

**1. Name of the department:**

Geography

**2. Year of Establishment:**

1963

**3. Names of programmes/ courses offered:**

UG

**4. Names of Interdisciplinary courses and the departments/ units involved:**

Nil

**5. Annual/ semester/ choice based credit system (programme wise):**

Credit Based Semester System

**6. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments:**

UG Foundation Course, environmental science for students of commerce faculty

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specilaization	Experience (Years)	No. of Ph.D. students guided in last 4 years
Dr. Kamalini Bandekar	M.A., Ph.D., NET	HOD, Associate Professor	-	27	-
Dr. Baishakhi Dutta	M.Sc. Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	-	21	-

**11. List of senior visiting faculty/Guest:**

Nil

**12. Percentage of lectures delivered and practical classes handled (programme wise) by temporary faculty:**

Nil

**13. Student-Teacher Ratio (programme wise):**

100:1

**14. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff sanctioned:**

Shared with college

**15. Qualifications of teaching faculty with DSc/ D.Litt/ Ph.D/ M.Phil./ P.G.:**

Ph.D.: 02

**16. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) National b) International funding agencies and grants received:**

Nil

**17. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC, DBT, ICSSR, etc. and total grants received:**

Nil

**7. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions etc.:**

Nil

**8. Details of courses/programmes discontinued (if any) with reasons:**

Nil

**9. Number of teaching posts:**

Post	Sanctioned (02) Filled (02)	Details
Professors	-	
Associate Professors	01	
Assistant Professors	01	

**10. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, specialization, (D.Sc./ D.Litt. /Ph.D./ M. Phil. etc.):****18. Research centre/ facility recognized by the University:**

Nil

**19. Publications:**

(Publication per faculty)

**Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national/ international) by faculty and students****Dr. Baishakhi Dutta**

- "Are Cities Decaying in Mumbai Metropolitan Region? 'In the peer reviewed journal, Research Horizons, Vol 4, July 2009, published by SNTD University, Mumbai.
- "Assessing Development through the Study of Intra-Urban Hierarchical Structure of Small and Medium Towns in MMR" In Research Horizons, Vol 5, July, 2010.
- "Celebrating Ganeshotsav, the Green Way", in Research Horizons, Vol 6 June 2011. (ISSN 2229-385X)
- "Looking at Natural Disaster from a Gender Perspective: A Challenging Task Ahead", in Global Journal of Management Applications Vol 11, No (1) January-March 2012. (ISSN 2249-345X)
- Published a research article titled "The Rise of Medical Tourism- A promising Sector", in Research

Horizons, Vol -2, July 2012. (ISSN 2229-385-X)

- "Impact Analysis of Undocumented Migrants from Bangladesh to West Bengal: An Overview "in Variorum Multi-Disciplinary e-Research Journal, Vol.04, issue I, August 2013 with an ISSN 976-9714.
- Published a research article in Bengali titled "Biparjoyer Mokabala o Byabosthapanai Baishymya", Bhugool Swadesh Charcha, Vol 3 (2), April-June 2009.
- "Green Clothing - The Latest Trend in Practice". In International Peer-Reviewed Journal, "Research Horizons", Vol 3, July, 2013.

Number of publications listed in International Database (For Eg: Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.)

*Dr. Baishakhi Dutta*

- "Disaster Management – From Crises to Cure " in the International Research Journal of Chemistry and Environment Vol No (1) Jan 2008.
- "Planning a Disaster Using Information Technology: A Boon for the Era." In Disaster Advances, Vol No 2 (2), April-October 2009.

