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## ***PREFACE***

It's a matter of privilege to present the 31<sup>st</sup> volume of AGS Newsletter to our enlightened members. The Association of Geographical Studies provides an opportunity for geographers of Delhi to participate, evolve 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. Environmental conditions of such issues, being viewed as locational capabilities of regions, are also the deciding factors of the micro, meso and macro regional environmental change. The tradition of geographical research, alongwith 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 explore a new paradigm of geo-environmental research in which the integration of human and physical processes is facilitated. Considering such importance, the AGS has taken new initiatives for organizing discussion through seminars/workshops and brainstorming sessions. We will 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.

The newsletter provides information about the activities undertaken by various Departments of Geography in University. Different activities include seminar, conferences, workshop, fest etc. It also gives detail of the academic work/achievements of the Faculty members of the Departments of the academic session 2008-09.

Acknowledgements are attributed to the entire editorial team, Amrita Bajaj, Rajesh Kumar Abhay and Tehmina Rahman, whose dedication and hard work has made this volume a possibility. Special thanks are due to Dr. Punyatoya Patra and Dr. T.S. 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.

*Editorial Board*

## **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 2008-09.

### **Office Bearers**

The office bearers elected in the General Body Meeting held on 25th April, 2007, continued this year as per the constitution. They are Prof. S.K. Aggarwal, President, Dr. N. Kandhari, Vice President, Dr. Punyatoya Patra, General Secretary, Dr. T.S. Rana as Treasurer. Likewise Executive Committee members are Dr. S. C. Rai, Dr. Daljeet Chiller, Ms. Preeti Tewari, Mr. S. Zaheen Alam. The Executive Committee members in its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008, appointed Dr. Lalita Rana as editor. Ms. Amrita Bajaj, Mr. Rajesh Kumar Abhay and Ms. Tehmina are the members of Editorial Board.

### **New Membership**

This year we have been able to add 29 geographers as Life Member. The life members thus swelled from 208 in 2007- 2008 to 237 in 2008-2009. The New Life members include Afzal Raza Khan, Ms. Parul Jain, Ms. Manali Baruah, Ms. Chandreyi Basu, Mr. Satyendra Kadiyan, Ms. Kanchana Narasimhan, Ms. Payal Srivastava, Dr. Mahammad Babar Ali, Dr. R.N. Dubey, Ms. Arti Sharma, Ms. Anuradha Kumari, Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Dr. Narendra Rana, Ms. Kapila Dagar, Ms. Hema Bhardwaj, Ms. Nitu Goswami, Ms. Neha Taneja, Ms. Ruby, Ms. Surya Tiwari, Ms. Gauri, Dr. Kavita Aroara, Ms. Vidhi Saluja, Mr. Ajay Gurjar, Ms. Sneh Gangwar, Ms. Ankita, Mr. Nitin Punit, Mr. Girish, Vivekanand Pradhan and Mr. Yogesh Kumar.

### **Activities of the AGS**

#### **Lectures and Seminar**

The following lectures and seminar were organized in different zones.

- Two lectures were organized by the members of Northern Zone (comprising Aditi Mahavidyalaya and Swami Shradhanand College) at Aditi Mahavidyalaya on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. The first one was on "Role of Remote Sensing and GIS in Natural Resources Management" delivered by Mr. Khushpal Dahiya, Director, GEO Solutions, Gurgaon and second one was on "Problems of Indian Demography" delivered by Dr. T.S. Rana, Associate Prof. Shivaji College, University of Delhi.
- Likewise two lectures were organized by the members of Southern Zone (comprising Dyal Singh College, Kamla Nehru College, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Morning College and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Evening College). The first one was on "Climate Change and its Impact on Mass Movements" by *Dr. P.K. Champati*

Ray, Head, Geosciences Division, SAARC Disaster Management Centre, New Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at Kamala Nehru College. The second one was on “Geography, Environment and Sustainable Development” by *Dr. R. B. Singh*, Department of Geography, University of Delhi, Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)

- A one day seminar on “Scope of GIS and Remote Sensing in Geography” was organized by the members of Western Zone (comprising Kalindi College, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College and Shivaji College) in September, 2008. Professor S.M. Rashid, Dean, Jamia Millia Islamia University, delivered a keynote address on “Scope of Remote Sensing and GIS” and several agencies as Lipton Software, CAD Studio and ASIM Industries (for GPS) participated in the seminar.
- One lecture was organized by the members of Central-Eastern Zone (comprising Miranda House, Kirori Mal Collge, Ambedkar College along with Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics) on “*Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands*” by Dr. Umesh, Anthropological Survey of India on 6<sup>th</sup> March , 2009.

### ***Field Excursions***

An excursion to Bhopal and surrounding areas was organized by AGS from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009. Sanchi (master pieces of Buddhist Art), Udaygiri Caves (a group of rock-cut cave sanctuaries) and Tribal Habitat (Museum of Man) were the major highlights of the excursion. 13 faculty members from different colleges and 17 students (from colleges and department) joined the excursion. The students and the faculty had a very interactive and free time along with academic dialogues.

Besides this, 50 under-graduate students and 7 faculty members of Northern Zone visited to Asola Wildlife Sanctuary, Faridabad on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

I appreciate the efforts of Dr. Subhash Anand, Dr. V.A.V. Raman, Dr. T. S. Rana and Dr. Ritu Alhawat the Zonal Coordinators of the Northern, Southern, Western and Central-Eastern Zone, respectively for the activities of their respective zones and support during the long excursion.

### **Development of Course Materials for Under-graduate Students**

In the previous years, seven teachers of seven different colleges had written lessons for BA and BA (Hons) classes on selected topics. Their name will be very soon appeared on the site after getting undertaking from them. Five out of the seven writers did not accept honourarium of Rs. 2000/= . They are Dr. Lalita Rana, Dr. Ramashraya Prasad, Dr. Punyatoya Patra, Dr. Ritu Ahlawat and Ms Deeksha Bajpai Tiwari. We really appreciate their decision regarding the same and feelings for the association. Dr. Pravakar Kumar Awasthi from R.S.S. College, Ghaziabad has agreed to translate these topics in Hindi. Like previous year, this year also five selected topics were given to five faculty members of different colleges. Out of the five topics, three topics have been received and sent back to the authors with editor’s comment. Out of them two papers have been received back and will be uploaded on the AGS website very soon. The papers are-

“South Asia - Political and Economic Region” written by Dr. Nitasha Malhotra and  
“Mechanisms of Monsoon” written by Dr. Renu Malhotra.

