

FIRST CIRCULAR

**NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
GEOGRAPHY AND DEVELOPMENT**

MARCH 13-14, 2020



ENLIGHTENMENT TO PERFECTION

Organized by
**Department of Geography & Applied Geography
Jalpaiguri Campus
University of North Bengal**

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AN INVITATION

The Department of Geography and Applied Geography, University of North Bengal (Jalpaiguri Campus), West Bengal is going to organise a two days National Seminar on March 13-14, 2020. The focal theme is "*Geography and Development*". Members of teaching fraternity, researchers and academia from Geography and allied fields are cordially invited to attend and present their research papers in the seminar.

About the University

The University of North Bengal was established by an Act of the Legislature of West Bengal in 1962. The University of North Bengal has been fulfilling the objectives of imparting higher education and research to the people in this socio-economically backward area of the country. The University of North Bengal has set up a second campus at Jalpaiguri in 2013-2014 for widening the dimension and scope of higher education and research especially for the students of North Bengal and Sikkim.

About the Department of Geography and Applied Geography

The Department of Geography and Applied Geography is one of the pioneer institutions for higher education and research, since its inception in 1962. The Department maintains an excellent teaching/learning and research environment with well-equipped laboratories. The department started imparting education to the Post Graduate students since 1962 and have been successfully running the Ph.D. and M. Phil courses in Geography and Applied Geography. The UGC SAP DRS II Project was started in 2016 for 5 years on the theme *Disaster Management with focus on Sub-Himalayan North Bengal*. The Department runs a Weather/Climate Monitoring Centre.

FOCAL THEME

'*Geography and Development*' inter-linkages have attracted the attention of academicians since long time. Development is a process of change that influences people's lives. It may involve an improvement in the quality of life as perceived by the people through undergoing changes. However, development is not always a positive process. Keeping in view the relation between the two, the geographers study spatial and temporal patterns in development. They measure development by studying all economic, political

and social variables. They seek to understand both the geographical causes and consequences of varying development activities. Analysis of current data sets show significant implications of geography on developing nations such as accessibility to the remote areas by developed communications, agricultural productivity, diseases etc. In the context of the relation between geography and development, the pertinent questions are; how do these relationships vary in time and space? How 'geospatial' technology can play a significant role in monitoring resource utilisation in an effective manner and lead us to the 'goals' of sustainable development? Under this back drop the Department of Geography and Applied Geography, University of North Bengal (Jalpaiguri Campus) is organizing a seminar on 'Geography and Development' on 13-14th March, 2020.

The main objective of the seminar is to provide a platform for debate and disseminating the research findings, techniques and conceptual developments in geography with major focus on various geographical issues that are associated with development and attempts to explore the strategies in order to maintain the *inter linkages of geography and development*.

Sub-Themes:

1. Emerging concepts and methods in Geography
2. Applied geomorphology and development
3. Social and cultural processes in Geography
4. Population, resource and development
5. Resources, power generation, industrial development
6. Agricultural systems: modernisation and associated issues
7. Rural settlement systems and livelihood
8. Urbanisation, development and emerging challenges
9. Geo-hazards and vulnerability analysis
10. Tourism and development
11. Applications of geo-spatial technologies
12. Environmental issues and management

IMPORTANT DATES

Seminar date: **13th and 14th March, 2020**

Last date for abstract and full paper submission: **05.03.2020**

Intimation of acceptance: **07.03.2020**

Paper Submission

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words with full title, key words (4 to 5) are invited on the focal theme of the seminar. The contributors are requested to send a soft copy of the abstract and full length paper to **geonbu2020seminar@gmail.com** on or before **5th March, 2020**. The full paper should be typed in Times New Roman, 10 font size, 1.5 line spacing and maximum of 3000 words including tables and references. Contributors are requested to follow APA style of reference citation. The paper presenters should provide a bio-note including affiliation, email, & phone number.

Note: Selected paper will be published in an edited volume with ISBN.

Registration

Registration is compulsory for all the participants. Participants are requested to send the scanned copies of the filled in registration form well in advance to the following email address: **geonbu2020seminar@gmail.com**. The registration fee is as follows:

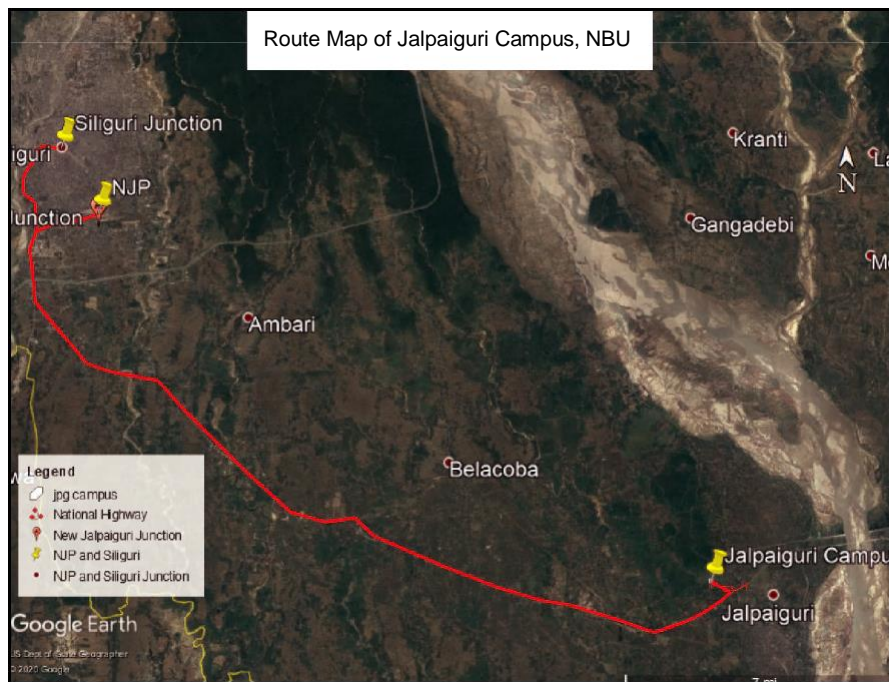
Category of Participants	Registration fee
Delegates	Rs. 1000.00
Research Scholars	Rs. 600.00
Accompanying persons	Rs. 600.00

All payments for registration has to be made during spot registration. The registration fee covers stationary, refreshments, and lunch during the seminar. Participants will have to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Accessibility and weather

Jalpaiguri, the district headquarter of Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal is well-connected by rail and road. The nearest railway station is Jalpaiguri Road (JPE) which is about 1 kilometre away from the campus. NJP Railway station and Tenzing Norgay Bus terminus is 45 km and 47 km away from the campus respectively. The nearest airport is Bagdogra airport, which is 60 kilometres from Jalpaiguri. The average temperature during March is 25°C to 30°C.

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