

# Department of Geography

## Events Dairy (w.e.f. 01.06.2020)

**2020-21**

### World Environment Day (Coordinator: K. Arun Prasad)

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5th every year 1974. Aim of this celebration was focusing on pressing environmental issues, this year's theme was 'Global Biodiversity'. The theme focuses on saving resources and reconnecting with nature. Due to the pandemic, we virtually commemorated this day on Google meet. The programme included events like quiz, poster, and photography competition on biodiversity. This was followed by a panel discussion by students on diverse topics including environmental pollution, the effect of Covid-19 lockdown on the environment, and the role of geospatial techniques in environmental monitoring. The purpose of this panel discussion was to give an insight and develop critical thinking among students, make them aware of their consumerism behaviour and the impact of COVID-19 on the environment. Students and Scholars of the department actively participated in the event and exhibited their skills. The certificates were also distributed to the winners of the competition and participants of the panel discussion members.

**Quiz Competition Winners: Prashanta Ghadei, Abarna R., and Bikash Das**

**Poster Competition Winner: Rasme Allat**

**Photography Competition Winner: Shahnaz Basheer**

Department of Geography  
Central University of Tamil Nadu

Celebrates

**World Environment Day**  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**FOCAL THEME**  
**BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION**

**Programme**

10:00 - 10:30 am: Quiz on 'Biodiversity'

10:30 - 10:45 am: Display of posters/photos on 'Biodiversity and Disasters / Biodiversity and Climate Change / Value of Biodiversity'

10:45 - 11:15 am: Panel discussion

11:20 - 11:30 am: Announcement of results and concluding remarks

**Instructions**

Photography Competition link  
<https://forms.gle/FH7V3XUqgmM44qk3l>

Poster Competition link  
<https://forms.gle/whc7vksuVCC2Pv629>

Panel discussion willingness needs to be sent to [geog@cuttan.ac.in](mailto:geog@cuttan.ac.in) alongwith name and topic of discussion.

Last date for submission of posters/photos/willingness for panel discussion is 04.06.2020, 5:00 pm

**Organizing Team**

Prof. Sulochana Shekhar  
Dean and Head  
Department of Geography  
Convener

Dr. Aakriti Grover  
Dr. K. Balasubramani  
Dr. E. Venkateshram  
Dr. Arun Prasad K.  
Mr. Annadasan K.  
Mr. Balasundereswarar

## World Ocean Day (Coordinator: E. Venkatesham)

Under the Department of Geography, the Geo Club has celebrated World Ocean Day on 08-06-2020 through online Google Meet. It is an annual event celebrated worldwide. The main aim to celebrate this day is to spread awareness and sensitize students to concern about problems faced by our blue planet's present condition. The day is marked in a variety of ways, including screening of documentaries, panel discussions, and also a poster and photography competition conducted on the topic 'Threats to oceanic biodiversity'. The panel discussion was on 'Status and Action Plans for Ocean Conservation in India'. Students actively participated in the program. The certificates were also distributed to the winners and participants for the competitions. The google meet is a challenging one because of the technical glitches but it is a get-together for all the members in the club around the country.

**Poster Competition Winner: Rasme Allat**

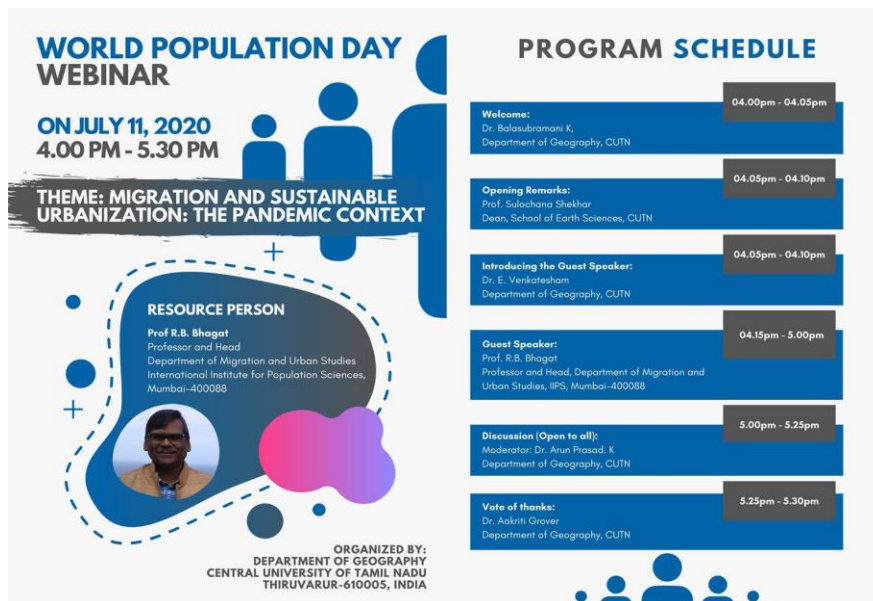
**Photography Competition Winner: Shahnaz Basheer**

