**Profile of Geography Department**

Year of Establishment : 1955

Courses introduced : I.A.(1955), U.G. (1957) & P.G. (1982)

Existing Courses : H.S., U.G. (Honours & Regular) & P.G.

The Department of Geography, one of the premier departments of this University (upgraded from Bajali College, Pathsala) has been imparting geographical knowledge to a wide dimension of students ranging from H.S. to P.G. level. At the initial stage, the department was headed by A. Prasad and within a short span of time, the department was fortunate enough to be served by a number of dignified faculties like N. Prusty, Dr. T.K. Mathew, J.K. Patra, R.D. Barman, R. Patowari, D.N. Goswami, S.K. Talukdar, Dr. A.K. Bhagabati, Dr. Bhupendra Talukdar, Dr. P. Sarma and Dr. P. Vauquline.

The intermediate course (Arts and Science) was started in the year 1955, followed by B.A. (General) in 1957, B.Sc. (General) in 1961, B.A./B.Sc. (Honours) in 1971 and Postgraduate course in 1982. In spite of the limited infrastructure, the exemplary perseverance and team-spirit among students and the faculty have strengthened the academic web to achieve the desired goal of quality education.

Looking at the wide scope and increasing prospect of the subject, the department has provided the facility of a GIS Lab for U.G. and P.G. students and research works. Among the other infrastructural facilities, the Department has a well-equipped AC Seminar Room with audio-visual facilities, a Departmental Library with more than 3800 numbers of book and 170 numbers of journal and an astounding Museum having all sorts of geographical (physical and man-made) apparatus and photo gallery. The Department has the intake capacity of 25 students in PG course and offered four special papers viz. Fluvial Geomorphology, Geography of Rural Development, Cartography and Geoinformatics.

The faculty members of this Department have completed numbers of Minor and a Major Research Project and also attended different Workshops, Seminars, Orientation Programmes and Refresher Courses within and outside the state to cope with the emerging academic challenges. The department organises Seminars, Workshops, Popular Talks, etc for the benefit of the students and the faculty members.

The department takes pride in having its alumni occupying high positions in the government and private sectors. A good numbers of alumni have qualified for NET/SET/JRF examinations and M. Phil and Ph.D. programmes from other universities.

The department has a vision of opening Ph.D. programme and interdisciplinary collaborative research activities from the upcoming session.

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