

TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON

# Essence of Geography

What, Where, Why, and How

11 & 12 November, 2022

Organized by



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In collaboration with



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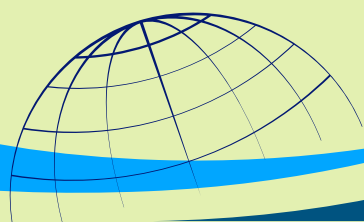
The Department of Geography, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, is going to organize a two days International Seminar on **‘Essence of Geography: What, Where, Why, and How’** in collaboration with the Foundation of Practising Geographers, Kolkata, partially funded by Anthropological Survey of India (proposed) on November 11 & 12, 2022 at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, West Bengal, India. The conference shall be an open platform to all scholars of geography and allied disciplines. Different plenary lectures by distinguished scholars on different themes of the seminar shall be organized; young and budding geographers shall be encouraged to present their papers, considering their roles in shaping tomorrow’s geography.

## THE FOCAL THEME

Geography is primarily concerned with the spatial distribution of physical and human elements and analyses the causes behind such distributions. Hence, the two main branches of Geography, i.e., Physical and Human Geography, have emerged. But the essence of Geography is that it has been continuously evolving, and new perspectives are opening up. Location is the most important theme of Geography, which has been represented with the help of maps from the early times. A different colorful representation of the world has been exhibited through maps that have always been so interesting over the time. The inclusion of technology in geographical studies has given new dimensions to location, distance, direction, and thematic mapping with Remote Sensing, Geographical Information System. So, there has been an advancement in Geographical techniques with time. Geography is so unique because it can bring people together by making them aware of their similarities and differences in terms of physical, social, cultural, and economic perspectives. It studies people’s interests, practices, and lifestyles and explains the social process, social pattern, social well-being, and even growing crime in society. Geography is characterized by a dynamic nature that has added new fields to the original theme of the man-environment relationship. Therefore, the contemporary trends in Geography are Tribal Studies, Sustainable Development, Tourism, Quality of Life, Migration, Emotion, and different types of emerging environmental issues. Geography can never become static because of its heterogeneous components, which are intrinsically woven with one another. Thus, this International Seminar shall try to underline and understand what essential factors have made Geography a study of what, where, why, and how.

## BEST PAPER AWARDS

The organizers have arranged three awards for the best three single-authored papers presented by participants below the age of 32 years. The filled-in registration form including the abstract and full paper, have to be sent by the participants on or before 15.10.2022.





## SUB-THEMES

### Essence of Physical Geography

- Process-Form Relationship and Evolution of Landscape: Fluvial, Glacial, Karst, Arid, and Coastal landforms
- Changing Fluvial Dynamics
- Geomorphology and Society
- Geomorphosites and Geodiversity
- Hazard and Disaster: Vulnerability, Risk, and Mitigation
- Coastal and Marine Ecosystem & Global Warming
- Climate Change, Resource Depletion, and Utilization
- Impact of Human Intervention on Physical Environment

### Essence of Human Geography

- Changing Man-Environment Relationship
- Tribes: Tradition, Continuity, and Change
- Social Well-being, Quality of Life
- Place attachment, Migration, and Emotional Geography
- Gender, Place, and Culture
- Health, Inequalities, and Space
- Tourism, Hospitality, and Environment
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Industry, Technology, and Economic Development
- Urban Space, Morphology, and Planning

## REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration Fee	National	International
Paper Presenter	INR 2000	\$ 40
Accompanying Persons	INR 1000	\$ 20
Paper in Absentia	INR 1000	\$ 20

Registration fees include seminar kits, high tea, lunch for two days, and one dinner. Free accommodation shall be provided to the outstation participants on a shared basis based on availability. Participants are requested to inform their accommodation needs to the E-mail ID: [sbkmg00@gmail.com](mailto:sbkmg00@gmail.com).

## IMPORTANT DATES

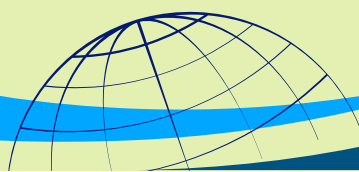
Submission of Abstract: **15 September, 2022**

Notification of Acceptance of Abstract: **22 September, 2022**

Submission of Full Paper: **15 October, 2022**

Last Date for Registration: **15 October, 2022**

Date of the Seminar: **11 & 12 November, 2022**





## MODE OF PAYMENT

The registration fee needs to be paid through bank transfer, the details of which are given hereunder:

**Account Name:** Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University

**Account Number:** 32741316141

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## SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPER

