

Information for Website
Department of Geography

1. Name of the Department – **Geography**
2. Year of Establishment - **1970**
3. Name of the programmes offered– **PG, M. Phil and Ph.D.**
4. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D/M.Phil students guided for the last 4years (2010-11 onwards)	No. of ongoing Ph.D Students
Dr. Giasuddin Siddique	MSc, PhD	Professor	Environmental Geography	UG: 11 PG : 15	Ph.D - 3 M. Phil - 2	06
Dr. Lakshmi Sivaramakrishnan	MSc, PhD	Professor	Regional planning , Urban and Rural planning	UG: 09 PG : 10	Ph. D - 4 M. Phil - 2	08
Dr. Sanat Kumar Guchhait	MSc, PhD	Professor	Environmental Geography	UG – 2 PG : 13	Ph. D - 2 M. Phil - 2	08
Dr. Narayan Chandra Jana	DTS, MA, MSc, PhD	Associate Professor	Applied Geomorphology, Hazards and Disasters, Land Use, Rural Development	PG - 07	M. Phil: 4	08
Dr. Gopa Samanta	MA, PhD	Head and Professor	Urban and Gender Geography	UG - 7 PG - 8	Ph. D - 2 M. Phil - 4	06
Dr. Biplab Biswas	MA, PhD	Assistant Professor	Geomorphology and RS/GIS	UG – 02	Ph. D.- 3	03

				PG - 11	M. Phil - 1	
Dr. Biswaranjan Mistri	MA, PhD	Assistant Professor	Environmental Geography, Geomorphology	UG: 4 PG: 7	M. Phil - 5	01
Ms. Namita Chakma	MA	Assistant Professor	Urban geography	PG: 12	M.Phil: 3	
Dr. Sumana Sarkar	MA, Ph.D	Assistant Professor	Cartography; GIS & RS	PG 4 months		
Mr. Subodh Chandra Pal	MA, Ph.D	Assistant Professor	GIS & Remote Sensing	PG 4 months		

5. List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors

1. Prof. SudeptaAdhikari

Professor, Department of Geography

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2. Prof. Saroj K Pal

Former Professor of Geography

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3. Dr. SrikumarChattopadhyay

Former Scientist-G (Director Grade),

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4. Prof. D. K. Nayak

Professor, Department of Geography

North-Eastern Hill University

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5. Prof. U. S. Malik

Professor, Department of Geography

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6. Number of faculty with ongoing project from a) national b)international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title and grants received project-wise.

NAME OF THE TEACHER	TITLE OF THE PROJECT	DURATION	FUNDING AGENCY
Dr. Gopa Samanta	The Globalizing State, Public Services and the New Governance of Urban Local Communities in India: A Case Study of West Bengal, in collaboration with IIM, Ahmedabad.	November 2008-June 2009	Ford Foundation (International)
	Whose empowerment? A study of micro-finance institution and financial inclusion of India's rural women.	January 2011-December 2011	Australia India Institute (International)
	Subaltern Urbanisation in India	January 2011-December 2013	National Agency of France (International)
	Small and Medium Towns in Eastern India: The Dynamics of the Economy, Mobility and Governance	June 2013 to November 2014	Indian Council of Social Science research, New Delhi
Dr. Biplab Biswas*	Potentiality of Alternative Agriculture in Water stressed Burdwan; A case study of Ausgram I and II Block	Nov. 2007-Oct. 2009	GoWB, DST
	Role of Fluvial Geomorphology in Arsenic Distribution in Ground Water in Purbasthali I and II Blocks: A Remote Sensing and GIS Approach	June-2011 May-2014	UGC

	‘Use of remote sensing and Geographical Information System for data base generation and baseline mapping of water stressed areas driven by socio-economic, land use land cover and climatic changes of Burdwan District, West Bengal’	2013 - 2017	Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), DST, Govt. of India
Dr. Lakshmi Sivaramakrishnan	Role of Urban Forestry in Environment Enhancement and Use of Modern Techniques in its Management: A case study of Kolkata Metropolitan Area	2008-2011	UGC
Dr. Narayan Chandra Jana	Tribal Livelihood and Sustainable Development in Mayurbhanj, Orissa	2012-14	ICSSR

***Dr. Biplab Biswas** – Special Capacity Building Initiative - “21 Days NRDMS, DST, Govt. of India sponsored 1st Summer/Winter School – GEOMATICS-2012” May-June 2012.