### **AGS Scholarships**

After taking approval in General Body Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008, the Executive Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, decided to club together the three AGS Annual Scholarships (Late Shri Y.K. Sharma Memorial Scholarship, Late Shri D. N. Kapur Scholarship, Late Shri Nain Sukh Gauba Field work Grant). It was also decided to award it 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. As last year, the amount was not spent, this year it was awarded to four students of four different colleges. The students are Mr. Nwama Biaka from Bhagat Singh College (E), Ms Pinki from Swami Shradhanand College, Ms. Kavita from Aditi Mahavidyalaya and Ms. Rohini from Shivaji 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.

Delhi  
April 18, 2009

Dr. Punyatoya Patra  
General Secretary, AGS

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS,  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI.**

The academic session 2008-09 continued under the headship of Dr. B. Khan. 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, 50 students were admitted in M.A. and about 20 in M.Phil. Course. In the academic session two students have been awarded sDoctoral degree and 13 scholars have been registered in Ph.D. programme. Besides, 12 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**

- Nominated as member of the Task Force of District Planning, Planning Commission, Government of India.
- Member, Advisory Group on the Evaluation of Implementation of NREGA, PEO, Planning Commission, Government of India.
- Member, Core of Drought, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India.
- Member, Subject Expert Committee, ICSSR.
- Member, Advisory Committee of the International Collaboration Programme, ICSSR.

**Dr. R.B. Singh**

*International / National Academic Recognition*

- Nominated Member-IUGG-IGU Joint Nat. Committee, Indian National Science Academy (2008-12).
- Vice-Chair-IGU Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity (2008-12)
- Leader, INSA National Delegation to Tunis International Geography Congress, 2008.

*Published Research Volumes*

- Biogeography and Biodiversity, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, Pages 340, 2009.
- Land Use-Reflection on Spatial Informatics, Agriculture and Development, (Jointly with M.M. Jha), Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, Pages 318, 2008

*Publications*

- Forest Resources, Biogeography and Biodiversity: Indian Experience, Pub. In Bio-Geography and Biodiversity, Ed. R.B. Singh, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, pp.1-21, 340, 2009.
- Landslides Hazard and its Influences on Biodiversity in Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, Pub. In Biogeography and Biodiversity, Ed. R.B. Singh, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, pp.1-21, 340, 2009.



- Geographical Analysis of Water logging Induced Land Degradation in Karnal District of Haryana, (with Mehtab Singh), In. Perspectives in Resource Management in Developing Countries, Vol. 3, Ed. B. Thakur, Concept Pub., New Delhi, pp. 196-211, 2008.

### **Dr. S.C. Rai**

#### *Publication*

- Rai, S.C. and Dwivedi, A. (2008) "Human causes of forest degradation in the Bhilangana river catchment of Central Himalayan Region, India", in Sanchez, I.B. and Alonso, C.L.(eds) *Deforestation Research Progress*, Nova Science Publishers Inc., New York, 203-212.

#### *Workshop and Conferences Attended*

- International Workshop on Cryosphere and Hazards for the Hindu Kush Himalaya & Tibetan Plateau held at ICIMOD, Kathmandu, Nepal, from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2008. Attended and presented paper.
- International conference on "Land Use Change, Biodiversity and Climate Change", held at Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu from 6 to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. Attended and presented paper. I also chaired one session i.e., Session 3 B: Land Use Change.

### **Dr. Anindita Datta**

#### *Projects*

- Funding received from the University of Delhi for a project entitled " Remapping Leisure: A Gendered exploration of Third place in Delhi". Currently the project is being considered for the second round of funding.

#### *Courses*

- Course entitled "Critical Geographies of Gender, Space and Society" floated for Ph. D scholars.
- Course entitled: Gender and space with special reference to India" offered for MA fourth semester students.

#### *Publication*

- Reimagining Impossible worlds: beyond circumscribed geographical imaginations', in *Progress in Human Geography*, 32(5):603-612 (with Aparajita De)

### **Dr. Anjan Sen**

#### *Publication*

- Gupta, R. and Sen, A. (2008) "Monitoring physical growth of Ranchi City: Using Geo-informatics techniques", *ITPI Journal*, 5(4): 38-48.

*Assignments outside Institutions*

- Expert, Union Public Service Commission.
- Resource Person, Consortium for Educational Communication (An Inter-University Center of UGC on Electronic Media).
- Expert, Joint Recruitment Cell of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

**Dr. Ashis Kumar Saha**

*Publications (in Seminar/Symposium):*

- Saha, A.K., (2008) - Urban Heat Island and its mitigation strategy for Delhi NCT (Poster Presentation) - Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Indo-German Cooperation in Higher Education – Symposium on Education and Research in Sustainability, 7-8 September, IIT Madras. Madras.
- Saha, A.K., (2008) - Success Rate of Landslide Susceptibility Zonation methods in the Himalayas - International Workshop on Cryosphere & Hazards for the Hindu Kush, Himalaya & Tibetan Plateau, 31 March - 2 April, ICIMOD, Kathmandu, *Nepal*.

*Project Funding Received:*

- Title: “Remote Sensing – GIS based Landslide Inventory Mapping and Susceptibility Zonation using Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) in a Himalayan Terrain.” Funded by University of Delhi, Grant Amount: Rs. 1 lac.

*M.Phil. Supervision*

- GIS based multi-criteria analysis for landslide susceptibility and risk assessment in Chamba-Bharmor region in Himachal Pradesh – Mr. Satyender Singh Kadian (Awarded in 2009)

*Training Program Attended:*

- “Orientation Course” for Lecturers at Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (University Grants Commission – Academic Staff College), University of Delhi, Delhi, India (6 May to 3rd Jun 2008)

**Aparajita De**

*Publications*

- Caste Associations as Non-Western Civil Society: Narratives from Ahmedabad, Occasional Papers, Issue No. 3, Bombay Geographical Association, March 2008.
- Reimagining Impossible Worlds: Beyond Circumcised Geographical Imaginations, Progress in Human Geography, Volume 32, Issue 5, 2008 (co-authored with Anindita Datta).

