

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, M.D.K.G. COLLEGE, DIBRUGARH

Evaluative Report Department of Geography

1.	Name of the Department	: Geography
2.	Year of establishment	: 1963
3.	Names of Programmes / Courses offered	: UG
4.	Names of Interdisciplinary courses and the departments/units involved	: NIL
5.	Annual/ semester/choice based credit system (programme wise)-	: Semester
6.	Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments	: NIL
7.	Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.	: NIL
8.	Details of courses/programmes discontinued (if any) with reasons	: NIL

9. Number of Teaching posts:

Designations	Sanctioned	Filled
Professors	--	--
Associate Professors	2	2
Assistant Professors	2	1

10. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, specialization, (D.Sc. /D.Litt. /Ph.D. / M. Phil. etc.)

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience
Lohit Saikia	M.A.,B.T., Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Cartography	29
M.Bagchi	M.A.,Ph.D.	Associate professor	Social & Medical Geography	21
Deepanwita Bora	M.A., M.Phil.	Assistant Professor	Regional Planning, Population Geography	17

11.	List of Senior Visiting Faculty	• Dr. A.P Mahanta	
12.	Percentage of lectures delivered and practical classes handled (Programme- wise) by temporary faculty	23%	
13.	Student -Teacher Ratio (Programme wise)	Major – 1:30	Pass – 1:6
14.	Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff; sanctioned and filled	1 (Laboratory Bearer)	
15.	Qualifications of teaching faculty with D.Sc/ D.Litt/ PhD/ M.Phil / PG.	Details given in No.10	
16.	Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) National b) International funding agencies and grants received	: NIL	
17.	Departmental projects funded by DST - FIST; UGC, DBT, ICSSR, etc. and total grants received	: NIL	
18.	Research Centre /facility recognized by the University	: NIL	

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Faculty	Publications
	<p>Lohit Saikia: Saikia, L(2014): Parjyan aru Bhugol, Kautubh Prakashan, Dibrugarh Saikia,L(2014): Sundarban aru Dibru-Saikhowa Darshan. Kautubh Prakashan,Dibrugarh. Saikia,L(2014):Pattern of Socio-economic Change and Development in the Rural Areas of Dibrugarh District,Assam,DKG Publishers and Stationers,Guwahati. Saikia,L(2014): ‘A <i>Theoretical Approach on Geographical Modeling of Crimes on women</i>,In:Sarmah,D.(ed) Women Harassment : Cases & Remedies, volume on Different Issued of Women Harassment.” Shanti Education Foundation, Guwahati. Saikia,L(2014):GeographyofIndia-Physical,Economic&Political,In:Machey, A(ed)MultidisciplinaryCourseforUG Classes,Banalata publication(Dibrugarh and Guwahati).</p> <p>Moutusi Bagchi: Bagchi,M(2013): Relative Risk for Mosquito-Borne Diseases due to Flood in Assam: A Case Study of Dibrugarh District’ .Geographical Review of India ‘,73(3), pp. 272-282.</p> <p>Dipanwita Bora: Bora,D.(2013): ‘Impacts of India’s Growing Populalation on its workforce’,In: ‘India as an emerging Superpower’ Purbanchal Prakash,Guwahati, Bora,D.(2013): ‘Socio-Economic status of women in Moran society’, In: ‘Ethnic women in changing social scenario in NE India’ Bedakanth, Jorhat, pp- 255-262. Bora,D.(2013): ‘Prospects of self help group and cottage industry: A study on Dibrugarh Municipal Area’, Bora,D.(2013): ‘Prospects of self help group and cottage industry: A study on Dibrugarh Municipal Area’, ‘Dehing-Pulse of Survival’, vol-III, pp 63-69 Bora,D.(2013): ‘Problems of Ageing Retirees and prospects of knowledge economy in the context of urban areas of Assam’, on print journal ‘Dehing-Pulse of survival, vol-IV , pp 82-89.</p>

20. Areas of consultancy and income generated		NIL
21. Faculty as Members in Professional bodies		
Dr. L.Saikia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life member of North-east Geographical Society, • Assam College Teachers' Association • Assam Science Society 	
Dr. M.Bagchi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life member of North East India Geographical • Life member of North East Council for Social Science Research Society • Life member of Geographical Society of India • Assam College Teachers' Association 	
D. Bora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assam College Teachers' Association 	

22.	Student Projects	
	a) Percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental/programme	As per the syllabus all major students have to complete a field based project works.
	b) Percentage of Students placed for projects in organizations outside the institution i.e.in Research laboratories/Industry/other agencies	: NIL

23. Awards / Recognitions received by faculty and students:

Name of the Students	Name of the Award	Place & Date
Nibedita Gogoi	Harakanta Mahanta Memorial Award	Department of Geography, Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College, Dergaon, District: Golaghat, Assam on 16 th August, 2012 HaraKanta Mahanta Memorial Fund
Gitali Gogoi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harakanta Mahanta Memorial Award • Best Graduate Medal Awarded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Geography, Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College, Dergaon, District: Golaghat, Assam on 16th August, 2013, HaraKanta Mahanta Memorial Fund • North-East India Geographical Society along with a citation for securing 1st Position in B.A/ B.Sc. Final Examination in Geography 2013 among the Gauhati, Dibrugarh and Assam Universities.

