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ON

# Emerging Issues in Environment, Livelihood and Development: *A Future Road Map Towards Sustainable Earth*

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Welcome to the University of North Bengal, a premier educational institution where education and nature blend seamlessly. Our campus is renowned for its lush green surroundings, offering a serene and conducive environment for both learning and relaxation. Founded in 1962 under an Act of the West Bengal Legislature, the University of North Bengal is dedicated to fostering education, training, and research across various disciplines. Its mission is to advance and share knowledge, adapting higher education to meet societal needs. Set on 315.99 acres at the Himalayan foothills, the university offers stunning views of the Kanchenjunga peak, surrounded by tea gardens and forests. Expanding its educational reach, it has also established a second campus in Jalpaiguri, further enhancing opportunities for higher education and research. For more details, visit [<https://www.nbu.ac.in>].



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## About the Department of Geography & Applied Geography

Established in 1962 concurrently with North Bengal University, the Department of Geography and Applied Geography offers postgraduate education & Ph.D. programs on both the NBU and Jalpaiguri campuses. The department, having successfully completed the UGC SAP DRS I and II program, specializes in Agriculture Geography, Applied Hydrology, Applied Pedology, Cartography, Fluvial Geomorphology, Population Geography, Tourism Geography, & Urban Geography at the postgraduate level. It's further enhanced by the attached Centre for Geo-Spatial Sciences. The department's faculty includes 2 Professors, 3 Associate Professors, and 3 Assistant Professors, all actively engaged in research that spans physical and human geography. Featuring a cutting-edge GIS laboratory with 40 terminals equipped with GIS software, it supports both students and research scholars. Currently, over 70 research scholars, including JRFs and SRFs, are pursuing their fellowships funded by organizations like UGC, ICSSR, & NBU.





## About Ministry of Earth Science, Government of India

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India, was established on July 27, 2006, through the merger of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, and the Earth Risk Evaluation Centre (EREC), and the Ministry of Ocean Development. Focused on providing comprehensive and integrated research, development, and operational services in the fields of meteorology, oceanography, seismology, and related earth sciences, MoES plays a crucial role in addressing various aspects of earth system science for socio-economic benefits of society. The ministry's activities cover a wide range of domains including weather and climate services, ocean research, seismology, and atmospheric science research, making significant contributions to understanding and protecting the environment, and enhancing disaster preparedness.

## About the International Conference

This conference, set for January 26-28, 2024, focuses on the role of quantitative and qualitative applications in addressing emerging environmental, livelihood, and developmental challenges in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It emphasizes the evolving nature of global issues, highlighting the relevance of geo-spatial technologies like GIS, Remote Sensing (RS), and GPS. These technologies are crucial for analyzing and visualizing spatial data, aiding in informed decision-making and policy formulation.

The conference will explore how these tools can help visualize environmental challenges and contribute to achieving the SDGs. A multi-sectoral approach will be adopted, transcending traditional geographical boundaries to address a wide range of issues including environmental sustainability, human development, urban planning, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, water resource management, disaster risk reduction, livelihood challenges, and socio-demographic diversity. The event will also involve discussions on sustainable policy frameworks, engaging panelists from administration and NGOs, to create a roadmap towards a sustainable earth.

## Objective of the conference

1. To explore the emerging global issues in environment, livelihood and development.
2. To address the geographical issues by incorporating some advancement of sustainable policy framework for catering the socio-ecological wellbeing of the global society.
3. The Seminar aims to congregate prominent experts, researchers, policy makers and practitioners from the variety of fields including geography, environmental sciences, urban planning, social sciences and technology and other domains too.
4. To frame out a policy documentation for addressing the global issues and challenges in future.

## **Sub-themes of the International Conference**

This International Conference focuses on several vital sub-themes, including strategies to combat climate change, sustainable agriculture, urban development, renewable energy, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable economic models. This categorization of sub-themes is illustrative below and not limited to these topics, reflecting the conference's comprehensive approach.

- Theme 1: Environment, Climate Change, and Livelihood
- Theme 2: Exploring the Dynamic Interplay of Globalization, Trade, and Contemporary Geographies
- Theme 3: Empowering Communities for Navigating Environmental Justice and Sustainability for a Greener Future
- Theme 4: Inequality in Health infrastructure, Child and Maternal Health, Quality of life and associated Spatial Patterns
- Theme 5: Population Dynamics in response to Poverty, Inequality, Food Security, and Migration
- Theme 6: Sustainable Development in response to Livelihood Capitals and Green Livelihoods
- Theme 7: Education, Changing Literacy scenario and Awareness for Sustainable Development
- Theme 8: Fostering Meaningful Livelihoods: Exploring Employment and Decent Work for Sustainable Futures
- Theme 9: Rural-Urban Livelihood, Vulnerability, Resilience and Adaptation Strategies
- Theme 10: Urbanization dynamics, changing Land Use towards Sustainable Development
- Theme 11: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Landscapes, and Ecosystem Services for Holistic Human Well-being
- Theme 12: Gender Issues in Agriculture and Rural Development
- Theme 13: Livelihood Diversification and Wellbeing of Rural Community
- Theme 14: Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture and Food Security
- Theme 15: Micro-finance, Self-help group and Women Empowerment
- Theme 16: Sustainable Tourism and Livelihoods Development
- Theme 17: Application of Geo-Informatics in Disaster Risk Reduction
- Theme 18: Anthropo-geomorphology and Sustainable Practices
- Theme 19: Environmental hydrology and Hydrological modeling
- Theme 20: Geospatial solutions for Sustainable Development Goals

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Category of the participants	Without accommodation	With accommodation
Faculty/ Indian delegates	3500 ₹	4700 ₹
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Research Scholar	2500 ₹	3700 ₹
Students	2200 ₹	3200 ₹
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**Accommodation for the participants including the accompanying person will be provided for 3 days by the international Conference organising committee.		
***Participants need to pay Rs. 4000 extras per accompanying persons.		

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	Dates
Last date of Registration and Abstract submission	25/12/2023
Last date of Full paper submission	05/01/2024 (OPTIONAL)
Notification of Abstract acceptance	25/12/2023
DATE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
Valedictory Ceremony	28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
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