## **Professor B. Thakur (Retd.)**

### **Paper Published**

1. 2008 Analysis of noise level during Diwali in Delhi, *Indian Geographical Journal*, (with Pratibha Bhalla).
2. 2008 *A geographical analysis of land acquisition for urban development : A study of Delhi*, in B. Thakur (ed.) *Perspectives in Resource Management in Developing Countries*; 3: *Ecological Degradation of Land*, New Delhi: Concept (with Atul Kapoor), 277-295.
3. 2008 *Capability classification and reclamation of wasteland in Etawah District, U.P.*, in B.Thakur (ed.) *Perspectives in Resource Management in Developing Countries*, 3: *Ecological Degradation of Land*, New Delhi: Concept (with Manu Bajpai), 323-361.
4. 2008 Caste and land quality in Bihar: A case study of six villages, in A.K. Dutt, H.N. Misra and Meera Chatterjee (eds) *Explorations in Applied Geography: Felicitation Volume in Honour of Prof. Lekh Raj Singh*, New Delhi: Prentice–Hall of India (with Rajeev Ranjan Kr. Sinha) 491-510.
5. 2008 Linking population, resources and development: A review of conceptual approaches, *Regional Symbiosis*, Vol. 16.
6. 2008 Biophysical characteristics of land in the Mahanadi delta, in B. Thakur (ed.) *Perspectives in Resource Management in Developing Countries*, 4: *Land Appraisal and Development*, New Delhi: Concept (with Punya Patra).
7. 2009 Management of water scarcity in Sikar district, Rajasthan, in A. Kumar, R.A. Kushwaha and B. Thakur (eds) *Earth System Sciences*, New Delhi: Concept (with Rajesh Kumar Abhay).

### **M.Phil. Awarded**

- 2008 Rajesh Kumar Abhay: Water scarcity and its management in Sikar district.
- 2008 Sarika Sharma: Spatial analysis of water supply and demand in Patna.
- 2009 Pratibha Sinha: Access to land resource and rural poverty in Masaurhi block, Patna district.

### **Important Lectures Delivered**

- 2008 Delivered invited lecture on “Water management in disaster region”, at 95<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress, Environmental Sciences Section, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, 3-7 January
- 2008 Delivered invited lecture on “Disaster occurrence and its management in India ”, at Annual Convention of the Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences and National Symposium on Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Sri Krishnadevraya University, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh, 5-6 February.

- 2008 Delivered invited lecture on “The political economy of water management in disaster region: A study of north Bihar”, at Annual Conference on Geomorphology in Disaster Management, Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 15-16 February.
- 2008 Delivered a special lecture on “Paradigms in geographical research”, at National Seminar on Spatial Geo-Informatics and Geography, Department of Geography, University of Burdwan, Burdwan, 28<sup>th</sup> March,
- 2008 Delivered Professor R.N. Dubey Memorial lecture on “Depletion and degradation of land resource in India: Development issues and management strategies”, at 30<sup>th</sup> Indian Geography Congress, Department of Geography, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- 2009 Delivered platinum jubilee lecture on “Natural hazards zoning and hazard management location, planning in India”, Earth System Sciences Section at 96<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Session Chaired**

- 2008 Chaired a Session on Water Resources, at Annual Conference on Geomorphology in Disaster Management, Department of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 16 February.

**Professor S.K. Aggarwal (Retd.)**

## **GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT IN COLLEGES**

### **I. ADITI COLLEGE**

The Department of Geography is basking in glory of the accomplishments of its students in securing the first and second positions in the University. This achievement is even more special for this feat has been achieved in the very first year since the Geography (Hons) Course was introduced in the college.

Ms. Kanchana Narasimha, joined the Department as permanent faculty in July, 2008. A special lecture by Dr. S.K. Bandooni, Associate Professor of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (Evening) on “*Conservation of Energy Resources in Developing Countries*” was highly appreciated by the students and the faculty. 32 students from B.A. (Honours) II year and B.El.Ed. II year (Geography students) visited Goa as part of their field excursion with three faculty members from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. The focus was to study the tourism industry in Goa. The Association for Geographical Studies (AGS) Northern Zone in collaboration with the Department of Geography, Swami Shradhanand College organized two lectures at Aditi College during the first week of February, 2009. The lectures were on “Role of Remote Sensing and GIS in Natural Resources Management” by Mr. Khushpal, Director, GEO Solutions, Gurgaon and “Problem of Indian Demography” by Dr. Tejbir Singh Rana, Associate Prof., Shivaji College, University of Delhi.

About 50 students visited Asola Wildlife Sanctuary, Faridabad on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 along with other members of AGS, Northern Zone. Three lecturers and five students have visited Bhopal, Sanchi and Udaigiri as a part of the AGS annual activities.

#### **Punyatoya Patra**

- Attended an International Conference on “Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainability-Challenges for Future” at University of Delhi on 4-5 September, 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Application of Geomatics in Identification and Management of Waste land” during DST sponsored Advance Training Course on “Application of Geomatics in Natural Resource Appraisal and Management” organized by the Department of Geography, Gorakhpur University on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “Mathematical Models in Relief and Slope Analysis” during DST sponsored Advance Training Course on “Application of Geomatics in Natural Resource Appraisal and Management” organized by the Department of Geography, Gorakhpur University on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.
- Completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> term as an Associate Fellow at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla in the month of October, 2008.
- Attended a National Workshop on “Food Security in India: Problems and Prospects” organized by the Department of Geography, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi on December 11-12, 2008.

### **Neetu Mallik**

- Anchored during an International Conference on “Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainability-Challenges for Future” at University of Delhi on 4-5 September, 2008.

## **II. BHIM RAO AMBEDKAR COLLEGE**

The Department with Dr. Mohinder Singh Kadayan as Teacher-in-charge organized a field trip for B. A. (H) Geography 2<sup>nd</sup> year students to Mumbai and Goa from December 22-31, 2008 in order to study the geographical profile of the area and to collect primary data for the survey report entitled “Role of Energy Consumption on Paddy Crop: A Case Study of Colomba-Rivona and Dhandolam Villages, Goa”. Mrs. Monica Ahlawat also accompanied students.