24.	List of eminent academicians and scientists / visitors to the department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. A.P.Mahanta Dr. A. P. Mahanta, Former Head, Department of Geography, J.B.College, Jorhat delivered an illuminating lecture on “Man-environment Relationship through Ages”.
25.	Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized & the source of funding b) a) National & b) International	: NIL

26. Student Profile Programme/Course wise:

	Appeared	Ist Class	2nd Class	Failed	Pass %
2015	24	16	1	7	70.80
2016	19	13	0	6	68.40
2017	23	20	0	3	86.95
2018	34	27	7	0	100.00
2019	27	26	0	1	96.29

27. Enrolment and Progression

ENROLMENT AND RESULTS					PROGRESSION	
Year of passing	TOTAL ENROLLED	APPEARED	PASSED	Pass %	UG to PG	% of UG to PG against enrolled
2015	35	24	17	70.80	12	34.29
2016	35	19	13	68.40	12	34.29
2017	35	23	20	86.95	15	42.85
2018	34	34	27	100	12	35.29
2019	28	27	26	96.29	12	42.85

28. Diversity of Students:

Year	Name of the Course	No. of total student	% of students from the same state	% of students from other states
2014-2015	B.A. Semester	35	86	14
2015-2016	B.A. Semester	35	100	0
2016-2017	B.A. Semester	35	100	0
2017-2018	B.A.Semester	31	94	6
2018-2019	B.A.Semester	35	94	6
2019-2020	B.A.Semester	31	100	0

29.	How many students have cleared national and state competitive examinations such as NET, SLET, GATE, Civil services, Defense services, etc?	Rashima Kachari - NET Nivedita Gogoi- NET, Civil Services Kashmiri Begum NET Gitali Gogoi- NET Juri Baruah –NET, SLET Eva Dohutia- NET Roopjyoti Hazarika-NET Sweta Kumari Gupta – NET Pallavi Borah - NET
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30. Details of Infrastructural facilities:

a) Library	One Departmental Library
b) Internet facilities for Staff & Students	Centrally Controlled facility
c) Class rooms with ICT facility	One
d) Laboratories	One

31.	Number of students receiving financial assistance from college, university, government or other agencies.	05 (OIL), 01(MLA) & 01 (ST)P
32.	Details on student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops/ seminar) with external expert)	Mentioned in No. 11.
33.	Teaching Methods adopted to improve Student Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT is used by all teachers • Students have to present seminars/discussions using charts, maps, etc. • Students are encouraged to present their seminars or group discussions using ICT. • Interactive learning, group learning, tutorials, educational tours to academic institutions and historical places are also some of the steps to make learning student centric. • Participatory learning activities such as quiz competition, departmental wall magazine, departmental seminars, project work, assignments etc are also encouraged. • As a part of Classroom Assessment Technique, students are encouraged to discuss about a specific topic. • As a part of assessing the knowledge, students are given topics covering the entire syllabus and they have to speak on a particular topic assigned to them as per extempore method. 	
34	Participation in Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) and Extension activities	NIL

35. SWOC analysis of the department and Future plans

Strengths:

- The Department attracts the students from an area of Assam and part of eastern Arunachal Pradesh of North-east India belonging to various ethnic groups.
- The Department is imparting Geography education among a large number of enrolled students wherein student – teacher ratio is high (30:1).
- The Department exhibits good performance in Final examinations of the under-graduate examinations in different years. A Few of the students are also awarded for best result in B.A./B.Sc Examination among the students of Dibrugarh, Gauhati and North-Eastern Hills University, Shillong on their performance in the B.A. final examination Geography Major courses time to time.
- The result of the department shows almost the same continuity after introducing the semester system with high number of 1st class holders in geography major examinations.

Weaknesses:

- Lack of space and infrastructural facilities
- Inadequate faculty

Opportunities:

- The department has ample opportunities in developing careers in different fields. A large numbers of students have cleared different competitive examinations opting Geography as their main paper. The subject being an interdisciplinary one has thus the scope for coaching in competitive examinations.

Challenges:

- To continue the trend of the result is our challenge before our department.

