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PREFACE

It's a matter of great esteem to present the 32nd Volume of AGS Newsletter to our members. The Association for Geographical Studies provides an opportunity and vision for geographers of Delhi to inherit and disseminate information relating to their geographical research on different contemporary physical and human issues, address priority issues of global, national and local importance; develop links with other core subjects and institutions. The tradition of geographical research, along with its significant changes in subject and methodologies, will meet the expectation of society as the science of practical value and contribute to the development of global change research.

The association will continue to explore a new paradigm of geo-environmental research focusing primarily on interaction between human and physical processes. With this vision the AGS has taken new initiatives for organizing discussion through seminars/workshops and brainstorming sessions. We will continue to identify future research issues, involving both macro-theoretical research and micro-case studies relating to key management with relation to key areas like environmental security, climate change and variability, scaling-up issues, social and economic vulnerabilities, land and water dynamics and predicting future environmental changes.

This newsletter, published annually by the AGS is a platform where we provide information related to the activities undertaken by various Departments of Geography in University. Along with Departmental status it also provides information regarding the academic achievements of the faculty members which includes information related to their participation in Seminars and Conferences, Workshops etc, details of publications and so on. No work is successful unless and until it has a dedicated workforce behind it. Acknowledgements are therefore, attributed to the entire editorial team, Amrita Bajaj, Rajesh Kumar Abhay and Ajay Kumar, Krishnanand and Bhanu whose dedication and hard work has made this volume a possibility. Special thanks are due to Dr. T.S. Rana and Dr. Lalita Rana for their help in variety of ways in preparing this Newsletter. We do hope that members will find AGS as a valuable platform to develop strong linkages with fellow geographers in order to promote collaborative geographical research in future. Such experiences will make a significant contribution in developing the Indian Geography.

AGS Team

ABOUT THE AGS

The Association of Geographical Studies, formed in 1979, has been slowly but steadily progressing in all the departments; the numerical strength of the members has been on the rise; consequently, and also because of better fiscal planning (which will lead us to an increase in the number of activities and also ventures into some costlier projects). In spite of all this, we do realize that this is just a beginning and that we have a long way to cover.

Aims and Objectives

- a) To promote mutual academic contact among members.
- b) To organize academic activities such as seminars, workshops and field trips.
- c) To take steps to improve teaching and research at all levels.
- d) To undertake publications of an academic nature relating to Geography,
- e) To maintain a library of books, journals and other allied materials.
- f) To promote the interests of Geography and Geographers.
- g) To institute prizes/scholarships for recognition of scholarship achievements of students and teachers of Geography.
- h) To co-operate with other professional bodies and institution in the promotion of the objectives listed above and
- i) To own, purchase or lease movable or immovable property to further any of the objectives above.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Association, I welcome you all in the Annual General Body Meeting of the AGS. In this meeting, I take the opportunity of presenting the Annual Report for the year 2010-11.

Office Bearers

The office bearers elected in the General Body Meeting held on 18 April, 2009, continued this year as per the constitution. They are Professor Sudesh Nangia, President; Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Vice President; Dr. Tejbir Singh Rana, General Secretary; Dr. Tribhuvan Prasad as Treasurer. Likewise Executive Committee members are Dr. R.N. Dubey, Dr. V.S.

Negi, Dr. Vaneeta Chandna and Ms. Amrita Bajaj. The Executive Committee members in its meeting held on 15th September 2008, appointed Dr. Lalita Rana as Editor. Ms. Amrita Bajaj, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Abhay, Mr. Bhanu Prakash Singh and Mr. Krishnanand are the members of Editorial Board.

New Memberships

This year we have been able to add 28 geographers as Life Member. The life members thus swelled from 238 in 2009- 2010 to 266 in 2010-2011. The New Life members include Sumit Kumar, Bachan Singh Bisht, Manjit Singh, Janki Jiwan, Ranvijay Singh, Gargi, Ranjeet Kumar, Manikant Manish, Mohd. Saleem Mir, Bhanu Prakash Singh, Abhay Shankar Prasad, Khusro Moin, Aakriti Grover, Arun Kumar Tripathi, Krishnanand, Kriti, Kumar Nishant, Ashok Kumar, Manasi Janmajaya, Tanaya Dutta Gupta, Shubra Singh, Dr. Neha Arora Sekri, Dr. Shabana Khan, Anupam Kumar Singh, Sumit Kumar, Ravi Kumar and Vijay Kumar.