### **Dr. Ramashray Prasad**

- Published a paper, “Flood Estimation of Kosi River”, ‘*Earth System Sciences*’, Vol-2, *Concept*, New Delhi (2009) PP. 510-538.
- Chapter published, “Dynamic Surface of the Earth”, in National Institute of Schooling, (NIOS), New Delhi, July 2008 pp. No. 45-61.
- Invited as an Expert in Geography to review and suggest appropriate changes in the syllabus of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (ICSE, Xth Standard) on 25-26 September 2008.
- Acted as Resource Person in School Life Skills under (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) conducted by State Council of Education and Training (SCERT) during May (19-31) and June (2-14), 2008.

### **Dr. R. Thakur**

- Published an article, “Wasteland and their Reclamation in Damodar River Basin”, in *Perspective in Resource Management in Developing Countries*, 2009.
- Published an article, “Development of Natural Resources in Chotanagpur Region”, *Earth System Sciences*, (2009) pp 415-437.
- Presented a paper, “Development of Natural Resources in Chotanagpur Region’ at National Association Geographer (NAGI) India (December 19-21 2008).

### **Dr. R. N. Dubey, Reader,**

- Published a book, *Agriculture*, NOIS, HRD, Government of India, 2008.
- Published an abstract, ‘Environmental Consideration in the Delhi Master Plan 2021’, in *Souvenir of National Geography Congress*, Allahabad (Dec. 19-21, 2008).

### **Dr. Mohinder Singh Kadayan**

- Published a paper “Global Warming: Challenges for Food Security in India”, in edited book *Disaster Management Future Challenges and Opportunities*, I. K. International Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
- Presented a paper “Conversion of Municipal Solid Waste into Organic Manure” in a National Conference on ‘Solid Waste Management: Challenges for Future’, March 15, 2008 organized by All India Foundation for Peace and Disaster Management, New Delhi at School of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi.
- Presented a paper, “Energy Environment in Agriculture in Jhajjar District of Haryana”, at International Conference organized by Swami Shradhanand College (University of Delhi). Participated in a National Workshop on ‘Food Security in India: Problems and Prospects’, December 11-12, 2008 organized by Department of Geography, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, Delhi.

### **Dr. Monica Ahlawat**

- Presented a paper, “Women as the Ray to Food Security” at the National Workshop on Food Security in India: Problems and Prospects, at K.M. College, University of Delhi (December 11-12, 2008).
- Attended a seminar, ‘Metropolitan Regional Planning: Status and prospectus’, at the Department of Geography, University of Delhi, (March 14-15, 2008).

### **Mr. Sibabrata Das**

- Published a paper, “Childhood under Nutrition: A Comparative Analysis of Scheduled Tribes and others in the mid-Indian Tribal Region”, *Social Change*, Vol. No 38, Sl. No.1, March 2008, pp. 64-83.
- Article, “An Instigation into Factors Affecting Child Nutrition in Madhya Pradesh” Accepted for publication in *The Anthropologist* (with Harihar Sahoo).
- Presented a paper, “Socio-Spatial Dimensions of Child Health, Poverty, and Development: The case of Orissa”, in International Conference on ‘Eradicating Chronic Poverty in India: Policy Issues and challenges’, organized by Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) held at JNU, New Delhi (1-3 rd October, 2008).
- Presented a paper, “Between Development and Deprivation: A Study of Marginalized Groups in India” in the National Seminar on Dr Ambedkar and His Contribution: An Interdisciplinary Perspective held in the college (September 25-26, 2008).

### III. DYAL SINGH COLLEGE

The Department of Geography Dyal Singh College organized a study tour to Mussoorie and DehraDun. On the 25th of February '09, speakers from the 'Delhi Platform' addressed the students and generated a lively discussion on 'Global Warming'. The activities of the Geography Society culminated in a seminar on the 3rd of March. The topic of the seminar was ' Geospatial Market and Career Opportunities '. The Geo-Fest 'Vasundhara' was also clubbed with the seminar and events like debate, photography, poster-making and quiz competitions were organized. It saw a good response from students of other colleges. The fifth issue of 'Vasundhara', the newsletter of the Geography Department was also launched on that day.

The Department has 8 permanent teachers of whom Ms. Deeksha Bajpai, Ms. Harleen Kaur and Ms. Anjana Jagmohan are presently on study leave.

Ms. Amrita Bajaj has presented paper in the IGC-National Association of Geographers, India, held in Allahabad, Dec. 21-23, 2008.

### IV. KALINDI COLLEGE

In the academic year 2008-09 Geo-Group, the Department of Geography, Kalindi College organized lecture series on theme “*Geography as a Career*” on 16-17 December 2008.

Dr. Jagbir Singh from Shraddhanand College delivered a lecture on “*Tourism as a Carrier in Geography*”, Dr. Ashis Kumar Saha from Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics gave a lecture on “*Remote Sensing and GIS*” as a carrier in Geography. Dr. Kiran M. Sharma, Head, Centre for Disaster Management, I.P. University, delivered a lecture on “*Role of GIS in Disaster Management*”.

Geo-Group organized Intra-College paper presentation competition on “Man-Made Hazards”. Seema Sahdev participated in one-day workshop on “*Yamuna Action Plan*” organized by Asian Centre for Organization Research and Development. As a convener of Eco-Club of the college she has also organized one day workshop on “*Environmental Awareness Programmes*”, in which Dr. P.V Khatri from Swami Shraddhanand College gave lecture on “*Impact of Marketing Tourism on Environment*”

Asian Centre for Organization of Research and Development perform street play for cleanliness of Yamuna River entitled “*KINARE YAMUNA KE*”. Ritu has joined as an adhoc faculty.

### V. KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE

- **Students Elections**

New session 2008-09 began with the elections of Geography Students Association. Students of the Department elected their representatives through process of voting. The process was supervised by Ms. Azka Kamil, lecturer in the department. Ms Jyoti Nagpal from Geography (Hons) IIIrd year was elected for the post of President, Ms Zoya Sodhi from Geography (Hons) IIInd year was elected treasurer and Ms Garima Borwankar from 1st year was elected secretary.



Students also selected their class representatives for the current academic session Ms. Sneha Das Sharma from Geog. Hons I year, Ms. Sakshi Jain from Geography (Hons) II year and Ms. Neha Saha from Geography (Hons) III year were selected as class representatives for their respective classes.