Future Plan:

- To initiate PG course

REPORT OF SOME DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC LECTURE

A lecture Programme was organised by the Department of Geography on 6th March 2019 from 11.00 A.M. onwards. Dr. A. P. Mahanta, Former Head, Department of Geography, J.B.College, Jorhat was the Cynosure, the Resource person and delivered an illuminating lecture on “Man-environment Relationship through Ages”. The Programme was an outcome of the proposal by the NEIGS to organize such a talk on the occasion of NEIGS Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The programme started at 11.00 A.M. and the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Lohit. Saikia, Senior faculty member of the organizing department. He stated about the objectives of NEIGS and introduced the Resource Person to the audience. Thereafter Dr. A.P. Mahanta was felicitated by two 6th semester students by a Phulam Gamosa and college memento.



Dr. A.P. Mahanta delivered a very lively and enlightened lecture on the selected topic captivating the audience for more than one hour. The lecture was attended by as many as 94 students of which 5 students belonged to the History Department and majority belonging to the Geography Department.

Dr. Gayatri Devi Goswami, Vice Principal of the college and Mr. S. Bhattacharya, Astd. Prof, History Department ,a few media persons , Ms. Dipanwita Bora, Astd. Prof., and Ms. Jagriti Dihingia, Geography Dept attended the programme besides Dr. Lohit Saikia and Dr.Moutusi Bagchi.

FIELD STUDY IN SADIYA-ROING 24TH AUGUST 2018



After the inauguration of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika bridge across the Lohit river, the students of 5th semester Geography Major were taken on a field trip on 24th August 2018 to Sadiya in Assam and Roing in Arunachal Pradesh. The objective of the field trip was to study the role of the bridge in bringing socio-economic transformation in study areas under the guidance of Dr. L.Saikia. They were accompanied by other departmental teachers, Ms. D.Bora and Ms.H.Changmai.

EXCURSION TO DELHI- AGRA- JAIPUR FROM 14 DEC TO 23 DEC 2018

A trip for 6th Semester Geography Major to the Capital City Jaipur, the Pink City in Rajasthan, had been undertaken during the even semester break of their course on December 2018-19. The trip covered the period from 14th December 2018 to about one week, meant for as many as 30 students. In addition to the aim of visiting almost all the major tourist spots of Pink City, Jaipur in Rajasthan, a few places of the National Capital Region of Delhi, viz. Rajghat, Shakti Sthal, Veer Bhumi, Raisina Hills, Lotus temple, Qutub Minar, Indira Gandhi museum at 1 Safdarganj Road, Sarojini Market, India Gate, Parliament house view etc were also visited.



A number of Mughal and modern architecture monuments and spots in the National Capital City could not be left out from the visit of the students community. The visit of the Taj Mahal, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world and famous Agra Fort had also been brought under the tour itinerary for the greater interest of the students. Their hearts were filled with joy and sweet memories and have also helped them to acquire knowledge of those places. The trip was organised and conducted under the guidance of Dr. L.Saikia.

GPS BASED FIELD STUDY IN PASIGHAT 19TH FEBRUARY 2019



A GPS based field study was organised by the department on 19th February 2019. The objective of the field study was to teach the 6th semester Geography Major students the different aspects of mapping with a GPS.

The destination selected for this purpose was Pasighat (East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh) via the newly inaugurated Bogibeel bridge across the Brahmaputra river. As many as twenty seven students had participated in the study under the guidance of Dr. L.Saikia, Dr. M. Bagchi and Ms. J. Dihingia.

LIST OF STUDENTS PASSED OUT IN 2019 PROGRESSING TO PG

SL NO	NAME	SUBJECT	INSTITUTION
1	PROGYA BHATTACHARJEE	PG IN GEOGRAPHY	NEHU, SHILLONG
2	KABERI HAZARIKA	PG IN GEOGRAPHY	DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY
3	ALBINA DEORI	PG IN GEOGRAPHY	DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY
4	PORISMITA BORGHAIN	PG IN GEOGRAPHY	DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY
5	BINKI BORAH	PG IN GEOGRAPHY	DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY
6	PRASTUTI BORAH	PG IN GEOGRAPHY	JB COLLEGE, JORHAT
7	RITUPARNA DEY	MSW IN HRDM	CHRIST UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE
8	NITUMONI SONOWAL	MSW IN HRM	ASSAM DOWNTOWN UNIVERSITY
9	DIKSHA GOGOI	PG DIPLOMA IN GEOINFORMATICS	ACCELCRAFT INSTITUTE OF GEOINFORMATICS TECHNOLOGY, GUWAHATI
10	SUSHMITA DIHINGIA	PG DIPLOMA IN GEOINFORMATICS	ACCELCRAFT INSTITUTE OF GEOINFORMATICS TECHNOLOGY, GUWAHATI
11	KASHMIRI PHUKAN	PG DIPLOMA IN GEOINFORMATICS	ACCELCRAFT INSTITUTE OF GEOINFORMATICS TECHNOLOGY, GUWAHATI
12	SABINA SAHIN	PG IN SOCIOLOGY (DISTANCE MODE)	DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY

TEACHERS' PROFILE

DR. LOHIT SAIKIA



Qualification: M.A.,B.T., Ph.D.