Activities of the AGS

- a) Obtaining space for independent AGS website from University of Delhi.
- b) Informing all the AGS members about the National and International Seminars of Geography time to time.
- c) Field excursion to Keoladeo Water Bird Sanctuary, Bharatpur and 16th Century fort at Fatehpur Sikri.
- d) Contribution in the formation of new academic curriculum of B.A. (Hons.) Geography and B.A. (Prog.) Geography under semester scheme ensuring the same workload and introducing the four new papers for undergraduate honours course (Analytical Physical Geography, Social Geography, Regional Geography of India, Rural Development).
- e) Uploading the various articles related to under graduate courses on AGS website.
- f) Launched the AGS virtual page on Facebook where the members can avail various information and photographs of AGS activities.
- g) AGS has also get its permanent space in the Department of Geography, courtesy by Dr. Anu Kapur, Head, Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

Field Excursions

An excursion to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary and Fatehpur Sikri, was organized by AGS from 6-7th August, 2011. At Bharatpur, variety of Fish eating birds, insect eating and grain eating birds with different sizes of beak and wings along with the combination of reptiles, amphibians and fish species were the major highlights while riding at bicycles through the group of monkey in the sanctuary. Buland Darwaja, Todarmal's Cartographic Lab at Fatehpur Sikri were the main centre of the attractions. 34 participants from different colleges and department joined the excursion. The students and the faculty had a very interactive and free time along with academic dialogues.

I appreciate the efforts of Dr. V.K. Tyagi, Dr. Surender Singh, Dr. B.S. Dahiya, Dr. D.V. Chhikara, Dr. Lalita Rana, Dr. T. S. Rana, Dr. V.A.V. Raman, Dr. Dilip, Ms. Amrita Bajaj, Mr. Suraj Mal, and Mr. R.K. Abhay who gave efforts and support for the success of two-day long excursion.

AGS Scholarships

After taking approval in General Body Meeting it was decided to award scholarship to two under-graduate students (Rs. 1100/= each) of two different colleges on rotation basis, towards the expenditure of their field study. It would be the sole authority of the teacher-in-charge to decide the student to be awarded on the basis of merit, economic status etc. This year it was awarded to two students of two different colleges. The students are Mr. Pawan Kumar Yadav, B.A. (Hons) Geography, II Year from Kirori Mal College and Ms. Urvashi Sharma, B.A. (Hons) Geography, II Year from Kamala Nehru College.

At the end, we sincerely acknowledge continuous support of the zonal coordinators and the Teacher-in Charges of college departments for smooth functioning of AGS. Your feedback and cooperation are welcome.

30th November, 2011
Delhi

Dr. Tejbir Singh Rana
General Secretary, AGS

1: NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS OF GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

A. DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The academic session 2010-11 continued under the headship of Dr. Anu Kapur. The Department has ten faculty members. Beside, the Department has four other technical and four office staff in various administrative posts. In this academic year, 76 students were admitted in M.A. and about 20 in M.Phil. Course. In the academic session 10 students have been awarded Doctoral degree and 23 scholars have been registered in Ph.D. programme. Besides, 17 students have been awarded Master of Philosophy degree. The Department had been active in organizing Seminars and Research Forums. During the session, the Department has improved well-equipped cartographic lab and a Remote Sensing Lab.

Professor H. Ramachandran

Published a Chapter titled “Governance and Administrative Reforms: Reforming the Public Administration and Civil Service” In S. Kohli and A Sood (eds) *India 2039 – An Affluent Society in one Generation*, Sage, New Delhi

Dr. R. B. Singh

International / National Academic Recognition:

Managing Editor- National Association of Geographers, India, NAGI (2010-13).