- **New appointments.** Ms. Azka Kamil was appointed as a permanent faculty member in the department thus making the total strength of teaching staff member as nine. Ms. Nidhi Gandhi was appointed on the leave vacancy of Dr. Kalpana Bhakuni, who proceeded on study leave for Post-Doctoral research.

- **Career specific lecture series for third year students**

In series of lectures and demonstrations for the benefit of third year students regarding career options and further specialization in the subject, this year it was decided to invite specialists from diverse fields to give lectures and have interactions with the students guiding them how to proceed further in a particular area of specialization and making correct career choices.

In the series, Department has organized three lectures from the field of Remote Sensing, GIS, tourism and disaster management.

- **Dr. S. K. Shukla** director of Society for Geo- Spatial Studies, Training and Welfare, Gurgaon gave a lecture-cum-demonstration of various applications of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and GIS for the third year students of Geography (Hons) on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Their organization recruits fresh graduates and trains them for three months and provides them placement.
- **Dr. Monika Vij** from Miranda House College delivered a lecture on International Tourism on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008. She also answered student's questions on scope of travel and tourism as a career perspective. **Dr. Alpna from NGO JalIndia** gave lecture on Disaster Preparedness and Management on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 for B.A Hons third year and B.A. Programme Application course on Disaster Management students.
- **Prof. Bhan** from Meteorology Department, IMD, Lodhi Road gave a very informative lecture on "*Climate Change and Its impact on India*" on 11th November 2008.
- **Dr. V.A.V Raman**, Reader from Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Delhi University gave lecture on "*Applied Geomorphology*" on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009.
- **Dr. P.K. Champati Ray**, Head, Geosciences Division, SAARC Disaster Management Centre, New Delhi delivered a lecture on "*Climate Change and its impact on Mass Movements*" on the 18th February 2009 in the Department under the AGS lecture series.
- **Mr. Rohit Jain** From Company MatrixG had interactive session with the students on careers in Geography focusing on GIS and Remote Sensing on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

- **Excursion to Sariska Tiger Reserve and Jaipur**

The study excursion of second year students was based on the theme - "Environmental and Cultural Heritage of Rajasthan". The study of Sariska Tiger Reserve and its surroundings helped students to understand the physical heritage possessed by the state and also the human impact on this heritage. Interrelated issues of biodiversity, human settlements inside the reserved forest and the marble mining were taken up. Jaipur is a prime tourist destination of Rajasthan based on its cultural heritage. A questionnaire survey was conducted to understand tourists' perception of Jaipur as a holiday destination. Lastly, socio-economic condition of workers in cloth printing industry in Sanganer, Jaipur also gave a glimpse into the interrelationship of culture and economy in the state of Rajasthan. The tour that was conducted by Mrs. Ranjana A. Gera and Ms. Nidhi Gandhi in October 2009 was a fulfilling learning experience for 30 student participants.

## **VI. KIRORI MAL COLLEGE**

It was an eventful year for the Geography Association. From holding elections of the office bearers of the Association, fresher welcome, series of lectures and field trips, the students participated fully in the Department as well as outside. A talk on the Global Warming was organized in the month of November in which the speakers were Thomas Crow and Christina Troutman from USA and Joel Roehr from Canada. They addressed the students on the issues of concern regarding global warming and the role of individuals to combat global warming. The Department organized a National Workshop on "Food Security in India" in December. The Chief Co-ordinator was Dr. Anshu while Dr. Khusro Moin was the co-ordinator. The workshop was sponsored by the UGC and Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. It was inaugurated by Shri Ajit Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries while the Valedictory lecture was delivered by Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairperson of PPV & FRA, Government of India. The workshop saw participation of scholars from different states of India as well as USA.

Students of the II year proceeded on field work to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to understand the various dimensions of Geography. They were accompanied by Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma. A field trip was also organized under Dr. Kaushal's guidance for III year students to Rajasthan to understand the environmental constraints in arid landscapes. The Department proceeded on a day picnic to Dumduma Lake in December which took place in a lighthearted way.

The Department organized its annual Geography festival "GEOTIME" on the 26 and 27 February. Students participated from various colleges and disciplines to make the festival a success. On the occasion 'GEOLINE' the magazine was released by the guest speaker Prof.K.S. Rao from the Department of Botany, University of Delhi. Plethora of activities like Geo-talk, Collage, Pictionary, Map marking and Quiz kept the students busy for two days. This year the UGC has granted financial assistance to Dr. Anshu for a major project entitled 'Planning, Management and Development of Tourism in Bihar'.

- **Seema M. Parihar**

*(Personal Academic and Administrative Pursuits beyond KMC in 2008-2009)*

Dr. Seema M. Parihar - a Reader at Department of Geography was appointed as a Deputy Dean Students' Welfare of the University of Delhi in April'2008. In September, 2008 she was also given a responsibility of being a Chairperson of the newly constituted Central Placement Cell (CPC) of the University of Delhi. Pursuing her academic interests she presented three research papers in different academic forums in this academic year(2008-2009). In July'09 she presented a paper entitled *Evolving Flexible Infrastructure for Enhancing Digital Learning Environment* in an international conference –*E- India 2008 (29 July to 31 July 2008)* and also moderated a session on *ICT integration in teaching and learning process* in the same conference. In September, she presented a paper *Democracy: A Spatial Management Perspective* in a Seminar organized by Developing Country Research Center and participated in the Conference organized by same along with Asia-Europe Foundation on '*Improving the Role of the Police in Asia and Europe (3-4 December'08)*. In March '09 she presented a Paper *Regionalization of Bhagirathi Basin for Mapping Water Resource Suitability of Upper Reaches of Ganga River Using Remote Sensing and GIS* in a Seminar on Participatory Approach to Water Resource Management, CSD, (19-20 March, 2009). She also coordinated and organized two workshops entitled *Open Source and Mapping (7-12 October, 2008)* and *GPS and Mapping (26 – 31 December'08)* with 25 and 43 participants respectively attending them. Her article entitled *Institutional Steering for Sustenance of Digital Learning Environment* was published in 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary issue of Digital Learning (Volume V Issue 1, January 2009). In February'09 she also gave a talk on *Resource Management Plan for A Power Sector: Using Remote Sensing and GIS Technologies* at Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. and in March'09 she also gave a lecture on *Role of Remote Sensing and GIS in Geospatial Research* in an Orientation course at ILL, University of Delhi. She also was recognized for her contributions and association with CII –Shiksha Mission on November 14' 2008 by CII.

