



# Miranda House

## UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

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### Internal Academic Audit

**Department: Geography**

**Academic Year: 2021-22** (from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022)

#### Strengths

- The strength of the Geography Department lies in the nature of the subject and the pedagogy of teaching learning. This assists the students to link theoretical learning of the subject to its applications in the real world.
- The compulsory field surveys are an opportunity to impart skill-based education to all students and equip them for absorption in the industry and research.
- The faculties take every opportunity to encourage students for experiential learning to inculcate interest and creativity through field work, nature walks, internships, and student research under mentorship of faculties.
- The faculties of the department are actively engaged in research and training in the Multi-disciplinary Research Centres of the college like the Northeastern Regional Research and Resource Centre (NERRRC), Centre for Environmental Studies and Disaster Management (CESDM) and D S Kothari Centre (DSKC). These centers give opportunity to both the faculties and students for capacity building under a multidisciplinary setup through interactions, knowledge exchange and networking through workshops and seminars.
- The faculties have engaged themselves in national and international collaborations, consultancies, research projects, publications, and curriculum and content development in the home university and other organizations.

#### Weaknesses

- Although with increasing student intake diversity has increased, there is rising pressure on existing infrastructure.
- The students could be further encouraged to submit their assignments on time so that their evaluation can be done well before the stipulated time. This could give them ample time and opportunity to improve their grades if needed by taking suggestions from the concerned faculty and resubmit their work before the final

date of submission.

### **Future proposals**

- The faculties of the department plan to undertake various research projects in the various Research Centres of the college to encourage more Under-Graduate Research opportunities through inhouse internships in these projects.
- To strengthen the ongoing nature of experiential learning, the department will start training the students to do resource mapping.
- Training in digital cartography will be strengthened with ushering in of the new syllabus under the four-year undergraduate courses that has begun from 2022-23 academic session as a part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- Experts, scholars, and distinguished alumnae will be invited from time to time to give students directions for future career goals and reinvent innovations.

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