

Report and Analysis of Survey held at Wetland

EAST KOLKATA WETLANDS: PAST AND PRESENT

A perception survey on

- The socio-economic condition of the residents
- Their awareness of the ecological significance of the wetlands and need for conservation

Introduction

A sustainable use of natural resources involves conservation of ecologically sensitive areas. The east Kolkata Wetlands declared a Ramsar (World Heritage) site is a prime example of how wetlands can be used in a sustainable way. These wetlands extend over an extensive area to the east of the city and consist of agricultural fields, salt marshes, and pools of sewage water. They act as a natural drainage /sewage outlet for Kolkata and are known for the sewage water based pisciculture that is practised there.

A visit to the wetlands would give our students firsthand knowledge of how the waste water is utilised for fishing as well an insight into the methods of fishing and the perception of the local people regarding the wetlands.

The visit to the wetlands was arranged on February 14, 2019 and a team of 39 students and 7 teachers participated in the programme. This visit was organised *in collaboration with IQAC and NSS* cell of the institute. The students under **Department of Economics and Department of Geography** participated in the field visit. A questionnaire was prepared before the visit and the students were oriented on the ecological significance of the wetlands.

Methodology

Primary data collection through

- Field visit,
- Direct observation and
- Interviews with a structured questionnaire.

The team visited two of the fisheries (Sardar Bheri and Boro Gopeswar Bheri) and were shown the different stages of water treatment and method of fish culture. Interviews of the owners, workers and other people were conducted with the questionnaires to assess their socio-economic conditions as well as perception regarding the role of the government and private realtors.

Findings

The students gained firsthand knowledge of a unique sewage water based pisciculture and also an experience of the way to conduct a primary survey with a questionnaire. The information gathered has been summarized in Data tables 1 and 2. Table 1 presents information regarding socio-economic condition of the fishermen interviewed. Table 2 provides details of two fisheries visited.

Interviews revealed that local people were totally unaware of the fact that the wetlands have been declared a Ramsar site and were unhappy about role of private realtors in conversion of wetlands into built up area. They were also determined to carry on with their traditional occupation against all odds.