## **VII. MIRANDA HOUSE**

The Geography Society of Miranda House is one of the most active societies of the college and has always been in the limelight for its academic as well as extra-curricular achievements. During this academic year 2008-09 many events have been organized. The **World Tourism Day** was celebrated on 27.09.2008. Mrs Shirley Bajaj, an ex-student of the college, of Snow Leopard Adventure Pvt. Ltd. was invited for a talk on '*Changing Scenario of Tourism Industry*'. Angelica Washington, another ex-student of the college was invited for an interactive session with the students regarding 'tourism as a carrier option'.

Next the Geography Society celebrated the **International G.I.S Day** on 19.11.2008. Dr. Dinesh Semwal of Bhagat Singh College was invited for a talk on '*Remote Sensing and GIS Technology for environmental monitoring*'. A workshop was also organized by the department with help of **TATA Consultancy Services** on GIS.

Of all the events held throughout the year, 'GLOBE', the annual inter college festival of geography society, is the most awaited event. It was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December' 08. Dr. M.H. Qureshi, former faculty of JNU, was invited for a talk on 'Conceptualising India'. There was an interactive session organized by *Geographia*, an IAS Institute, on competitive examination. The fest had other events as well like quiz, poster making competition, map pointer, just a minute, dumb charades, treasure hunt etc.

An education trip to **Kota** was organized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students to study its transformation from an industrial city to an educational city. Another educational trip to Dehradun was organized for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students for their GIS project and places like Forest Research Institute, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing and Survey of India were visited. . Priyanka Puri was appointed as permanent lecturer from 1.1.09.

The year ended with most interesting **AGS lecture** on "Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" by Dr. Umesh, Anthropological Survey of India on March 6, 2009.

### **Dr. Ritu Ahlawat (2008-09)**

Dr. Ritu Ahlawat was promoted as Reader w.e.f 30.06.2007.

#### *Publication:*

"E-Learning in Land Record Information System in India", *Proceedings of FIG International Workshop on Sharing Good Practices: E-learning in Surveying, Geo-information Sciences and Land Administration*. Enschede, The Netherlands, 11-13 June 2008. (Also published online at [http:// www.fig.net/commission2/enschede\\_2008](http://www.fig.net/commission2/enschede_2008))

#### *Conferences/Workshops:*

- Participated as Resource person in Workshop on "Use of Open GIS Softwares and GPS" organized by Association for Geographical Studies, University of Delhi, 3 April, 2008.
- Participated as Rappoteur in International Conference on *Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainability: Challenges for Future*, organized by Swami Shradhanand College, University of Delhi, 4-6 Sept, 2008
- Attended a National Workshop on *Food Security in India: Problems and Prospects*, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, 11-12 Dec, 2008
- Participated in Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of World Bank on 'Water Summit' organized by College of Technology, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand, 19-21 Feb, 2009.
- Attended UGC-SAP National Seminar on "Natural Resources, Inclusive Growth and Development" organized by Department of Geography, University of Delhi, 27-28 March, 2009

#### **Activities as Associate NCC Officer:**

- Participated as Contingent Commander of Delhi Directorate in All India Girls Trekking Camp held at Kufri (Himachal Pradesh), 28 May - 10 June 2008.

**Rakhi Parijat** (Visiting Faculty to GIS Institute, Noida)

Went as expert in the subject for Kendriya Vidyalaya for selection of Geography teachers.

Poonam and Rakhi also conducted a special tour for third year honours students of Geography to apply the techniques of remote Sensing and GPS for a study of Dehradun Valley in September 2008.

Poonam and Rakhi have also undertaken adventure programmes for the students of the Adventure Club in the college.

**Priyanka Puri**

- Lecturer on probation, Department of Geography, Miranda House, Delhi University- 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.
- Attended Eco Meet 2009, organized by Plast India, on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 Delhi.
- Attended a one day 'Yamuna Awareness Workshop' organized by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Asian Centre for organization Research and Development on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, Delhi.
- Published a chapter titled "A Medical Geography Analysis of Endemial Distempers and Inundative Vectorism: Malaria Epidemiology in the Thar Desert" in 'Information Technology and Environmental Management' Singh, J.(ed), M.D. Publications, Delhi, pp.283-292, Sep.2008.
- Presented a paper titled 'A Medical Geography Analysis of Endemial Distempers and Inundative Vectorism: Malaria Epidemiology in the Thar Desert' in International Conference on 'Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainability: Challenges for Future' organized by Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi (Sept. 4-6, 2008).
- Attended a workshop on "Use of E-Resources in Teaching and Research" organized by the Delhi University Library System at Ramjas College on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
- Completed 'Certificate Course on Appreciating Indian Culture' organized by SPIC MACAY and University of Delhi, Sep.-Dec.2008.
- Organized a quiz competition in the annual festival of *Vatavaran*, Environment Club, Miranda House (Nov. 2008).
- Completed an online course on 'Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management' organized by the World Bank Institute and National Institute of Disaster Management, Delhi, 2008.
- Attended a two day seminar on 'Planet Earth', (May 9-10,2008) organized by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Delhi.

**VIII. SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE (Morning)**

The Department of Geography has always remained active in imparting up-to-date knowledge regarding latest issues to their students by organizing invited lectures and field visits. In the current academic session, the activities started with a 'freshers' welcome providing a platform to the new students to come together and along with their seniors to pledge for a successful year ahead.

The Inaugural function of the Geography Association started with the new office bearers taking charge of the activities, and the highlight was an enlightened Lecture on “*Plate Tectonics – earth’s dynamic surface*” by Hon’ble Shri. S. L. Gupta, former teacher of the Department, who blessed the students on this occasion.

Two field study visits were organized for the students in Uttarakhand. Under the UGC sponsored long field visit, the second year students went to Garhwal Himalaya, where they visited Dak Pathar, Chakrata, and Mussoorie to study the “*Natural Resources and Economic Development of Dehradun District*”. In the second visit, the final year students visited the *Indian Institute of Remote Sensing* at Dehradun and conducted field study with ground truth exercises for Remote Sensing Analysis in Lansdowne and its surroundings. Dr. V.K. Tyagi and Dr. V.A.V. Raman of the Department of Geography supervised these field visits.