The poster has a light blue background with a pattern of white fish swimming. At the top left is a logo of a person with arms raised inside a globe. At the top right is the Central University of Tamil Nadu logo. The main text is centered and reads: 'Let us join together over Google Meet in Celebration of The World Oceans "Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean" 8th June 2020'. Below this, the schedule is listed: 'Inaugural at 3:30 pm', 'Screening of Documentaries: 3:35 - 4:00 pm', 'Panel Discussion - 4 pm', 'Poster / Photo competition on topic "Threats to oceanic biodiversity"', 'Announcement of results - 4:30 pm', 'Concluding Remarks', and 'Vote of Thanks'. On the bottom left, it says 'Send your poster / Photograph at geocutr@gmail.com by 10 am, 8 June' and 'Participation Certificates will be provided to all'. On the bottom right, it lists the 'Organizing Team' with names: Prof. Sulochana Shekhar (Dean and Head), Dr. Aakriti Grover, Dr. K. Balasubramani, Dr. E. Venkatesham, Dr. Arun Prasad K., Mr. Annadasan K., and Mr. Balasundereshwaran. At the bottom center, it states 'DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU NEELAKUDI, THIRUVARUR - 610 005'.

## World Population Day (Coordinator: Prof. Sulochana Skekhar)

It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion, while in just another 200 years it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population had reached the 7 billion mark, and today, it is at about 7.7 billion. By 2030, it is expected may reach around 8.5 billion and by 2100 the global population would be around 10.9 billion. To raise awareness on growing population and to sensitize global community on sustainable development in accord to the demand raised due to raising population, World Population Day is celebrated on July 11 every year under the umbrella of United Nations. The current SARS-COV19 pandemic situation has taken a staggering toll on people, communities and economies globally. Even though, everyone in our country has got affected in some way due to the crisis, women, who account for the largest share of front-line health and sanitation workers, are extremely exposed to the coronavirus. Considering these scenario, UN has come out with a theme “how to safeguard the health and rights of women and girls now” for the World Population Day 2020.

To commemorate this special occasion, the Department of Geography, CUTN has organized as special online lecture on “Migration and Sustainable Urbanization: The Pandemic Context” delivered by Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Professor and Head, Department of Migration and Urban Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. The session covered different aspects on factors influencing migration, reverse migration and migrant’s friendly sustainable urbanization. The lecture was well appreciated by the participants from various organizations and institutes actively participated in the event.



**WORLD POPULATION DAY WEBINAR**

**ON JULY 11, 2020**  
**4.00 PM - 5.30 PM**

**THEME: MIGRATION AND SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION: THE PANDEMIC CONTEXT**

**RESOURCE PERSON**  
Prof R.B. Bhagat  
Professor and Head  
Department of Migration and Urban Studies  
International Institute for Population Sciences,  
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**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**


<b>Welcome:</b> Dr. Balasubramani K, Department of Geography, CUTN	04.00pm - 04.05pm
<b>Opening Remarks:</b> Prof. Sulochana Skekhar Dean, School of Earth Sciences, CUTN	04.05pm - 04.10pm
<b>Introducing the Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. E. Venkateshram Department of Geography, CUTN	04.05pm - 04.10pm
<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Prof. R.B. Bhagat Professor and Head, Department of Migration and Urban Studies, IIPS, Mumbai-400088	04.15pm - 5.00pm
<b>Discussion (Open to all):</b> Moderator: Dr. Arun Prasad, K Department of Geography, CUTN	5.00pm - 5.25pm
<b>Vote of thanks:</b> Dr. Adarithi Glover Department of Geography, CUTN	5.25pm - 5.30pm

**World Tourism Day**  
**(Coordinator: E. Venkatesham)**

Tourism is one of the hardest-hit industries in this pandemic, because of the blanket ban on transport. On this World tourism day, Covid-19 has forced us to rethink the new way of tourism, make it more inclusive, responsible, and how it going to contributes to the sustainable development goal. This year's theme was “Tourism and Rural Development” on this occasion our department organizes a special webinar lecture, the guest speaker was Dr. V. Madhava Rao, Research Professor, GIET- U, Gunupur, Odisha. The session was very knowledgeable and interactive where he shares his experience and as a country what we are doing to make it more participatory for people who live in rural part of India.



**GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT**  
School of Earth Sciences, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur  
*Invites you all for a special lecture on the occasion of*  
**‘World Tourism Day’**



<u>Guest Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date, Time &amp; Platform</u>
<b>Dr. V. Madhava Rao</b> Research Professor, GIET- U, Gunupur, Odisha Former Professor & Head (CGARD) NIRD&PR, MoRD, GoI Hyderabad	<b>‘Tourism and Rural Development’</b>	On 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 At 11.30 am – 1.00 pm, Over Google Meet

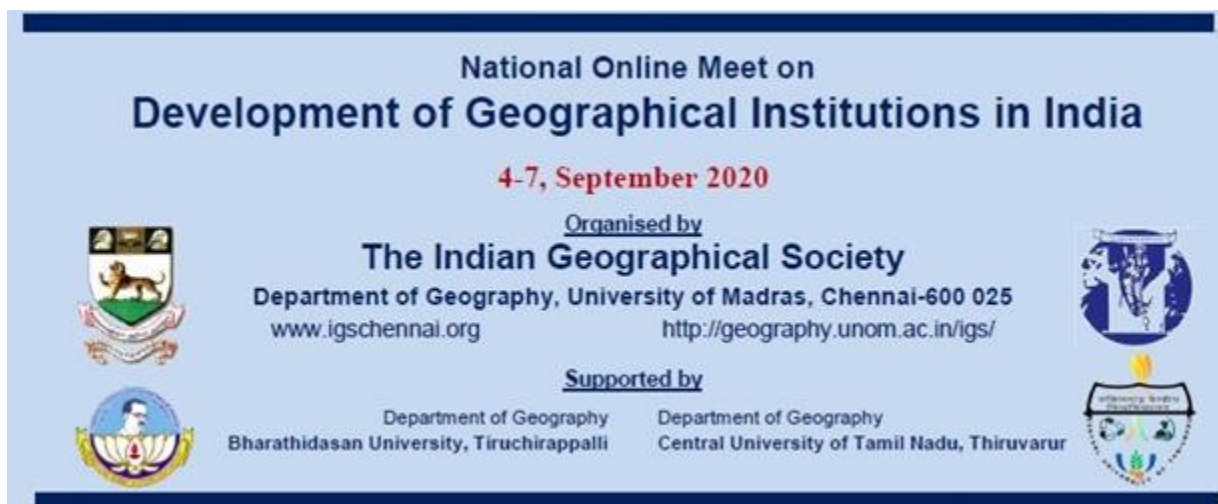
**Registration:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7DVWebwZhVXMw6\\_0cX22gUHYRBnUQXmdWtcBZgEwEsLMkgw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7DVWebwZhVXMw6_0cX22gUHYRBnUQXmdWtcBZgEwEsLMkgw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

\*\*\*E- Certificate will be provided for all the participants\*\*\*



**4-7.09.2020 - National Online Meet on development of Geographical Institutions in India  
(Coordinator: K. Balasubramani)**

The Department has hosted a national level online meet to discuss various issues and prospects for sustainable development of geographical institutions in India from 4th to 7th of September, 2020. The event was organised by the Indian Geographical Society (the oldest Geographical Society in India, was established in Chennai (Madras) on 16.3.1926 by a team of Indian and British Geographers, lead by Mr. N. Subrahmanyam), with the supports from the Department of Geography, University of Madras and Bharathidasan University. More than 50 geography institutions have been invited for the meet and 40 institutions from various parts of India were presented their activities in the meet. The meet has received an overwhelming response and about 850 participants were registered. The event was attended by about 400 participants from all over India and neighbouring countries. The meet was inaugurated by Prof. R. B. Singh, Secretary General & Treasurer, the International Geographical Union (IGU) and Prof. N. Sivagnanam, President of the Indian Geographical Society (IGS). Many senior/eminent geographers of India participated in the event and have made very fruitful deliberations for symbiotic development of Geographical Institutions in India. The programme was widely appreciated and sets a landmark for organising this kind of meet.