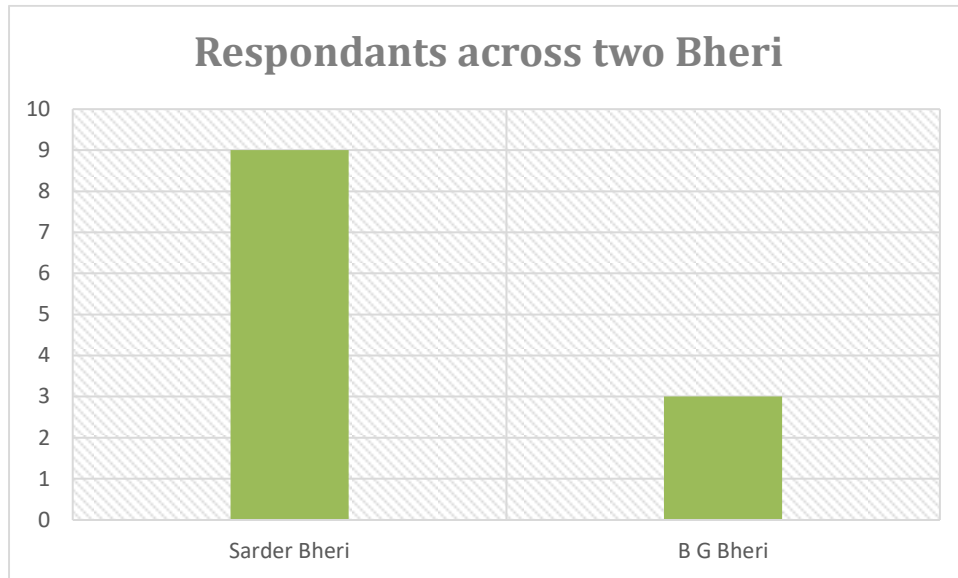
Table 1: Socio-economic information

Sl No.	Name of respondent	Fishery	Gender	Age	Social Category	Length of stay at fishery	Mode of payment	Income (Rs)	Vastu land owned	Number of family members engaged in fishing
1	Gautam Mani	Sardar bheri	Male	43	SC	1 year	monthly	8,500	yes	1
2	Kalicharan Munda	Sardar bheri	Male	48	ST	34 years	daily	250	yes	1
3	Tapas Mandal	Sardar bheri	Male	35	SC	1 year	monthly	8500	yes	1
4	Robin Mondal	Sardar bheri	Male	55	SC	30 years	daily	250	no	1
5	Gautam Pramanik	Sardar bheri	Male	48	SC	28 years	monthly	8500	yes	1
6	Swapan Mondal	Sardar bheri	Male	56	SC	25 years	monthly	15000	no	1
7	Arghya Mondal	Sardar bheri	Male	45	SC	25 years	monthly	8500	yes	1
8	samiran Munda	Sardar bheri	Male	46	ST	30 years	Monthly	8500	no	1
9	Saikat Mondal	Sardar bheri	Male	56	SC	1 year	monthly	9000	yes	1
10	Sonali Sardar	Boro Gopeswar Bheri	Female	40	SC	6 years	daily	200	yes	3
11	Raju Tiwari	Boro Gopeswar Bheri	Male	25	Gen	Since birth	daily	200	yes	2
12	Jogmaya Das	Boro Gopeswar Bheri	Female	35	SC	less than 1 year	daily	150	nil	1

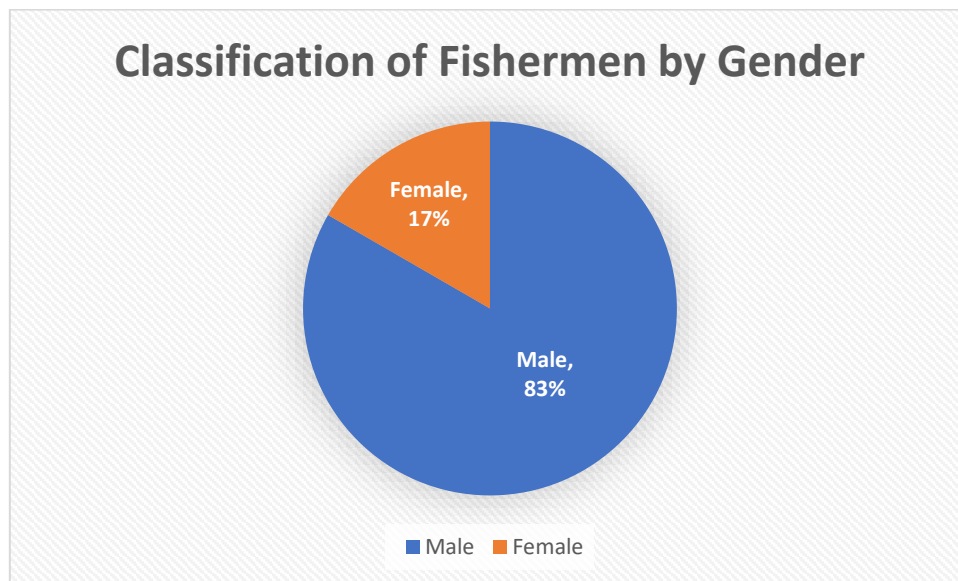
Table 2: Details of fisheries surveyed

Fishery	Location	Area	Number of fishermen employed	Mode of operation	Per day catch	Catch timing	Lean season	Food on which fish is fed	Market where catch is sold
Sardar bheri	Khasmahal Sardarpara, Dhapa manpur Mouza	450 Bigha	150	elected co-operatives	500 to 600 kg	4 am to 5 am	winter	sewage water	Chingrighata, Belegghata, Keshtopur Wholesale markets
Boro Gopeswar Bheri	Khasmahal Ghoshpara Dhapa manpur Mouza	300 Bigha	72	elected co-operatives	300 to 500 kg	4 am to 5 am	winter	sewage water	Chingrighata, Bantala, Keshtopur Wholesale markets