**Book chapters**

*Dr. Baishakhi Dutta*

- "Focus on research for Quality Assurance in Higher Education - The Indian Experience of Selected Universities" in a book named 'Contemporary Scenario in Higher Education: Employability, Values, Opportunities and Challenges' with ISBN 978-81-88818-57-0, October, 2011.
- "Innovative Practices and novel Approach to Distance Education: Revamping the Scenario", in a book named 'Educational Techniques: Teaching, Learning and Quality Enhancement' with ISBN: 978-81-924836-0-3, December 2012.
- "Sustainable Township Planning and Urban Awakening: Case of Lavassa", in a book named 'Environmental Changes in Indian Sub-Continent: A Geographical Perspective"', with ISBN: 978-81-921888-3-0, February 2013.
- "Apu Legacy - Unfolding Satyajit Ray's Experience In Indian Cinema" in the edited book on '100 Years of Indian Cinema- Issues and Challenges in Retrospection' (Socio-Philosophical Perspective) with ISBN-13 No. 978-81-925489-2-0 (July 2013).

**20. Areas of consultancy and income generated:**

Nil

**21. Faculty as members in**

Senate: Nil

Board of Studies: Nil

**22. Student projects**

a. Percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter departmental/ programme:

Nil

b. Percentage of students placed for projects in organizations outside the institution i.e.in Research laboratories/ industry/ other agencies:

Nil

**23. Awards/ Recognitions received by faculty and students:**

Nil

**24. List of eminent academicians and scientists/ visitors to the department:**

Name	Institute
Mr. Dinesh Parekh	President of thane Belapur Industries Association.
Mr. Vijay Mudshingikar	Founder, Gangajal foundation
Mr. Jullion Hollick	International Writer and Documentery Producer.

**25. Seminars/ conferences/ workshops organized & the source of funding:**

Nil

**26. Student profile programme/ course wise:**

Geography is not offered at T.Y. B.A. level

**27. Diversity of Students:**

Name of the Course	% of students from the same state	% of students from other states	% of students from abroad
F.Y. B.A	95	5	Nil
S.Y. B.A	100	Nil	Nil

**28. How many students have cleared national and state competitive examinations such as NET, SLET, GATE, Civil services, Defense services etc.?**

Nil

**29. Student progression:**

Student progression	Against % enrolled
UG to PG	Data not available
PG to M.Phil.	Data not available
PG to Ph.D.	Data not available
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	Data not available
Employed	Data not available
• Campus selection	
• Other than campus recruitment	
Entrepreneurship/ Self-employment	Data not available

**30. Details of Infrastructural facilities:**

- a. Library: 1135 Books (+ books in central library)
- b. Internet facilities for Staff & Students: Available
- c. Class rooms with ICT facility: Available
- d. Laboratories: N/A

**• Challenges:**

Competitive world is the biggest challenge. Inter-disciplinary courses are becoming more popular among students.

**31. Number of students receiving financial assistance from college, university, government or other agencies:**

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**• Future Plans:**

To hold interactive workshops for students of R.J. College. New strategy for educational club in choice based credit system.

**32. Details on student enrichment programmes (special lectures/ workshops/ seminar) with external experts:**

The faculty of Geography department conducts large number of activities through the Geo Club.

Geo Club activities: Awareness campaign on Green Home for Health and Environment. Interactive session on Ganeshotsav - past present and future interactive session on green ideas, a workshop on warli paintings. Workshop on Eco-friendly Rakhi, Educational tour to Bhivpuri. Workshop on environmental literacy,

**33. Teaching methods adopted to improve student learning:**

- Lectures designed for active learning and result oriented teaching,
- Synoptic answers,
- Participatory learning modules,
- open book tests, question answer sessions,
- bridge lectures, Guidance for soft skills,
- Time management, learning techniques.

**34. Participation in Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) and Extension activities:**

The Geo club activities promote to make the premises eco-friendly. The students spread this message to the community also.

**35. SWOC analysis of the department and future plans:****• Strengths:**

Highly qualified teachers and enthusiastic learners.

**• Weakness:**

First generation learners face two major problems - English language and poor knowledge base. These are the major constraints in teaching at undergraduate level.

**• Opportunities:**

Many opportunities for teachers to design learning strategies in choice based credit system, to develop participatory learning modules and many more to make learning a joyful experience.