**13.10.2020 - Disaster Day**  
**(Coordinator: K. Balasubramani)**



# INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION DAY

(13 October, 2020)

Special Lecture by:



**Prof. R.B. Singh**

Secretary General: International Geographical Union (IGU)  
Member-International Science Council (ISC)-Scientific Committee-UHW

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am

*Event Registration Link:*

<https://forms.gle/7ya3f7jFivcEmYWx6>

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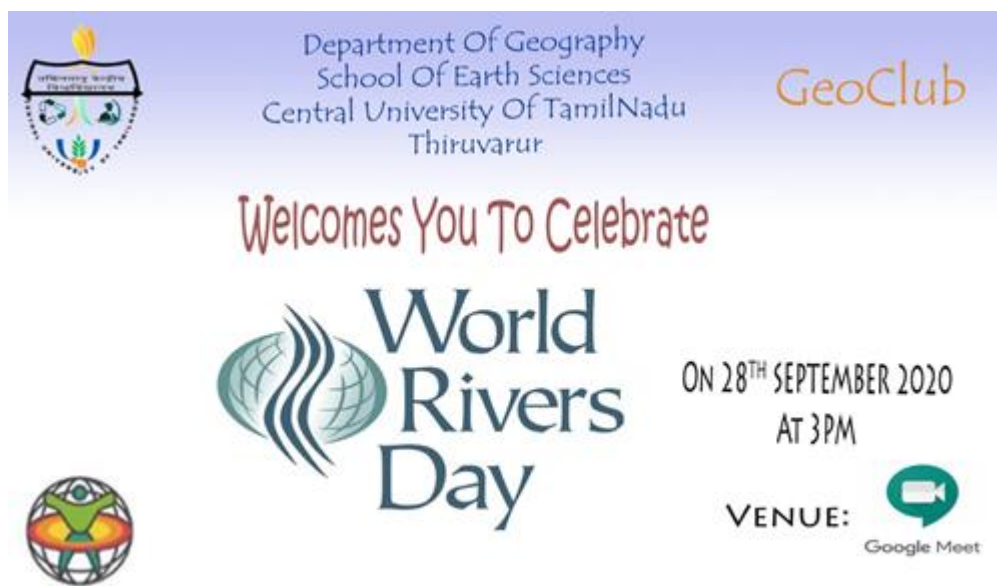
The Department has organised a special lecture to commemorate International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on 13.10.2020 through Google Meet platform. The lecture was delivered by Prof. R.B.Singh, Secretary General of International Geographical Union. About 70 participants attended the special lecture out of 200 registrations from various parts of India. The lecture highlighted the importance of disaster management and risk assessment at various scales. E-certificate issued to all the participants and the recorded version of the lecture is uploaded in the Department YouTube Channel - [https://youtu.be/bf\\_UQ2vJvPI](https://youtu.be/bf_UQ2vJvPI)



## 28.09.2020 - **WORLD RIVERS DAY**

Coordinator: Dr Arun Prasad K.

World Rivers Day is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September. Rivers have been extremely helpful to human being in all parts of the earth from the very early times. Rivers influence not only the place but also the people, their customs, practices, tradition, and lifestyle. Today, the rivers face an enormous challenge posed by humans due to climate change and rapid urbanisation. The current year's theme for World Rivers Day was “Day of Action for Rivers”. On 28.09.2020 Geo Club celebrated World Rivers Day with various activities. A documentary was screened on the occasion to raise the importance of the rivers and its conservation. A panel discussion was conducted on the public awareness about the rivers and the importance of all of the waterways around the globe. And also, to promote the conservation and the present condition of the rivers of India and also the river near to our campus. An online quiz programme was there with the help of Quizizz software and it is about the Rivers of the world.