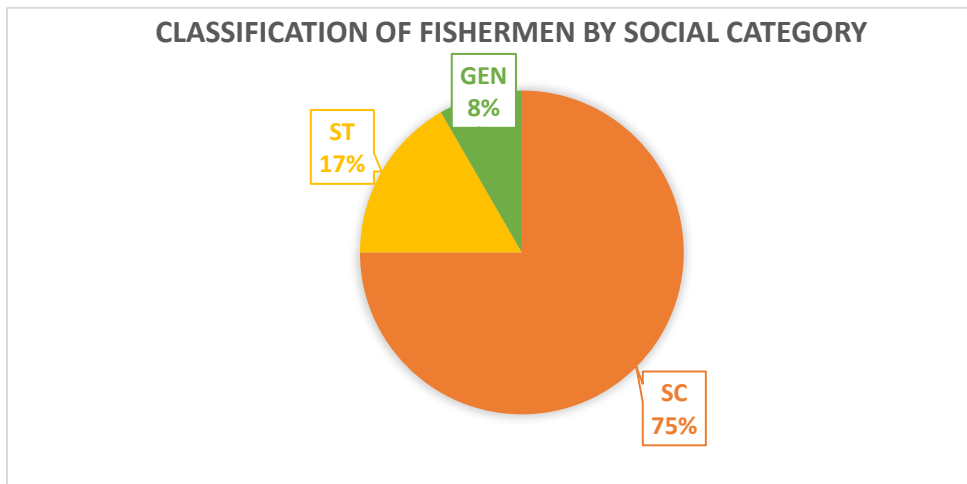
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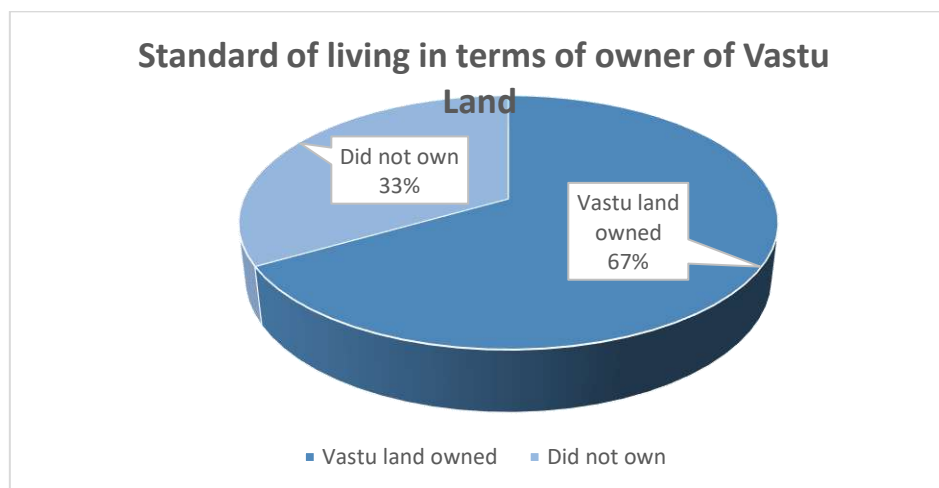
75% respondents were engaged in Sarder Bheri, whereas remaining were reported from B.G. Bheri



Majority of respondents belong to male category. Though many female are generally involved in fishing activity, only 17% female responded.



As far as social category is concerned, majority of the respondents belong to SC category, followed by ST and General .



The survey suggests that only 33% respondents do not have own Vastu land. The majority of the respondents, being the owner of Vastu land, belong to economically better-off strata.

Major Observation :

- **Mean income found to be Rs 8167**
- **Standard Deviation = Rs 2443**
- **Monthly income varies from Rs4500 to Rs 15000**
- **No causal relation was found between income from Fishery and having own Vastu land**



**Survey organised on
14th February, 2019
by Department of
Economics,
Department of
Geography in
association with
IQAC and NSS unit of
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ACTIVITY REPORT ON

“LIVING WOTH LOCKDOWN: LESSONS FROM INDIA’S COVID-19 RESPONSE AND THE WAY FORWARD TO ECONOMIC SURVIVAL”

Organized jointly by

Department of Commerce, Sivanath Sastri College and Department of Commerce, Malda College

On

5th June 2020.

An online webinar through Google Meet was organized by the Departments of Commerce of the two Colleges. The goal of the webinar was to understand how the economy and society were changing in the rapidly evolving situation rising out of the Covid lockdown. Conducted while the pandemic was still in its early stages and the lockdowns were in effect, the webinar saw speakers from around the world participate and express their views regarding the ways in which the situation would evolve in the coming months. Among the speakers, Dr. Subhashish De spoke on the global economic situation and how macro-trends were shifting towards a more complex and unpredictable situation in the near future.

The second speaker, Dr. Biswajit Mandal, elaborated on this theme by providing specific examples relating to the situation in West Bengal and nearby regions. He showed that the impact of the lockdown was bound to be uneven and suggested a host of measures which would both ensure that the economy would come out relatively unscathed and also that the lockdown itself would be successful.