A. Published Books/Atlas/Research Volumes:

1. Medicinal Plants and Sustainable Livelihood, (Jointly with M.Panwar and S.K.Sharma), R.K.Books, New Delhi, Pages 342, 2010.
2. Glocal Environmental Education, (Jointly with Y.Himiyama, F. Kanda and J. Hindson), Rawat Publications, Jaipur, Pages 246, 2010.

B. Research Papers Published in Foreign Countries:

- 1 An Analysis of Local Spatial Temperature Patterns in the Delhi Metropolitan Area, (Jointly with S.Sen Roy and Manoj Kumar), Physical Geography, Vol. 32, pp. 114-38, 2011.
- 2 Mountain Risks in Downstream Water Resource Management in Upper Bhagirathi Basin, Indian Himalayas, (Jointly with Subodh Kumar), IAHS Red Book Pub. 347, pp. 49-54, 2011.
- 3 Spatial Analysis of the Yamuna Water Quality in Pre and Post Monsoon Periods, (Jointly with Vaneeta Chandana), IAHS Red Book Pub. 348, pp. 8-13, 2011.
- 4 Land Use Environment and Development in the Uttarakhand Himalaya, India, in Volume Towards Sustainable Land Use in Asia, Ed. Y. Himiyama, SLUAS Science Report 2010, Hokkaido University of Education, Asahikwa, pp.47-64, 2010.

Research Papers Published in India

1. Hazard Risk Assessment and Disaster Management Strategies in Mountains, (Jointly with Subodh Kumar), World Focus, Vol. 32, No.3, pp.143-52, 2011.
2. Geospatial Information Technology for Governance and Education in India: Focus on Disaster Management and Agriculture Development, Charmanvati: Research Jl. Of Geography, Vol. 10, pp. 1-10, 2010.
3. Designing and Shaping Global to Local Environmental Education: The Indian Experience, Pub. In Glocal Environmental Education, Eds. Y.Himiyama et al., Rawat Publications, Jaipur, pp.62-80, 2010.

Dr. S. C. Rai

M.Phil. Supervised

- Mr. Jitendra Rishideo, Mr. Vivekanand Pradhan and Ms. Preeti Kumari.

Dr. Anindita Datta

M.Phil Supervised

- Praveen Kumar (2010) Environmental Degradation and Women's Health: A Case Study of Bhalaswa and Jehangirpuri.

Publication

- *Gender and Space: Themes from Asia*, special issue of Gender Technology and Development, Volume 15, number 3, 2011, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi (in press).

Conferences Organized

- One Day workshop on "Reading the City" on 22nd February, 2011 at the International Guest House, University of Delhi.
- International seminar "Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to studying Gender in Asia" on 3rd 4th and 5th March 2010 at University of Delhi, in collaboration with College of Asia and Pacific, Australian National University.

Paper Presented

- Reinterpreting Power and Agency within Indigenous Feminisms: Whither Indian Geography? Presented at International seminar "Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to studying Gender in Asia" on 3rd 4th and 5th March 2010 at University of Delhi.
- The Royal Courtesan, The Kingmaker's Concubine: Re imagining Delhi: International seminar "Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to studying Gender in Asia" on 3-5th March, 2010 at University of Delhi.

Research Projects

- Remapping Leisure: A Gendered Exploration of Third place in Delhi funded by University of Delhi under scheme to strengthen Faculty research (11-17) from 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and currently 2010-2011.

Dr. Anjan Sen

Ph.D. Supervised

- Sheetal Sharma – "Dynamics of Development in Central National Capital Region".

Research Projects

- Historiical and Political factors in Under-development of Region – A Case study of Mandi and Kullu Districts, Himachal Pradesh.

Publications

- Sheetal Sharma and Sen Anjan (2011) “Dynamics of Non-Agriculture Land use in Central National Capital Region 1981-2001” ITPI 59th National and Country Planning Congress 2011, Technical Pages (Unlisted).
- Sheetal Sharma and Sen Anjan (2011) “Levels of Development in Central National Capital Region 1981-2001” ITPI Journal Vol. 8, No. 1, April-June 2011.

Dr. Ashis Kumar Saha

M.Phil. Supervised

- Ankita Medhi – “Impact of Land use/Land cover change in Rhino Habitat in Kaziranga National Park, Assam”.