Funding Agencies: NRDMS, DST, Govt. of West Bengal

7. Inter-institutional collaborative projects

a) National Collaboration - 1

Collaborative Institution	Faculty From BU	Funding Agency
Indian Institute of Management	Gopa Samanta	Ford Foundation

b) International Collaboration – 2

Collaborative Institutions	Faculty From BU	Funding Agency
University of Canberra	Gopa Samanta	Australia India Institute
Centre de Sciences Humaine	Gopa Samanta	National Agency of France

B. Personal Research Projects

Sl. No	Funding Agency	No of Research Projects
1	Ford Foundation	1
2	Australia India Institute	1
3	National Agency of France	1
4	ICSSR	2
5	UGC	2
6	DST	2

8 Seminars / Conferences / Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

1. National Seminar on *Geo-Spatial Technology and Research in Geography*, organized by the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, West Bengal, 29th March 2008.

Outstanding Participants: Dr. Prithvish Nag (Former Surveyor General of India & currently Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, M.G. KashiVidyapeeth, Varanasi), Prof. Baleshwar Thakur (Former Professor of Geography, University of Delhi & Former Vice Chancellor, Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar), Prof. N. Sivagnanam (Professor of Geography, University of Madras), Dr. P. S. Chakraborty (OSD, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal) and Prof. S. Sengupta (Chief Scientist, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of West Bengal).

Funding Agencies: DST, GoWB & Dept. of Higher Education, GoWB.

- 2. International Conference on *Environment, Resource and Regional Development***, organized by the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, West Bengal, 8th & 9th March 2010.

Outstanding Participants: Prof. Ragnhild Lund (Professor, Department of Geography, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway), Prof. Jayant K Routray (Professor and Academic Senate Chair, Regional and Rural Development Planning & Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management Academic Programs, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand), Prof. ShahnazHuq-Hussain (Professor, Department of Geography and Environment, Dhaka University, Bangladesh), Dr. KuntalaLahiri-Dutt (Fellow, Research School of Asia-Pacific, Australian National University), Dr. Kamala Marius-Gnanou (Associate Professor of Geography, University of Bordeaux, France), Prof. SudeshNangia (Professor of Geography, CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi & Member, UGC) and Dr. R. B. Singh (Department of Geography, University of Delhi)

Funding Agencies: DST-GoWB, Dept. of Higher Education-GoWB, ICSSR, UGC, The University of Burdwan.

- 3. 33rd Indian GeographyCongress on *Resources and Development***, organized by the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, West Bengal, November 11-13, 2011.

Outstanding Participants: Prof. Y. G. Joshi (Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science, Ujjain), Prof. C. R. Pathak (Former Professor of Regional Planning, IIT, Kharagpur), Prof. R. N. Chattopadhyay (Former Professor of Regional Planning, IIT, Kharagpur), Dr. R. B. Singh (Department of Geography, University of Delhi), Prof. Ambarish Mukherjee (Professor of Botany, The University of Burdwan), Prof. G. K. Panda (Professor of Geography, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), Dr. KuntalaLahiri-Dutt (Fellow, Research School of Asia-Pacific, Australian National University), Dr. ApurbaRatanGhosh (Department of Environmental Science, The University of Burdwan), Dr. Somenath Bhattacharyya (Institute of Wetland Management and Ecological Design, GoWB)

Funding Agencies: DST-GoWB, Dept. of Higher Education-GoWB, ICSSR, UGC, ISRO, NATMO, Anthropological Survey of India, CSIR, MoES.