Dr. Prabhas Chaudhuri and Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri spoke on the complex interrelationship between the worlds of international commerce, tariffs and the situation arising out of sudden cessation of economic activity. They showed that in the past as well, lockdowns have had complex and unpredictable effects on the overall well-being of various demographics who are linked to each other through myriad webs of trade and commerce. Finally, CA Chiranjib Das provided a much-needed reality check from the world of day to day finance to show how the pandemic was likely to have a long-lasting impact on the world of finance.

The number of participants in the webinar was 390. The list of speakers and the links to recordings of the sessions on YouTube is given below.

This is followed by the brochure and some screenshots of the webinar.

Name of seminar / conference / workshop	Date	Details of Resource Persons	Number of Participants	Links
LIVING WOTH LOCKDOWN: LESSONS FROM INDIA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE AND THE WAY FORWARD TO ECONOMIC SURVIVAL	5 th June, 2020 through Google meet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Shubhasish De, Senior Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Warwick, United Kingdom & Senior Research Fellow, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK . 2. Dr. Biswajit Mandal, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and politics, Visva-Bharati University, Birbhum, W.B. 3. Mr. Prabhas Choudhuri, Associate Professor, Department of Economics & Coordinator, IQAC, Malda College, Malda, West Bengal 4. Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri, Associate professor, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata 5. CA Chiranjib Das, Practising Chartered Accountant, Kolkata 	391	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSXRpggGA2w 2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msou13HJFJE 3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw8RKZ965PM 4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KK8Jc_VPhvw 5. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSCa51VmV-Q 6. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxNPmXDrIHM 7. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dz3NR_VAzk <p>[1. Inaugural session 2. Speech of Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri 3. Speech of Dr. Biswajit Mandal 4. Speech of CA Chiranjib Das 5. Speech of Dr. Shubhasish De 6. Speech of Mr. Prabhas Choudhuri 7. Valedictory Session]</p>



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ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON



"LIVING WITH LOCKDOWN: LESSONS FROM INDIA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE AND THE WAY FORWARD TO ECONOMIC SURVIVAL"

FRIDAY, 5TH JUNE, '20 THROUGH GOOGLE MEET

Resource Persons:

1. **Dr. Shubhasish De**, Senior Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Warwick, United Kingdom & Senior Research Fellow, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK
2. **Dr. Biswajit Mandal**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and politics, Visva-Bharati University, Birbhum
3. **Mr. Prabhas Choudhuri**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics & Coordinator, IQAC, Malda College
4. **Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri**, Associate professor, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
5. **CA Chiranjib Das**, Practising Chartered Accountant, Kolkata


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and
The Department of Commerce and Economics, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata

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Manas Baidya

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Aritra Majumdar (You)

Himanshu kushwaha

Dr.Nazmul Hussain Laskar

Malda College

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Aritra Majumdar (You)

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CS Sapana Dey

Manas Baidya

Pranab Datta joined

Also in the meeting (86)

ACTIVITY REPORT ON
ONE DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR TITLED “THE CONDITION OF INDIAN LABOUR
: MYTHS AND REALITIES IN THE BACKDROP OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”
ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE
DEPARTMENTS OF ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY

Indian labour is a unique category with its strongly embedded rural root. The 68 days long lockdown exposed the pathetic ignorance of our policy-makers about a special category of Indian labour, known as the ‘Migrant Workers’. We, for the first time, came to know that there is an Act around them. Why did they make such an obstinate move to come back to their native villages as soon as the country-wide lock-down was declared or why has a reverse migration started of late? Why were they so scared? What are the problems that underlie their existence? What explains the way the migrant workers were treated during this pandemic situation by the Union Government? Is there any palpable solution to the crisis? In order to address some pertinent issues ONE DAY NATIONAL Webinar was arranged on the 19th September, 2020, on the Google Meet Platform, which was a joint venture of the Departments of Economics, Political Science and History of Sivanath Sastri College.