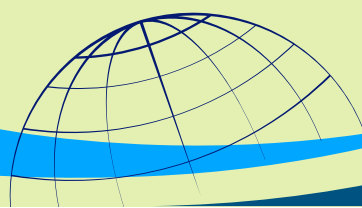
Participants need to fill in the registration form and send an abstract (not exceeding 300 words) through [Google Link](#) on or before **15.09.2022**. The full paper shall be submitted to the E-mail: **dept\_geo@cbpbu.ac.in** on or before **15.10.2022**. The participants willing to participate in the competition for awards should send the full paper along with the abstract on or before 10.10.2022 to the E-mail: **dept\_geo@cbpbu.ac.in**. Abstract/Full paper must be written in English on MS Word in Times New Roman, double spacing with font size 12. It is advisable to mention the sub-theme in which the paper is to be included. The title should be concise, and the author's name, affiliation, and E-mail should be placed below the title. Authors have to follow APA 7th edition referencing style while preparing their manuscripts. The selected peer-reviewed papers shall be published by a reputed publisher with ISSN/ISBN.

## ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) is a premier research institute and advanced centre for research and training in anthropology and allied disciplines. It is the apex Indian government organization involved in anthropological studies and field data research for human and cultural aspects, working primarily in the fields of physical anthropology and cultural anthropology while maintaining a strong focus on indigenous populations. It also attempts to document the cultures of other communities and religious groups. Under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, it is headquartered in Kolkata and has branches in Port Blair, Shillong, Dehradun, Udaipur, Nagpur, and Mysore.

## FOUNDATION OF PRACTISING GEOGRAPHERS

The Foundation of Practicing Geographers (FPG), formerly known as the Indian Geographical Foundation, was established in the year 1993 by Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Dr. Ashoke Kumar Sen, and Professor Arabinda Biswas at the City of Joy, Kolkata, with a registered office at the residence of Dr. Arun Kumar Singh at Bijoygarh, Kolkata 700032, later on, shifted to 662, Picnic Garden Road, Kolkata 700039 and has been functioning till today from this premises with the broad objectives of publishing a journal. It was felt that there should be a mouthpiece





that would act for the young geographers in particular and other social and natural scientists in general, where they could publish their research findings better, breaking the rigid boundaries of different disciplines. With these ideas, the Foundation of Practising Geographers published its First Volume, named Journal of the Indian Geographical Foundation, in the year 1994, where articles were devoted to understanding the problems of the marginalized areas and people by the young Geographers and other social and environmental scientists for whom there were few journals to cater their demand. The FPG as a scientific body, along with its biannual journal, Practising Geographer, has fulfilled its aspirations.

### **COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY**

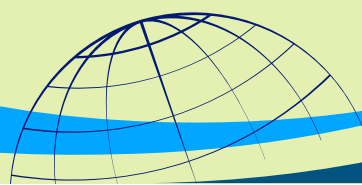
Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (CBPBU), established in 2012, is a Public University named after the great social reformer Thakur Panchanan Barma. The University was established by the State Government under the West Bengal Act XXI of 2012 and The Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University Act, 2012. The University offers Post-Graduation Level Studies in different subjects: Bengali, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Economics, Education, English, Geography, Hindi, History, Law, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Sanskrit, Zoology, Commerce, and Library Science. The University also offers a Diploma in Mass Communication and Journalism, Certificate Course in Rajbanshi language, Spanish, Bhaowaiya, Geospatial Technology, and Folk & Creative Dance.

### **DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, CBPBU**

The Department of Geography was established in 2013. Since then, the department has acquired distinction in teaching and research and disseminating geographical knowledge at the state and national levels. The department offers M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Geography. The department has also offered a separate Certificate Course in Geospatial Technology. Presently, there are about 100 students in the department at the postgraduate level and more than 20 students pursuing their Ph.D. The thrust areas of the Department are Fluvial Geomorphology, Urban Geography, Cartography, Population Geography, Social Geography, Cultural Geography, and Transport Geography.

### **THE HOST CITY**

The seminar will be organized at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, West Bengal. Cooch Behar is a planned city with a royal heritage, thus one of the main tourist destinations in West Bengal, India. The city is well connected through the railways and roadways with different parts of the country. The nearest railway station is New Cooch Behar (NCB), and the nearest available airports are Bagdogra (IXB) and Rupsi (RUP). The weather in the town will be temperate and comfortable during November.





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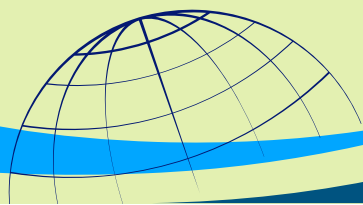
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