Professor S.K. Vij, Chairman, Governing Body of the College, inaugurated Annual Geo-Fest, ‘Vasundhara – 2008-09’ on December 4-5, 2008. Prof. Vij also released the annual magazine of the department “*Landscape*” on the occasion. The focal theme of the fest was “*Biodiversity and Ecological Security of Planet Earth*”. The event featured two lectures by eminent scientists, one on “*Biodiversity and Conservation efforts in India*” by Professor H. Y. Mohan Ram, INSA Senior Scientist and Former Head, Department of Botany, University of Delhi and the other on “*Big Cats in India*” by Dr. Sujoy Banerjee, Head, Species Conservation Division, WWF-India, New Delhi. The fest also included a presentation on “*Biodiversity: Diverse values, varied threats*” by Kalpavriksh. Inter-college student competitions like flip-back (Theme: “*It is natural for species to go extinct*”), poster-making (Theme: “*Biodiversity Conservation: A Way of Life*”), creative writing (Theme: “*Climate Change and Dynamics of Biodiversity*”), map-marking, slogan writing and debate, all relating to ‘*Biodiversity*’ were held during the fest. The added attractions were a ‘theme based’ Ballet “*Ganga behati ho kyon?*”, a film on ‘*Ganges*’ and an interactive session on ‘*Careers in Geography*’ with the alumni of our department who have achieved a successful career for themselves. Geography students of various colleges of Delhi, Jamia Milia Islamia and JNU participated in the students contest and won prizes.

The Department in Association with the AGS (The Association for Geographical Studies) organized a Lecture by Dr. R.B. Singh on “*Geography, Environment and Sustainable Development*” which was well attended by students and teachers of Geography.

The Geography Association organized its annual function on 13 March, 2009 and also bid farewell to the final year students.

Dr. Kavita Arora, Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Mrs. Swati Rajput and Mr. Suraj have joined the Department, increasing the strength to eight teachers. Earlier in the session Mrs. Swati Thakur and Mr. Rajesh Kr. Abhay served the Department for two terms in this academic session.

- **Achievements of the Faculty**

Dr. V.A.V. Raman, Department of Geography, was invited to deliver special lectures on “*Applied Geomorphology*” in Kamla Nehru College, Delhi University and, on “*Interface between Geography and Spatial Data & Techniques*” at Sidhrawali Govt. College, Haryana. Dr. Raman also attended a two-day national workshop on “*Food*”

Security in India: Problems and Prospects” organized by the Department of Geography, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi.

Dr. Poonam Sharma and Dr. V.A.V. Raman of the Department of Geography, attended a seminar on “Displacement, Resettlement and Rehabilitation: Existing Laws and Role of Judiciary” organized by the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Mr. Pankaj and Mr. Abhay have presented papers in the IGC-National Association of Geographers, India, held in Allahabad, Dec. 21-23, 2008.

### **IX. SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE (Evening)**

There are nine faculty members in the Department Ravi Shekhar is Teacher-in-Charge and Sudhir Sinha, S.K. Bandooni, B.W. Pandey, V.S. Negi, Vaneeta Chandna, Anupama M. Hasija and Anupama Verma as permanent faculty. Nawal P. Singh working as adhoc and Nidhi Singh as guest lecturer.

The Department welcomed the fresher in the month of August 2008. *Srishti*, the Annual Geo-fest was organized on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, in which Dr. S.C. Rai gave a talk related to Watershed Planning. A number of events of students interests like Quiz, Debate as well as map-marking were in the agenda. The students from various colleges like Shaheed Bhagat Singh (M), Dyal Singh etc. participated and won prizes. The second year students went for the trip with Dr. S.K. Bandooni to Uttarakhand in the month of October, 2008. The final year students went for a short trip in January to Manali with Dr. Ravi Shekhar and Dr. Negi. The faculty members participated in various workshops and conferences in the country and around. The academic year was completed after giving a warm farewell to the final year students on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. Vaneeta Chandana has submitted her Ph.D. thesis entitled “Spatial analysis of water quality in River Yamuna and Its relationship with human activities in NCT-Delhi”, under Dr. R.B. Singh.

### **X. SHIVAJI COLLEGE**

The Department of Geography, Shivaji College organized a one day seminar on “Scope of GIS and Remote Sensing in Geography”. Several agencies as Lipton software, CAD Studio and ASIM Industries (for GPS) participated in the seminar where RK Books installed the Book Stall at the Seminar. Professor S.M. Rashid, Dean, Jamia Millia Islamia University, delivered a keynote address on the “Scope of Remote Sensing and GIS”. Students from Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College and Swami Shraddhanand College also participated in the seminar. The Department conducted a long field excursion of B.A. (H) II Year students to Sindhu Durg, Maharashtra and Goa for ten days to study the “Environment and Habitat of Western Ghats” as part of their Academic Curriculum. Dr. Tejbir Singh Rana conducted this excursion alongwith Dr. B.S. Dahiya and Dr. (Mrs.) Lalita Rana.

Dr. Tejbir Singh Rana, delivered a Lecture on “Problem of Indian Demography”, at Aditi College, Bawana in the Annual Geo-Fest. Dr. Lalita Rana participated and delivered a lecture on “Ancient Geography of India” at NAGI, Allahabad.

Mr. Dilip Kumar submitted his Ph.D. thesis on the topic “Land and Water Resources Management in Son-Karamnasa Interfluves in Bihar”, under the supervision of Dr. R.B. Singh in the Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

## **XI. SHYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE COLLEGE**

Students of SPM alongwith teacher Dr. R. Dua, participated in Geo-Fest organized by Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M). Students won prizes in Poster making and debate competition.

Dr. R. Dua and students attended Geography workshop organized by Shivaji College on *Remote Sensing and GIS*.

SPM College organized one day workshop on Remote Sensing and GIS. Professor S.M. Rashid, Dean, Jamia Millia Islamia University and S.M. Parihar, Deputy Dean Students spoke on the occasion, which benefited the students. Industrial presentations were also made by GIS Institute, NOIDA and AutoCAD in which career prospects were highlighted.

## **XII. SWAMI SHRADDHANAND COLLEGE**

The college department organized an annual lecturer on ‘Careers in Geography and need of technology’ delivered by Dr. B. Khan, Head, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. One day annual fest was celebrated in February, 2009 with the focal theme on “Resource Management. Major events were Intra-college quiz, pictionary, poster-making competitions. Mrs. Anjali Yadav joined college as a permanent lecturer in October, 2008. Dr. Anand Malik joined the college in January, 2009 after study leave. Mr Praveen and Mr. Rupesh worked (on Ad hoc basis) during the academic session 2008-09.