The webinar that was inaugurated by the IQAC coordinator, Smt Jayanti Dutta at 11 am, IST, continued till 2 pm. Sri Sukhendu Sarkar, Head of the Department, Department of Economics, explained the relevance of webinar, focusing on the current tragic scenario of Indian labour. Three eminent speakers, Prof. Anjan Chakraborti, eminent Economist; Prof. Rajarshi Dasgupta and Prof. Anamitra Roychowdhury made illuminating discussion from various angles. Prof. (Dr.) Anjan Chakraborti explained at length about the correlation between the Neo-Liberal Reforms and the condition of Indian labour. He explained in an articulated manner what one should really mean by Global capitalism. He traced the movement of India through different phases of capitalism. He enriched us with an important theoretical framework. Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Assistant Professor (Political Science), JNU, spoke in concrete terms about the condition of migrant workers, pinpointing the problems they were facing. He described the specific role played by such workers in our economy. He highlighted different relevant surveys conducted during the lock-down period and drew important inferences from them. His discussion was extremely enriching and graphic in nature. Dr. Anamitra Roychowdhury gave a very descriptive view about the interrelationships between the labour laws and their reforms, the government’s approach towards it and its impact upon the labours during the phase of the Covid-19 pandemic. With the explanation of the three labour codes namely, the industrial relations, social security and the occupational safety health and working conditions, he demonstrated the authoritarian approach of the government which eventually with the labour market reforms is taking back the labour market by a century in time.

The audience was enlightened by the discussion of the speakers on the relevant topic. The Question - Answer session was conducted by Sri Aritra Majumdar, Assistant Professor, Department of History. Finally, the webinar came to an end with a valedictory session, where

Smt. Shankhamala Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, concluded the webinar by giving thanks to the speakers, the participants and especially to the brilliant management of the technical team of the Sivanath Sastri College. The feedback link was provided to all participants. The webinar ended with a grand success.

Total Number of Participants : 102.

Link to Recording of the Webinar : <https://youtu.be/JGWgECHzJz4>

The brochure of the webinar is attached below.



Departments of Economics,
History
and Political Science,
In Collaboration with
IQAC,
Sivanath Sastri College
present a
One-Day Webinar on

THE CONDITION OF INDIAN LABOUR : MYTH AND REALITIES IN THE BACKDROP OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

19TH SEPTEMBER 2020

@ 10 AM IST

Conducted via Google Meet with YouTube
Livestream

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SPEAKERS :

- Dr. Anjan Chakrabarti, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata.
- Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, Centre for Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Dr. Anamitra Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

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AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Concept Note

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Schedule

19th September, 2020
Introductory Session

Formal Introduction

Dr. Mausumi Bandopadhyay

Associate Professor,
Department of History, Sivanath Sastri
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10:30
AM

10:40
AM

Inaugural Speech

Prof. Jayanti Datta

IQAC Coordinator,
Sivanath Sastri College

Introduction of Speakers

Prof. Sukhendu Sarkar

Associate Professor,
Department of Economics, Sivanath
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AM

Schedule

19th September, 2020

Technical Session moderated by

Prof. Sukhendu Sarkar

First Speaker

Dr. Anjan Chakrabarti

Department of Economics
University of Calcutta, Kolkata

11:05
AM

Second Speaker

Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta

Centre for Political Science,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

11:45
AM

Third Speaker

*Dr. Anamitra Roy
Chowdhury*

Centre for Informal Sector and Labour
Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

12:30
AM

Schedule

19th September, 2020
Q&A and Valedictory Session

Q&A Session with Speakers

Aritra Majumdar

Assistant Professor,
Department of History
Sivanath Sastri College

1:15
PM

Concluding Observations and Vote of
Thanks

Dr. Shankhamala Ray

Assistant Professor,
Department of Political Science,
Sivanath Sastri College

1:45
PM

**Distribution of
Certificates
@ 2 PM**

Instructions for Participants

1. Registration for the webinar will be open from 2nd August 2020 to 5th August 2020. 2. Please register well in advance to ensure yourself a slot in the Google Meet meeting.
3. Since Google Meet capacity is limited, any participant who cannot be accommodated in Google Meet will be redirected to the livestream on YouTube.
4. Participants can send in their queries through Google Meet chat or via WhatsApp/Email or chat section of the livestream. Organizers will forward relevant questions to the speakers.
5. Under no circumstances will any participant be allowed to interrupt the speakers via voice or video expression. Any Google Meet participant who cannot/does not turn off their mic and camera during the webinar will be asked to shift to the livestream.
6. All registered participants, regardless of their mode of participation, will be sent a feedback link at the end of the webinar. Link will only be provided once the webinar is complete. Please do not request feedback link in the comment/chat section while the webinar is in progress.
7. Filling up this link using a Gmail address is necessary to obtain the certificate since the certificate will be sent directly through Google Drive.
8. Participants are requested to save/download/print their certificates as soon as they receive them. Organizers will not be able to provide duplicate certificates.