4. UGC-SAP-DRS National Seminar on Sustainable Management of Resources in Backward Areas: Issues and Challenges, organized by the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, 25-26 March 2013

Outstanding Participants: Prof. Saraswati Raju (Professor of Geography, CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), Prof. R. B. P. Singh (Professor of Geography, Patna University), Prof. Farasat Ali Siddique (Professor of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University), Dr. Amal Kar (Former Principal Scientist, CAZRI, Jodhpur), Prof. Ranjan Basu (Professor of Geography, University of Calcutta), Prof. Sukla Bhaduri (Professor of Geography, University of Calcutta), Prof. Sunando Bandyopadhyay (Professor of Geography, University of Calcutta), Prof. Parbati Nandi (Professor of Geography, Visva Bharati)

Funding Agencies: University Grants Commission

5. 35th Indian Geographers' Meet & International Conference on Environment, Development and Equity, organized by the Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, 11-13 November 2013.

Outstanding Participants: Padmabhusan Prof. Bikas Sinha (Homi Bhabha Professor, Department of Atomic Energy & Member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Govt. of India), Prof. S. R. Jog (President, Institute of Indian Geographers, Pune), Prof. K. R. Dikshit (Founder President, Institute of Indian Geographers, Pune), Dr. Prithvish Nag (Former Surveyor General of India & currently Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, M.G. Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi), Prof. M. H. Qureshi (Former Professor of Geography, JNU & currently Khawaja Chair, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi), Dr. Srikumar Chattopadhyay (Former Scientist-G, Director Grade, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Thiruvananthapur, Kerala), Prof. Girija Prasad Pande (Professor of History, Uttarakhand Open University), Prof. Surya Kant (Former Professor of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh), Dr. Wilhelm Zoltan (University of Pecs, Hungary), Dr. N. P. Kurian (Director, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Thiruvananthapur, Kerala), Prof. D. K. Nayak (Professor of Geography, NEHU, Shillong), Prof. A. C. Mohapatra (Professor of Geography, NEHU, Shillong), Prof. H. Ramachandran (Former Professor of Geography, University of Delhi), Prof. K. C.

Sivaramakrishnan (Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi), Prof. AmitaBhide (TISS, Mumbai), Prof. SudeptaAdhikari (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Patna University).

Funding Agencies: DST-GoWB, Dept. of Higher Education-GoWB, ICSSR, Anthropological Survey of India, MoES, ILEE.

36. International Faculties Visiting the Department

A. Prof. SatyeshChakraborty Memorial Lectures

- 1. Ist lecture Speaker – Prof. A. K. Dutt, Emeritus of Geography, Planning and Urban Studies, The University of Akron, USA(Topic: Urbanization Levels and Socio-Economic Correlates of Asian Muslim Countries)**
- 2. 2nd Lecture Speaker - Dr. KuntalaLahiri-Dutt, Senior Fellow in the Resource, Environment and Development group, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and thePacific, Australian National University (Topic:What is Nature? What is the Environment? What is a Resource? Exploring Emerging Approaches in Geography)**

B. Special Lectures by International Faculties

- 3. Dr. AyonaDutta, Senior Lecturer in Citizenship and Belonging. School of Geography, University of Leeds, UK on 6th August 2014. (Topic: The Intimate City: Violence, Gender and Ordinary Life in Delhi Slums).**
- 4. Dr. SylvieFanchette, Senior Researcher, Institute of Research for Development (IRD), France (Topic: Development on Deltas: A Study of Vietnam and Africa).**
- 5. Dr. Michael Adams, Associate Professor, Wollongong University, Australia on 12th February, 2014 (Topic:Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development)**
- 6. Prof. Gijs Mom, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherland, 2nd January 2010 (Topic: History of Transport and Modernity: A Case of Electric Railway Engine)**

7. Dr. Kamala Marius-Gnanou, Bordeaux University 3, Bordeaux, France on 20th April 2012 (**Topic: Gender, Work and Informal Labour in South India**).