Following are activities and achievements of the faculty members

- **Dr. Jagbir Singh** had convened an ‘International Conference on “Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainability’ in September, 2008. He was coordinator for add-on course on Geo-informatics in 2008. He had been elected as a member of Academic Council for two years.
- **Dr. Subhash Anand** had been promoted as Reader in Department of Geography. He has acted as Resource Person in two days National Seminar in DJPG College. He is appointed as member of Editorial Board of the bi-annual journal of social science - The Horizon. His paper on Geo-Political Growth of Non Aligned Movement was published in journal. Being a Zonal Coordinator. Dr. Anand has taken Geography students of Aditi and SSN College for one day picnic at Asola Wildlife Sanctuary.
- **Dr. Anand Malik** have completed the joint program of M.Sc in Geo-informatics in Geo-hazards from Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) and ITC, The Netherlands in January, 2009, in which he has visited ITC, The Netherlands for three months as a part of the study. He was invited and visited SLF, DAVOS DROF, Switzerland in October for learning the model Rapid Mass Movements (RAMMS) develop by SLF. During the period he has presented the paper in the various places,



- **Dr. Preeti Sachar** attended lecture on “Geo-Informatics” for the add-on course introduced in SSN College delivered by Dr. R.B. Singh on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2008. She has also participated in one day workshop on “Application of Remote sensing and GIS in Geography” in the Department of Geography, Shivaji College alongwith the lecture delivered by Professor S.M Rashid from Jamia Millia Islamia on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 . She attended International Conference on “Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainability: Challenges for Future”, from 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 organized by SSN College, University of Delhi. She being the Convener of the Debating Society of SSN College had organized an Intra-college Debate Competition on “Democratic values in relation to Nuclear Deal”, on 16 September, 2008. She also attended seminar “Globe-2008-09” in Miranda House, lecture delivered by Professor M.H Qureshi on “Conceptualizing India” alongwith workshop by “*Geographia*” on Competitive Examinations. She participated IN AGS long excursion Tour to Bhopal, Udaigiri, Sanchi from 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2009 and also alongwith members accompanied to Asola Wildlife Sanctuary as one day picnic on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. She also attended AGS lecture Series in Aditi College on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. She also attended one day workshop on “Information Technology and Disaster Management’ Organized by Ministry of Home Affairs in School of Environmental Sciences, University of Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

### **Superannuated (Retired) Teachers from the Department**

- Professor B. Thakur
- Professor S.K. Aggarwal

### **Newly Appointed Teachers (Permanent Status) in Colleges**

- Dr. Kavita Arora : Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)
- Swati Rajput : Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)
- Pankaj Kumar : Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)
- Suraj Mal : Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (M)
- Riyaz Khan : Bhim Rao Ambedkar College
- Azka Kamil : Kamla Nehru College
- Priyanka Puri : Miranda House
- Anjali Yadav : Swami Shraddanand College

**FACULTY MEMBERS OF  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY (2008-09)**

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Professor	:	Professor H. Ramchandran
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		Dr. R.B. Singh
		Dr. Anu Kapur
		Dr. S.C. Rai
Assistant Professors	:	Dr. Anindita Datta
		Dr. Aprajita De
		Dr. Anjan Sen
		Dr. Ashis Kumar Saha
		Dr. Kiran Bhairannavar
Technical Staff	:	Mr. S.P. Nagpal
		Mr. Balwan Singh
		Mr. Suresh Kumar
		Mr. O.D. Tyagi
Office Staff	:	Mrs. Archana Mehta
		Mr. Rohit
		Mr. Raj Kumar Giri
		Mr. Prem Bhagat

**B. COLLEGES**

Aditi College	:	Dr. Punyatoya Patra*
		Dr. Anju Singh
		Ms. Kanchana
		Dr. Nitu Malik**
		Ms. Mamta Arora**
Bhim Rao Ambedkar	:	Dr. R. Prasad
		Dr. R. Thakur
		Dr. R.N. Dubey
		Dr. M.S. Kadiyan*
		Dr. Jitendra Saroha

		Ms. Monica Ahlawat Ms. Tulika Sanadhya Mr. Sibabrata Das Mr. Riyaz Khan Ms. Kanika**
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Kamala Nehru	:	Dr. (Mrs) Kalpana Bhakuni Ms. Ranjana Gera Ms. Bharti Wadehra Ms. Pratibha Bhalla Ms. Nitasha Malhotra Dr. (Mrs) Sarita Ghai Ms. Renu Malhotra* Ms. Azka Kamil Ms. Nidhi Gandhi** Ms Isha Kaushik
Kalindi	:	Mrs. Seema Sahdev* Ms. Ritu**
Kirori Mal	:	Dr. (Mrs) Rekha Sharma Dr. K.K. Sharma Dr. Seema Parihar Dr. (Mrs) Anshu Sonak Mr. Arun Kumar Tripathi Mr. Khusro Moin* Dr. Md. Babar Ali

		Mrs. Karuna Shree Ms. Prabhati**
Miranda House	:	Mrs. P. Behari Dr. (Mrs) S. Bhattacharya Dr. Ritu Ahlawat* Dr. Rakhi Parijat Dr. Poonam Kumaria Dr. Monika Vij Ms. Anindita Sarkar Ms. Basubi Gupta Ms. Priyanka Puri
Shaheed Bhagat Singh (M)	:	Dr. V.K. Tyagi Dr. (Mrs) K. Prabha* Dr. V.A.V. Raman Dr. Poonam Sharma Dr. Kavita Arora Dr. Swati Rajput Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mr. Suraj Mal Ms. Swati Thakur** Mr. Rajesh Kr. Abhay**
Shaheed Bhagat Singh (E)	:	Dr. S.K. Bandooni Dr. S.K. Sinha Dr. Ravi Shekhar* Dr. V.S. Negi Ms. Vaneeta Chandana Dr. B.W. Pandey Dr. (Mrs) Anupama M. Hasija Ms. Anupma Verma Mrs. Sushama Bomjan** Dr. N.P. Singh** Ms Nidhi**
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