Link for registration -

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We look forward to having you
with us in the Webinar

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LECTURE SERIES ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Organized by

Department of Geography, Education and Economics

Research methodology is a theoretical paper introduced in the curriculum under CBCS. Students face severe hindrances while pursuing a project work. Review of literature, framing a research question, data collection, methodology used and analysis are integral parts of a project. Realizing the practical significance, three departments -Department of Geography, Education and Economics- have joined their hands to initiate lecture series on Research Methodology.

The series was inaugurated on the 16th September, 2022 by Prof. Dr. Saswati Mookherji, Retired Prof. Department of Geography, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata. She spoke about what is literature review and what are the ways to do it. She also gave lecture on research design. The lecture was followed by an interactive session with active participation of students and the faculty members of the college including faculty from the departments of Geography, Education and Economics. The participation of 98 students from three departments made the session a grand success. It ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Sriparna Bose.

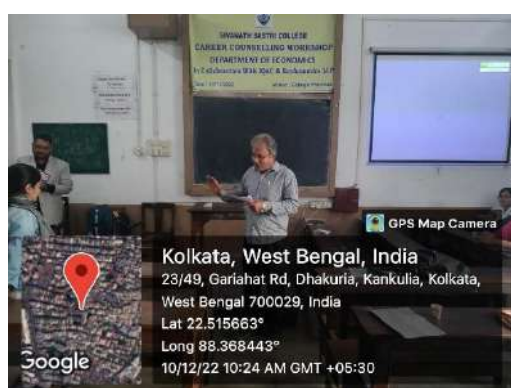
The second lecture on "Writing Research Proposal" was delivered by Dr. Abhijit Guha, Associate Professor, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshan Mandir on 28th April, 2023. 70 students from three departments participated and enjoyed the session.

The series will be continued in the coming session.



REPORT ON CAREER COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

Career Counselling workshop was organised by the Department of Economics in collaboration with Ecofundomics LLP, an international educational and research firm, registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (Government of India). It was held in the college premises on 10th December, 2022. Three speakers – Ms Shreya Roy, Director of Ecofundomics LLP; Mr. Sumon Banerjee, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms Oindrila Bhowmick enlightened the students highlighting academic opportunities, IT related career path and prospects of Entrepreneurship. In total, 28 students and 6 faculty members from department of Economics participated the workshop.





Lecture Demonstration and Group discussion

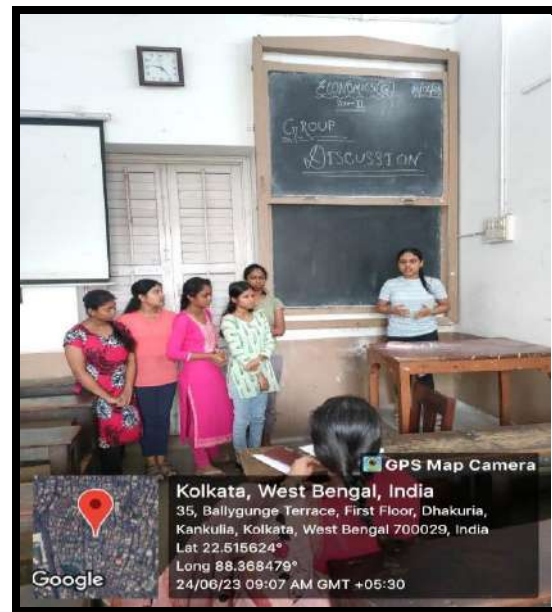
Lecture demonstration is part of the curriculum of Economics Honours under CBCS system introduced since 2018. **For Economics General, students participate in Group Discussion.** Few snapshots are added here.

Lecture Demonstration session was held where the students of all Semesters explained a topic from their syllabus and various papers to a panel of Professors showcasing their grasp on the topic along with their presentation skills either through ICT tools present or by using the Blackboard method and also answering various questions asked to them by the panel.





GROUP DISCUSSION BY Economics General Students



Peer Teaching

Department of Economics has arranged for Peer teaching for Semester VI Hons students in 2023.

A Peer Teaching session was held where the advanced learners of Semester VI students taught a topic to their fellow classmates using the ICT tools present in the classroom. This gave us a chance to understand how well they understand a topic and enhance their presentation skills along with imparting knowledge amongst other students.

Few glimpses are attached herewith.



