023
Registration closes	August 15, 2023
Date of the Seminar	September 1-2, 2023

Mode of Payment

The registration fee needs to be paid through bank transfer, the details of which are given hereunder:

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Registration and Accommodation

Registration Fee			Faculty	Research Scholar	Student/Accompany
National	Without Accommodation		₹ 2000	₹ 1500	₹ 1250
	With Accommodation	AC	₹ 3500	₹ 3000	NA
		Non AC	₹ 3000	₹ 2500	NA
International	Without Accommodation		\$ 40	\$ 25	\$ 20
	Accommodation N	AC	\$ 70	\$ 60	\$ 60
		Non AC	\$ 60	\$ 50	\$ 50



About The College

Rampurhat College (Govt. Spons.), established in 1950, has traversed a long path warding off the challenges of time and put its mark in the history of higher education in the area. It is affiliated to the University of Burdwan. The College has three shifts-Morning, Day and Evening. Honours & General subjects are taught in the day shift the morning shift only for the Arts general stream and the evening shift is exclusively for the Commerce, both Honours & General. The Post Graduate Course in Bengali on a regular basishas been started from the session 2014-15 and the Post Graduate Courses in English and Sanskrit on a regular basis will be opened this year. It has been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a B grade for its high standards of education.

About the Department of Geography

Geography started at Rampurhat College in the year 2007. Now the department is equipped with a good laboratory and up-to-date geographical instruments. The young faculties encourage a research-oriented approach among their students. Study tours, seminars, e-magazines, and continuous field surveys with students make the Department of Geography a vibrant one. The primary objective of the department is to deliver education of the highest quality that is geared toward preparing students for successful careers. The department is focused on equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge to learn their courses with proficiency, and to empower them towards progress, advancement, dissemination, and the attainment of higher education. In essence, the department is committed to fostering a learning environment that is supportive, empowering, and geared towards the realization of students' goals.

How to Reach

Rampurhat College, situated in the heart of the city, has excellent connectivity to major cities such as Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Gauhati, Kathmandu, Gangtok, Thimpu, and Dhaka through various modes of transportation and communication systems. The nearest main railway station is Rampurhat Railway Junction (RPH), which is located on the Gauhati/Dibrugarh - Kolkata/Chennai/Hyderabad main line. Being a major station, all trains stop here. Additionally, the college campus is only 200 km away from Dumdum Airport. The exact location of Rampurhat College is 24°10'41" N, 87°46'50" E, situated in Dakbanglapara, Rampurhat. It is only 2 km away from NH-114A and 1 km away from RPH Railway Station.







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