Research Projects

- “Remote Sensing-GIS based Landslide Inventory Mapping and Susceptibility Zonation using Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) in a Himalayan Terrain” sponsored by University of Delhi.
- “Development of Object based Remote Sensing-GIS Methodology for Landslide Recognition and Hazard Zonation in Garhwal Himalayas” sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Delhi.

Seminar/Conferences

- Reading the City: Through the Eyes of an Erstwhile Kolkatan, Workshop on “Reading the City” 22 February, 2011, Department of Geography, University of Delhi, Delhi (Oral Presentation).

Dr. Aparajita De

Projects

- “*Culture, Space and Identity: A Geographical analysis of Bollywood through Media*” Research Grant received in 2009 and 2010 from University of Delhi

Seminars/Conferences

- “*Bubbly, Sexy, Tragic: the Good girls and Bad girls in Bollywood*” at International Seminar on Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to Studying Gender in Asia, March 3rd to 5th, 2010, University of Delhi.

B. GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT IN COLLEGES

I. ADITI COLLEGE

The Department of Geography presently has a total of 9 faculty members and about 200 students taking B.A. (Hons.), B.A. (Prog.) and B.El.Ed. together. Continuing the glory of the past, 2 students of B.A. (Hons.) III year secured 2nd position, B.A.(Hons.) II year student secured 9th position and B.A. (Hons.) I year student secured 5th position in the University. Besides academics, our Students have done equally well in extra-curricular activities through their achievements at various intra and inter-college competitions.

The new academic session of the department started by celebrating the welcome of the First Year B.A. (Hons.) students on 10th August, 2010. While the orientation programme of the department was held one week later i.e. on 17th August, 2010. Dr. Tejbir Singh Rana, Associate Professor, Shivaji College, University of Delhi enriched the students by speaking on the “Scope of Geography”. Another interesting presentation was made by Dr, Jagbir Singh, Associate Professor, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi on “Ecological and Environmental Threats to the Great Barrier Reef-Australia”.

Thirty six students of Second year B.A. (Hons) and B.El.Ed. (having geography as optional subject) with 3 faculty members went to Gujarat for field study from 23rd January to 30th January 2011. The students made a questionnaire based field survey in Ahmedabad, Okha, Somnath, Porbandar, Diu in order to find out the “Development of Tourism in Gujarat”.

The Geographical Society ‘DHARITRI’ has organised 2 days Geo-fest on 4th – 5th March, 2011. The Department celebrated the fest keeping ‘Forest’ as the theme since the year 2011 is declared by UN as international year of Forests. During the first day of the programme Dr. Baleshwar Thakur, Retd. Professor from Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economic, University of Delhi delivered a lecture on ‘Land Resource in India’. A lecture on ‘Hazards in North-East India’ was also delivered by Dr. S.C. Rai, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Besides inter college debate competition, collage making, photography competition and treasure hunt were organised during the fest. On the second day of the fest a total of 53 students from B.A. (Hons) I, II, III years and B.A. (Prog.) (having geography as one of the subjects) along with teaching and non-teaching staff made a local educational trip to 2 places in Delhi. The students enjoyed ‘Udyan Utsav’ at Mughal Garden and ‘PUSA Krishi Vigyan Mela’, organised by ICAR, held at IARI, PUSA, Delhi.

Dr. Punyatoya Patra

- Two students have been registered Ph.D. in the University of Delhi under her supervision.
- Successfully completed major research project on “Management of Forests Lands in the Kendujhar District, Orissa” using Remote Sensing and GIS funded by UGC.
- Presented a paper on “Impact of Forest Management on Canopy Cover in the Kendujhar District, Orissa” on 19-21 November, 2010 at Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- Edited a book “Fringe Dynamism in Delhi Metropolitan City” published by Globe Publishing House.
- Has been awarded under the scheme “Award for College Lecturer”, initiated by Directorate of Higher Education, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Dr. Anju Singh

- Participated in a Training Workshop on Digital Image Processing, ERDAS Imagine 2010 software organised by DCRC, University of Delhi, Delhi, held on 6th – 7th July, 2010.