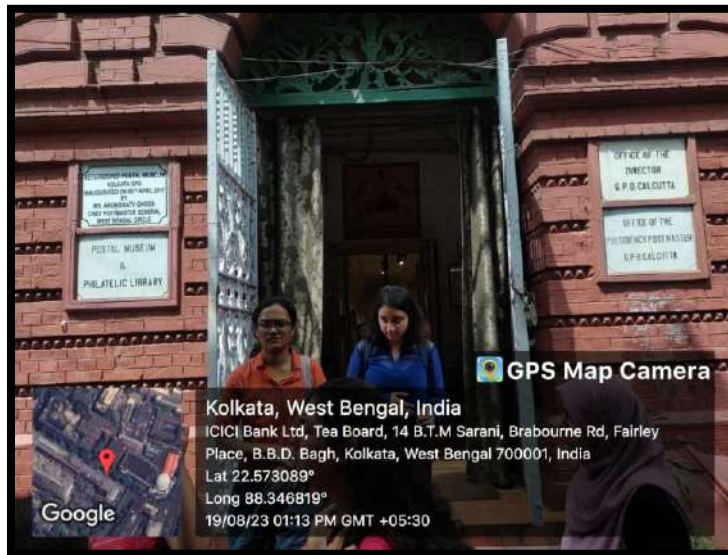
Visit to RBI Museum and GPO Museum

A visit to the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Museum was organized on 19th August, 2023 for the students of Economics Department of Sivanath Sastri College. Students of the Economics department and course coordinators Professors Sudipta De, Ankita Singh and Anwesha Podder visited the monetary museum. We were briefed about the evolution of money through a presentation and were explained the role and function of RBI by a member of RBI monetary museum. It captures the journey of monetary system in the Indian subcontinent and worldwide. There were various galleries in the museum where various coins, currencies of different denominations, replicas of gold bars, gold vault and other monetary artifacts are preserved. It was very interesting and enthusiastic for the students of Economics Honours and teachers as well. There were many interesting zones, where the students could learn about the financial condition of the country through the ages, how money are printed and discarded as well. There was a game zone for the kids to play and learn, and a research center. A quick quiz was arranged for the students out of which one of the students of the winning team got a certificate printed by the original Bond printing machine and another certificate was given to the Sivanath Sastri College as well.





Later from the RBI Museum, we did visit the GPO Museum, where the students witnessed, different types of stamps, the evolution of the stamps, and telephones and communication mediums. They witnessed our history in a nutshell.



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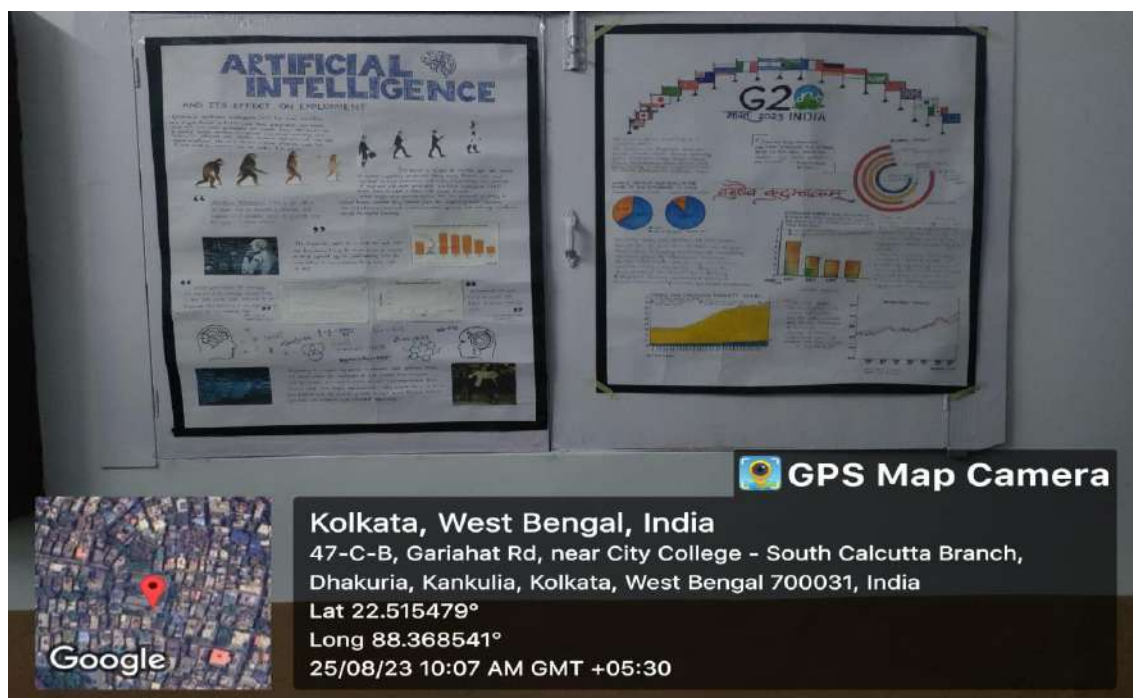
The students of the Department of Economics have creatively prepared posters to adorn our wall. They have meticulously selected topics that are very much relevant to the present global economic scenario. Their work truly reflects their potential and brilliance.

