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About College

Darjeeling College. Government established in 1948 in Darjeeling district of West Bengal is famous for its academics and cultural practices. This college has been involved in serving the community actively since its inception. The college is situated at the foothills of the eastern sub-Himalayan region at an altitude of 2.134 meters and stands on the Lebong Cart Road near the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park. At the place where the college stands today in its full stature, previously stood St. Michael's School. Among the various academic departments, the Post-**Graduate Department of Botany have** been instrumental in production of trained human resources since 1962 and most of the alumni are well placed in their respective niche.





International Seminar on
"Protecting Wetlands and its
Impact in Biodiversity
Conservation"

Organized by: Post Graduate Department of Botany, Darjeeling Government College

Sponsored by: East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA)

Date of Seminar: 26th June, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Venue: Prof. Lalita Rai Ahmed

Seminar Hall, Darjeeling

Government College

Mode: Hybrid

About the Seminar: Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems on Earth, playing a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and supporting biodiversity. For a variety of plants and animals, including numerous migratory and endangered species, they offer vital habitats. In addition, wetlands provide vital ecological services like carbon sequestration, flood control, groundwater recharge, and water purification.

However, invasive species, pollution, urbanization, and climate change are all posing a growing danger to wetlands. Wetland loss and degradation have a negative influence on biodiversity by upsetting food networks and weakening species' resistance. Integrated management strategies that combine scientific involvement, community policy interventions, and research, sustainable land use practices must be given top priority in conservation initiatives.

Raising awareness and rehabilitating damaged wetlands are essential approaches towards maintaining biodiversity and securing ecological and socio-economic advantages. By appreciating and safeguarding wetlands, we can protect the basis for biodiversity and foster a sustainable future for both the environment and humanity.

Objectives/ Topics covered:

- To increase awareness about the use of wetlands.
- Highlighting the ecological, economic and social importance of wetlands.
- Discussing the role of wetlands in biodiversity conservation.
- Promoting practices to protect wetlands.
- Teaching students about policies and actions supporting wetland conservation.

Target participants:

Faculty members of College and University

Undergraduate and postgraduate students

Ph.D. researchers and scientists

Registration fee for participation: Nil Only registered participants will receive certificates.

No TA/DA or accommodation will be provided to the participants.

Poster presentation including three best poster presentation awards are restricted to UG and PG students only.

List of Speakers:

- 1. Prof. (Dr.) Abhaya Prasad Das, Adjunct Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh (Keynote address)
- 2. Dr. Nakul Chettri, Associate Director, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Gangtok, Sikkim
- 3. Dr. Subhasis Panda, West Bengal Senior Education Service, Principal, Government General Degree College, Chapra, Nadia, West Bengal
- 4. Dr. Smriti Gurung, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, School of Science, Kathmandu University, Nepal

Important dates:

Abstract submission Deadline: 20th June, 2025

Abstract submission email: conferencedgc2025@gmail.com (Word limit: 300; Keywords: 3-5 with a concise title)