Ms. Mamta Arora

- Presented paper titled, “An Application of Remote Sensing in the Urban and Peri-Urban Area of NCT of Delhi”, organised by IIG at University of Rajasthan, Jaipur on 17th – 19th January, 2011.
- Published an article on “Spatial Pattern of Urban Agriculture in NCT of Delhi : A Case Study of Alipur Block” In the Book “Fringe Dynamism in Delhi Metropolitan City”, edited by Dr. Punyatoya Patra, published by Globe Publishing House.
- Participated in an international conference on Science, Spirituality and Humanity transcending disciple barriers organised by Shivaji College on February 17th – 19th, 2011.

Ms. Tehmina Rehman

- Presented a paper on “Land use pattern for Sustainable Agriculture Development of Cold Desert” organised by 32nd IGC, NAGI, Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 19th -21st November 2010.
- Participated in a training workshop on ArcGIS 9.3.1 Software organised by ESRI India, NIIT Corporate Office, Mathura Road New Delhi held on 13th – 17th December, 2010.
- Participated in one day seminar organised by ESRI India on Geo Vision Nationwide Seminar Series at Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Delhi held on 12th November 2010.
- Participated in a Training Workshop on Digital Image Processing, ERDAS Imagine 2010 software organised by DCRC, University of Delhi, Delhi, held on 6th – 7th July, 2010.

Dr. Neetu Mallik

- Published a research paper entitled “Disaster Preparedness among Women in NCR” in an Indian Geographical Journal published from Jodhpur
- Acted a Convener for International Day Celebration for Disaster Risk Reduction on 30th October 2010 in Association with Delhi Fire Service Academy, Government of Delhi, Delhi.
- Acted a Convener for a National Workshop on “Youth, Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction” held at American Center, New Delhi on 25th – 26th March, 2011.

Dr. Ruby Choudhary

- Awarded Ph.D. Degree on “Environmental Management of Lagoon Wetlands: A Comparative Spatial Analysis of Bundala in Sri Lanka and Chillika in India” from Jawahar Lal Nehru University.
- Completed 5 day GIS training programme on “Introduction to ArcGIS 9.3.x” from 13th to 17th December 2010 conducted by ESRI India.

Ms. Roshani Devi

- Participated in International Seminar on “Contextualizing Gender Issues in Asia” organised by Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi from 3-5 March 2010.

- Participated in an international conference on Science, Spirituality and Humanity transcending disciple barriers organised by Shivaji College on February 17th – 19th, 2011.
- Enrolled in Ph.D. Programme on “ Biophysical and Socio-Economic Vulnerability to Disaster in the Lesser Himalaya of Himachal Pradesh” in Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi

Ms. Sneh Gangwar

- Completed 5 day GIS training programme on “Introduction to ArcGIS 9.3.x” from 13th to 17th December 2010 conducted by ESRI India.
- Participated in International Seminar on “Contextualizing Gender Issues in Asia” organised by Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi from 3-5 March 2010.
- Participated in an international conference on Science, Spirituality and Humanity transcending disciple barriers organised by Shivaji College on February 17th – 19th, 2011.

II. BHIM RAO AMBEDKAR COLLEGE

The department organized a field trip of B.A. (Hons.) II year students to Nainital and Kasauni under guidance of Dr. R. Thakur and Mr. Sibabrata Das. The theme of the trip was "Comparative Study of Water Resource Management of Ramnagar and Nainital". A total 56 students participated in the trip. Dr. V.A.V. Raman delivered lecture in Annual Festival of Geography on Earthquake and Himalayan Plate Margin and Various Contemporary Issues.