The topics on which students of semester VI have shown their excellence include

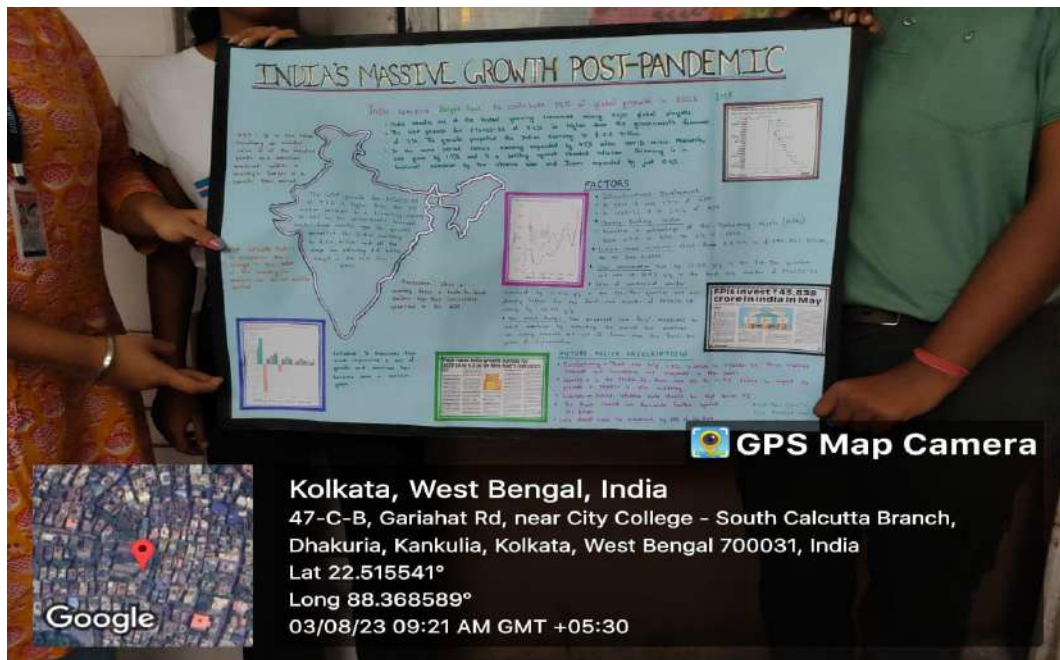
- ***Artificial Intelligence and its Effect on Employment***
- ***G 20 Summit***
- ***Consequences of the war between Ukraine and Russia.***

Another pertinent topic that has attracted students of Semester IV and Semester II is

- ***The Growth Rate of India in Post Pandemic Era.***







LECTURE SERIES ON BOOK- REVIEW AND ARTICLE -REVIEW

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Department of Economics in collaboration with IQAC

Books are the indispensable assets to the learners. The analysis of the content of the book carries a lot of significance. Focusing on this aspect, the ***Department of Economics in collaboration with IQAC, Sivanath Sastri College*** has initiated a lecture series on book-review and article review in the context of Indian economy on the ***16th September, 2023***. Such type of discussion session contributes to the promotion of literary culture. By attending lectures on book and article reviews, students can improve their critical thinking abilities. They learn how to assess and evaluate the content, style, and themes of books and articles in a systematic and analytical manner. It will also motivate them to read books and journals other than their text books to expand their knowledge of Economics.

The session was started with the welcome address of IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Sriparna Bose. The speaker of this lecture series was our esteemed Prof. Sukhendu Sarkar, Former Associate Professor, Sivanath Sastri College. On the first day, Prof. Sarkar in his lecture reviewed two chapters of the book, 'An Uncertain Glory: India and Its Contradictions' by Jean Dreze & Amartya Sen. Eighteen students attended the lecture along with the teachers of Sivanath Sastri College.

This lecture series will take place once in every month for the upcoming four months.