Designation: Associate Professor

Specialization: Cartography

Ph.D Topic: Pattern of Socio-Economic Change and Development in the Rural Areas of Dibrugarh District , 1971-1991.

Completed Under: Department of Geography, Gauhati University

Year: 2002

No. of Years of Experience: 29

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- Life member of North-east Geographical Society,
- Assam College Teachers' Association
- Assam Science Society

Publications:

Saikia. L., Machey A., Sarma D., Bhattacharyya. S., Sarma. A., Lahon. R., Sen. S. & Talukdar S.B. (2011) Bahumukhi Pathyakram, Banalata Prakashan, Dibrugarh. ISBN 978-93-52750-63-5.

Saikia.L, Bhattacharyya. S, Sen. S, Kalita. R., Sharma, J. Machey.A, Gogoi, B.R., Sengupta. I, Gohain, A.P., Bordoloi.M, Sarmah. D & Konwar. J(2011): Multi-disciplinary Course .ISBN 978-93-82750-63-5

Saikia, L(2011): Parjyan aru Bhugol, Kautubh Prakashan, Dibrugarh

Saikia,L(2011): Sundarban aru Dibru-Saikhowa Darshan. Kautubh Prakashan,Dibrugarh.

Saikia,L(2011):Pattern of Socio-economic Change and Development in the Rural Areas of Dibrugarh District,Assam,DKG Publishers and Stationers,Guwahati.

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Saikia,L(2014):GeographyofIndia-Physical,Economic&Political,In:Machey, A(ed)MultidisciplinaryCourseforUG Classes,Banalata publication(Dibrugarh and Guwahati).

DR. MOUTUSI BAGCHI

Qualification: M.A., Ph.D.

Designation: Associate Professor (HoD)

Specialization: Social and Medical Geography

Ph.D Topic: Mosquito-borne Diseases and Problems of Health Management in Dibrugarh District, Assam: A Study in Medical Geography

Completed Under: Department of Geography, Gauhati University

Year: 2011

No. of Years of Experience: 21

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- Life member of North East India Geographical
- Life member of North East Council for Social Science Research Society
- Life member of Geographical Society of India
- Assam College Teachers' Association



Trained under NATMO (DST,GOI): Digital Mapping & Geographical Information System (DMGIS)

Research Project

Completed one UGC Minor Research Project titled “Pattern of Mosquito-Borne Diseases in Dibrugarh District, Assam: A Geographical Study” (2007)

Publications

Bagchi.M & Kar.B.K.(2007): Japanese Encephalitis of Dibrugarh District in Assam: A Geo-medical Study. Current Trends of Research in Science and Technology. Assam Science Society. Volume 8.

Bagchi.M & Kar.B.K.(2008):Pattern of Malaria Incidence and Problems of its Management in Assam: A Study in Medical Geography.North East India Geo-environmental issues. EBH Publishers (India) Guwahati, 2008, and edited by S. Deka. ISBN 978-81-903834-4-8

Bagchi.M & Kar.B.K.(2008):Mosquito-borne diseases in the context of flood in the Brahmaputra valley, Assam: A case study of Dibrugarh district. Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Understanding of Flood Hazards in Geo-environmental and Economic Perspective. Dept. of Geography, D.H.S.K. College, Dibrugarh (Assam).

Bagchi.M & Kar.B.K.(2007-2008):Socio-spatial pattern of mosquito-borne diseases in Dibrugarh district, Assam. North Eastern Geographer. Vol.35, No. 1 & 2. ISSN 0973-0915

Bagchi.M & Kar.B.K. (2013): Relative Risk for Mosquito-Borne Diseases due to Flood in Assam: A Case Study of Dibrugarh District’ .Geographical Review of India ‘,73(3).

DIPANWITA BORA



Qualification: M.A., M.Phil

Designation: Assistant Professor

Specialization: Regional Planning & Population Geography

M.Phil Title : “ Moran population of Doomduma thana of Tinsukia district of Assam : A Socio-Economic Study”

Completed Under : Department of Geography, Gauhati University

Year : 2000

No. of Years of Experience: 17

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- Assam College Teachers' Association

Publications:

Bora,D.(2013): ‘Impacts of India’s Growing Populalation on its workforce’,In: ‘India as an emerging Superpower’ Purbanchal Prakash,Guwahati,

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