Dr. Monica Ahlawat

- Participated and presented Paper on “ Women and Environmental Degradation in Rural Delhi”, IGU International Seminar on Contextualizing Gender Issues in Asia, the Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 3-5 March 2010.
- Participated and presented Paper on “Women and Environmental Education at National Conference on Women and Environmental Education and Climate Change organized by All India Foundation for Peace and Disaster Management at The American Center, New Delhi 28-29 May 2010.
- Participated and presented Paper on “ Women in Agriculture: The invisible farmers : A case study of Rural Delhi” at 32nd Indian Geography Congress, National Association of Geographers, Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 19-21 November 2010.
- Participated and presented Paper on “Portrayal of Women in Print Media”, at a Seminar on “The Portrayal of Women in Contemporary Media: A Curse or a Boon”, at B.R. Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, 24-25 January, 2011.
- Participated at National Conference on Youth, Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction organized by AllIndia Foundation for Peace and Disaster Management at The American Center, New Delhi, 25-26 March 2011.
- Participated and compared Workshop on “Malnutrition Among Indian Women with Special Emphasis on Anemia” by National Service Scheme Unit, NSS Annual Day Function at B.R. Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, 19th April 2011.

III. KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE

The Department organized a Geo-fest on “Eco-Urbanization” in January 2010. Department also organized a field excursion to Nainital and Bhimtal as well as an Eco- Club (Green Beans) outing to Sultanpur National Park. The Departmental Annual Newsletter "GEOGRAPHIKA" was released under the guidance of Mr. Rajesh Kumar Abhay and it was appreciated profusely. Some of the individual contributions of the faculty members are as follows:

- Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni organized a "Certificate Course on Eco-tourism" in December 2010.
- Dr. Ranjana Gera, Dr. Nitasha Malhotra, Dr. Bharati Dave and Dr. Pratibha Bhalla were involved in preparing learning lessons for ILLL.
- Dr. Ranjana Gera published an article, co-authored by Professor Mohd. Ishtiaque – “Information technology enabled services in India: A study of growth factors and sustainability issues”.
- Dr. Sarita Ghai and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Abhay attended "Delhi International Renewable Energy Conference (DIREC)" organized by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Delhi in October, 2010.
- Dr. Sarita Ghai attended a talk on "Value-based Education" on 28th November, 2011, chaired by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.
- Ms. Azka Kamil attended the two day conference in Jamia Millia Islamia University from 28 - 29 November, 2011 and she also attended an orientation / refresher course during the same year.
- Rajesh Kumar Abhay (2010-11) has published article on "Understanding Water Scarcity", Akademos, Volume 5: 67-74, ISSN: 2231-0584.
- Rajesh Kumar Abhay with Professor B. Thakur has also published an article on (2009) "Management of Water Scarcity in Rajasthan: A case study of Sikar district", in A. Kumar, R. S. Kushwaha, and B. Thakur (eds) (2010) Earth System Sciences: Felicitation Volume in honour of Professor V. K. Verma, New Delhi: Concept, 228-253.

IV. KIRORI MAL COLLEGE

The Department is going to organize study trip of 40 students to Gujarat. The locations to be visited are Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Dwarka, Porbandar, Vairaval, Gir Forest, Somnath and Diu. The trip coordinators are Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Dr. Arun Kumar Tripathi and Mr. Surendra Kanojia. Department also invited Dr. K. Meena from JNU for lecture series.

Mr. Ajay Kumar

- Published paper co-authored by Dr. R.B. Singh, titled “Climate Change Vulnerability of Agriculture in Arid Region of Rajasthan” in Annals, NAGI, Volume 31(1), June, 2011.
- Published chapter co-authored by Dr. R.B. Singh, titled “Economic Reforms, Employment Generation and Inclusive Growth in India” In B.S. Yadav, Anand Singh and F.A. Ahmed (eds.) New Economic Policies and Employment Opportunities in India. Shree Publishers and Distributors.

- Participated in IGU International Seminar on Contextualising Gender Issues in Asia organised by the Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 3-5 March 2010.
- Participated in 32nd Indian National Congress of National Association of Geography (NAGI) organized by Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh during 19-21 November, 2010.
- Presented paper titled “Vulnerability to Climate Change of Arid Regions in India” in IGU International Seminar on “Biodiversity and Climate Change” organized by Cotton College, Guwahati during 15-17 December, 2010.
- Participated in 3 day seminar on “The Transculturality of Historical Disasters: Governance and the Materialisation of Glocalisation” organised by “Cultures of Disaster” (JRG A6), Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe”, Heidelberg University in cooperation with the Cluster Liaison Office New Delhi and the Goethe-Institute, held at Max Muller Bhavan, New Delhi on 3-5 March, 2011.
- Participated and presented paper titled “Climate Variability in Dry Region of Rajasthan” in 33rd Indian National Congress of National Association of Geography (NAGI) organized by Department of Geography, University of Barddhaman, Burdwan during 11-13 November, 2011.
- Participated in 2 day workshop on “Environmental Standards, Industrial Policy and Consumer Protection” organized by TERI University on 23 – 24 February, 2011.

V. SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE (Morning)

The Department started its activities with a welcome to the freshers in the month of August 2010. The Geography Association under the guidance of Staff Advisor, Dr. Suraj Mal held its inaugural function in September 2010. Dr. R.B. Singh from Department of Geography, University of Delhi spoke on “*Emerging Frontiers in Geography*”.

The two day Geo-fest VASUNDHARA was organized on the focal theme “*Disasters: Challenge for Biodiversity*” on 3-4 February, 2011 which was inaugurated by Prof. V. Rajamani, Retired Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University who spoke on the focal theme “Geo-environmental Education for Nature Awareness. Prof. Rajamani also released the annual magazine of the department “*Landscape*” on the occasion. On the second day there was a presentation by Mr. Nawal Prakash, Senior Research Officer, National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi. The fest also included inter-college debate on “*Is Bio-diversity loss a disaster?*” creative writing on “*Importance of Biodiversity conservation for disaster management*”, poster making on “*Shades of Disasters*”, Geodumbcharades, Quiz and film screening. The program was very well attended by more than 150 students from different colleges.

The association organised another lecture on March 3, 2011 in which Prof. H. Ramachandran, Professor in Department of Geography, University of Delhi gave a talk on “*Rural Development: Planning and Policies*”.

In the Annual Function of the Geography Association held on March 15, 2011, two speakers presented their views on interesting geographical aspects. Dr. Madan Mohan, Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia first spoke on “*Monitoring of Landuse/Landcover change in Gurgaon City*” followed by a talk by Mr. Martin Garwin, South Asian Institute, Heidelberg University on “*Socio-economic changes of Bhotia community in eastern Nanda Devi*”. The efforts of the office bearers were appreciated and they were awarded certificates.

Under the U.G.C. sponsored field visit, the second year students went to Uttarakhand, where they visited Dak Pathar, Chakrata and Mussoorie to study the "*Natural Resources and Economic Development of Dehradun District*" under the supervision of Dr. V.K. Tyagi and Dr. V.A.V. Raman of the Department of Geography.

Department of Geography, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (2011-till date)

Activities of Department of Geography

The Department started its activities with a welcome to the fresher in the month of September 2011. The Geography Association under the guidance of Staff Advisor, Dr. Vishwaraj Sharma held its inaugural function in September 2011. Dr. N.A. Siddiqui, former Principal and senior Geographer of the College spoke on "*Trends in Geography*".

Under the U.G.C. sponsored field visit, the second year students went to Dhauladhar Himalaya, Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh, where they visited Dharamshala, Palampur and Baijnath to study the "*Socio-Economic Structure in Kangra Valley, Himachal Pradesh*" under the supervision of Dr. V.K. Tyagi and Dr. V.A.V. Raman of the Department of Geography (Sept.-Oct.- 2011).

Faculty contribution (2010-11)