## 18.11.2020 - GIS Day

Coordinator - K. Balasubramani

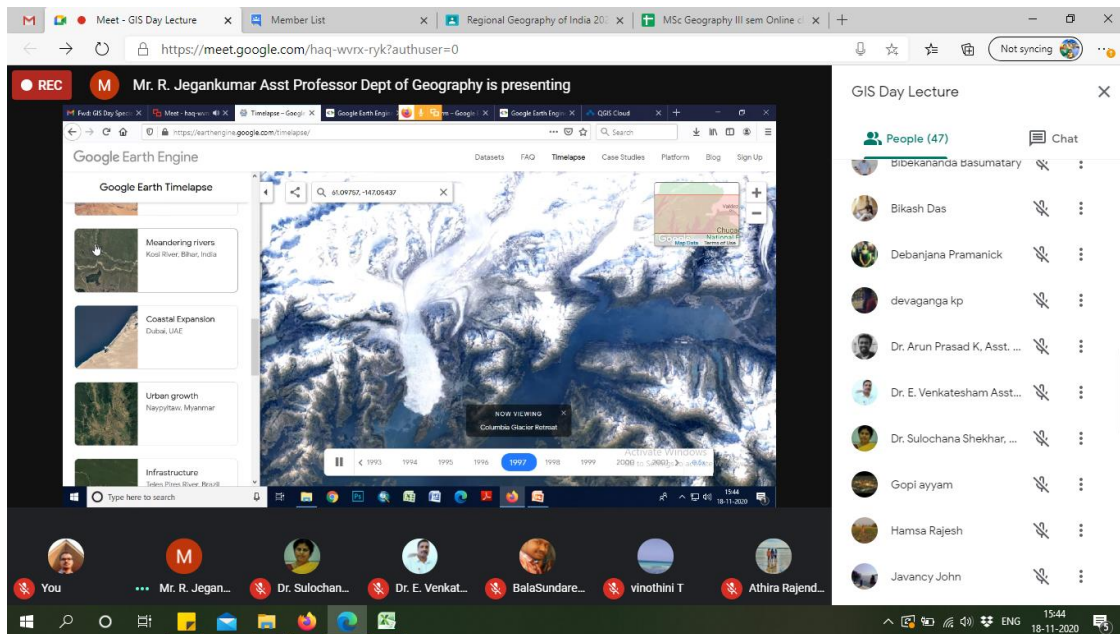
The Department has celebrated GIS day with a special lecture by Dr. R. Jegankumar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Geography, School of Earth Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. He has outlined the need of GIS in various spheres of research and overviewed the prospects of Cloud GIS. He emphasized that cloud GIS is an inevitable tool in spatial sciences research and students must learn and use it for all kinds of geographical analysis. The students actively participated in the event and interacted with the expert.



The banner features the logos of the Central University of Tamil Nadu and the Department of Geography. It prominently displays the text "GIS DAY CELEBRATIONS" in large, colorful letters. Below this, a portrait of Dr. R. Jegankumar is shown, followed by his name and title: "Dr. R. Jegankumar, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Geography, School of Earth Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli". A dark blue box contains the text "will deliver special virtual lecture on An Overview of Cloud GIS". At the bottom, a table provides the event details:

DATE	TIME	Link
18.11.2020 (Wednesday)	03:00 pm	<a href="https://meet.google.com/haq-wvr-x-ryk">https://meet.google.com/haq-wvr-x-ryk</a>

A yellow box at the very bottom states: "You are cordially invited to attend the special lecture!"



The screenshot shows a Google Meet interface during a "GIS Day Lecture". The main window displays a Google Earth Engine interface with a satellite map of a mountainous region. The left sidebar shows various datasets like "Meandering rivers", "Coastal Expansion", "Urban growth", and "Infrastructure". The bottom of the screen shows a list of participants: "You", "Mr. R. Jegan...", "Dr. Sulochan...", "Dr. E. Venkat...", "BalaSundare...", "vinothini T", and "Athira Rajend...". On the right, a "People (47)" list includes names like "Bibekananda basumatary", "Bikash Das", "Debanjana Pramanick", "devaganga kp", "Dr. Arun Prasad K, Asst. ...", "Dr. E. Venkatesham Asst...", "Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, ...", "Gopi ayyam", "Hamsa Rajesh", and "Javancy John". The bottom status bar shows the time as 15:44 on 18-11-2020.



## 25.06.2021 - Foundation Day Special Lecture

Coordinator - K. Balasubramani

The Department has celebrated Foundation Day with a special online lecture on **Field Skills in Geography** by Prof. G. Bhaskaran, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Madras, Chennai. The programme was organised through google meet platform. The expert has outlined the skills required and importance of geographical field work. He also demonstrated how to conduct academic and research field work through case studies. The special lecture emphasized that field work is an inevitable component of spatial research and students must develop skills for conducting systematic field works. The students, research scholars and faculty members of the Department and other institutes participated in the event and interacted with the expert.