- Dr. V.K. Tyagi, Dr. V.A.V. Raman, Mr. Pankaj Kumar and Ms. Amrita Bajaj of the Department of Geography, attended the 32nd *Indian Geography Congress* of National Association of Geographers, India held at Panjab University, Chandigarh in November, 2010. Ms. Amrita Bajaj presented her paper entitled "*Commonwealth games: A Boost to Urban Infrastructure*" in the congress session.
- Dr. V.A.V. Raman, Department of Geography, was invited to deliver lectures on "*Plate Tectonics and Himalayan Orogeny*" in B.R. Ambedkar College, Delhi University and, on "*Remote Sensing Application in Geography*" at Institute of Geoinformatics and Technology, Gurgaon and Govt. College, Sidhrawali, Haryana.
- Dr. Swati Rajput participated in a workshop organised by National Institute of Open Schooling on "*Capacity building for lesson writers*". She also authored a chapter for NIOS in text book of Geography for class Xth. Dr. Swati completed successfully the Orientation Programme conducted by CPDHE, University of Delhi and presented a paper entitled "*Urban Agriculture: A step towards food security*" in the program.
- Dr. Poonam Sharma, Dr. Swati Rajput and Ms. Amrita Bajaj of the Department of Geography attended an International Seminar on "*Contextualizing Geographical approaches to studying Gender in Asia*" organised by IGU and Department of Geography, University of Delhi in March 2010. Dr. Poonam Sharma attended National Seminar on "Women Education on Environment & Climate Change" organized by AIFDM in May 2010.
- Mr. Suraj Mal, Department of Geography completed Refresher Course in Geography and Environment from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi in February-March 2011.
- Dr. Vishwaraj Sharma of Department of Geography participated in an International Conference on "*Spirituality, Religion and Technology: Transcending the Barriers*" organised by Shivaji College, University of Delhi.
- Dr. V.A.V. Raman, Department of Geography, was invited to deliver lecture on "*Himalayan Orogeny*" in Aditi Mahavidyalaya, Bawana College, University of Delhi. He also attended a conference on "Geospatial Technologies for Good Governance" on 24th November 2011, organized by FICCI, New Delhi.

- Dr. Vishwaraj Sharma presented a paper on industrial development and its impact on the environment - A case study of Agra City. in the 33rd IGC at Uni. of Bardhaman From 11-13 November, 2011 organised by NAGI

VI. SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE (Evening)

The department organized annual trip of B.A. (Hons.) II year students to Manali under supervision of Dr. Ravi Sekhar Dr. B.W. Pandey and Dr.V.S. Negi. The department also organized lecture series by Professor Alex Felson of University of Yale, USA on the topic "Sustainable Growth of Cities"

Dr. Suresh Kumar Bandooni obtained a project on Himalayan Development sponsored by Department of Science and Technology. Dr. B.W. Pandey delivered lecture in University of Arizona on Sustainable Mountain Development and Witwatersrand University South Africa on Micro Climate Change. Dr. B.W. Pandey has also edited a book on "In Search of Sustainability" containing 15 articles.

VII. SHIVAJI COLLEGE

Department of Geography, Shivaji College conducted a long excursion study tour of 50 students to Salogra, Solan and Shimla for the study of Environment and Development in Himalayas which is the part of academic curriculum of B.A. (Hons) II year. Dr. D.V. Chikkara, Dr. Lalita Rana, Mrs. Pooja Chaudhary and Mr. Jagmohan organized the excursion.

In the annual geography festival called Shivalik organized a 2 day seminar where Dr. Milap Chand Sharma from JNU delivered lecture on the Status of Himalayan Glaciers and Dr. Devesh Sharma from IARI delivered a lecture on the implications of Green Revolution in North-West India.

VIII. SWAMI SHRADDHANAND COLLEGE

The teacher-in-charge for the current session is Dr. Preeti Sachar. The II year field trip is planned to Darjeeling, Sikkim from 11 – 18, December 2011. The Geo-fest 2011-12 is scheduled to be held in February, 2012. All faculties attended 3 day workshop on Rainwater Harvesting in Khalsa College, University of Delhi conducted by Dr. Khatri, Convener, Department of Commerce, Swami Shraddhanand College.

Dr. Subhash Anand

- Promoted as Associate Professor in Department of Geography, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi.
- Edited a book titled "Eco-development : A Glocal Perspective"
- Published a paper titled "Economic Reforms and Employment Scenario in India : An Overview"
- Holds the position of Associate Editor for the National Journal "The Horizon" (ISSN Accredited).

SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS

Dr. Krishna Prabha Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)

NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS (PERMANENT STATUS)

Ms. Amrita Bajaj	:	Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)
Dr. Vishwa Raj Sharma:		Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)
Ms. Kanchana	:	Kirori Mal College

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Professors : Professor H. Ramchandran

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Dr. R.B. Singh
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