

## REPORT: ALUMNI LECTURE 2024-25

- TITLE OF EVENT/ PROGRAMME (SEMINAR/ WEBINAR/ WORKSHOP/ EXTENSION LECTURE/ EXTENSION ACTIVITY/ ANY OTHER ACTIVITY): **Alumni lecture**
- THEME OF THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME: **Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of Trans-Himalayan Spiti: Eco-Cultural Research Experience**
- ACADEMIC SESSION: **2024-2025**
- DATE: **28.03.2025**
- VENUE: **GIS LAB, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Main Building, Asutosh College**
- OBJECTIVE/ PURPOSE: **To share the field experience among students**
- SPEAKER/S / RESOURCE PERSON/S:  
**Dr. Sumit Mukherjee**
- TARGET AUDIENCE/ PARTICIPANTS: **UG & PG students of Department of Geography**
- BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:  
**Dr. Mukherjee said that the nestled in between the great Himalayan range and Pir Panjal of Himachal Pradesh the Spiti valley forms a unique trans-Himalayan zone extending up to the Zaskar Himalaya. Hence Spiti, locally pronounced as Piti and written as Spiti, is known as the ‘middle country’. Throughout history, it kept changing hands among the various kingdoms of Tibet, Ladakh, Kinnaur, Lahaul and Kullu due to its strategic location. As per Dr. Mukherjee, the Spiti valley represents one of the most unique ecosystems of India defined as ‘Cold Desert’ with unique and diverse geographical and anthropological conditions controlled by the altitude and climate. Human health and all other activities here are largely controlled by the extreme cold climatic conditions. Annual average temperature ranges from around 25 degree to – 30 degree C and precipitation of around 200mm only as winter snow. Thus, this thinly populated valley is a living laboratory to study human adaptation. Dr. Mukherjee said that the human habitation of this region is spread over high to very high altitudinal range from 2,438 meters (7,999 feet) at the confluence with Sutluj to above 4,587 m (15,049ft) in Komic, the highest**

inhabited motorable village in the world. There are very few areas with good vegetative cover in the cold desert. The UNESCO has already declared this unique region as the cold desert biosphere reserve and has also marked it as the 36th heritage site in India as the 'Cold Desert Cultural Landscape' in 2015. The speaker himself highly fortunate having a long experience doing several field researches in that part of Himachal Pradesh from 1983 till 2016. The intricacies of that man-nature interface and related dynamics will be discoursed with relevant visuals. Further, he expressed his gratitude and renewed attachment with the present faculty (s) and students of the geography department of Asutosh College for giving this opportunity of sharing his experiences.

# ○ ATTENDANCE RECORD

## ASUTOSH COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY DATE: 28.03.2025 SPECIAL LECTURE BY : DR. SUMIT MUKHERJEE

SL NO	NAME OF STUDENTS	SEMESTER	SIGNATURE
29.	Ranit Hazra. (409)	UG 6th Sem	Ranit Hazra.
30.	Nilabha Ghosh (718)	UG 6th sem	Nilabha Ghosh
31.	Bishakha Nandy (05)	PG 4th Sem	Bishakha Nandy
32.	Sanjana Kayal (17)	PG 4th Sem	Sanjana Kayal
33.	Aakash Shaul (12)	PG 4th Sem	Aakash Shaul.
34.	Soumya Sarkar (23)	PG 4th Sem	Soumya Sarkar
35.	Sayani Adhikary (4)	PG 4th Sem	Sayani Adhikary
36.	Olia Khatri (13)	PG 4th sem	Olia Khatri
37.	Ankur Malik (28)	PG 2nd Sem	Ankur Malik
38.	Aakash Singh (01)	PG 2nd Sem	Aakash Singh
39.	Suchetana Mukherji (41)	PG 2nd sem	Suchetana Mukherji
40.	Sabita Sachi Pramanick (32)	PG 4th sem	Sabita Sachi Pramanick
41.	Sneha Sinha (0812)	UG 6th Sem	Sneha Sinha
42.	Farheen Ali (0975)	UG 6th Sem	Farheen Ali
43.	Sraoni Das (0816)	UG 6th Sem	Sraoni Das
44.	Debangana Pal (27)	P.G. 2nd sem	Debangana Pal
45.	Sarbani Chakraborty (35)	PG 2nd Sem	Sarbani Chakraborty
46.	Sreeranjani Ghosh (21)	PG 2nd sem	Sreeranjani Ghosh
47.	Deepshikha Karjee (10)	PG 2nd Sem	Deepshikha Karjee
48.	Pallavi Sarda (24)	PG 2nd sem	Pallavi Sarda
49.	Gobinda Mondal (36)	PG 2nd Sem	Gobinda Mondal
50.	Ayan Biswas (25)	PG 2nd sem	Ayan Biswas.
51.	Priya Datta (30)	PG 2nd Sem	Priya Datta
52.	Subha Adhikary (570)	UG 6th Sem	Subha Adhikary

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1.	Eshita Chandra	Pg 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Eshita Chandra
2.	Ekta Kumari	Pg 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Ekta Kumari
3.	Priyanka Bhattacharya	Pg 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Priyanka Bhattacharya
4.	Tuhina Parween	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Tuhina Parween
5.	Muskan Parvin	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Muskan Parvin
6.	Soosnee Mandal	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Soosnee Mandal
7.	Shibashis Dey	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Shibashis Dey
8.	Sayantika Maity	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Sayantika Maity
9.	Artyusha Banerjee	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Artyusha Banerjee
10.	Dipannita De	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Dipannita De
11.	Megha Manna	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Megha Manna
12.	Smrhalina Das	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Smrhalina Das
13.	Ankita Ghosh	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Ankita Ghosh
14.	Krititapa Mondal	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Krititapa Mondal
15.	Sohini Mukherjee	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Sohini Mukherjee
16.	Soujani Ray	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Soujani Ray
17.	Diya Karmakar	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Diya Karmakar
18.	Koena Das	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Koena Das
19.	Suchismita Ghosh	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Suchismita Ghosh
20.	Subarna Das	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Subarna Das
21.	Ahana Dutta	UG 5 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Ahana Dutta
22.	Bonisha Gupta	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Bonisha Gupta
23.	Diya Pal	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Diya Pal
24.	Ujjwal Layek (27)	PG 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Ujjwal Layek
25.	Satyajit Ghosh	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Satyajit Ghosh
26.	Soumyadeep Ghosh	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Soumyadeep Ghosh
27.	Syed Arif Ali (0724)	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Syed Arif Ali
28.	Suroaj Mondal (0391)	UG 6 <sup>th</sup> Sem	Suroaj Mondal



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44	Ludip Das Gupta	Instructor	
45	Kaishna Basu	Bengali	
46	GOURAB BERA. (SACT-I)	Geography	
47	Debabrata Chanda	Geography	
48	Sayani Mukherjee	"	
49	SUBHADIP GUPTA	"	
50	Swatan Paluam	"	
51	Debasmita Mukherjee.	"	
52	Indira Halder	Assist. Prof. Geography	
53	Soupar Car	"	

- EXPECTED OUTCOME: STUDENTS ARE VERY MUCH SATISFIED BY INTERACTING WITH THE RESOURCE PERSON THROUGH THIS PROGRAM

○ GEO-TAGGED PHOTOGRAPHS: Attached herewith

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92, S.P.MUKHERJEE ROAD, KOLKATA - 26  
**ALUMNI LECTURE**  
Topic: "Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of Trans-Himalayan Spiti: Eco-cultural Research Experiences"  
Organised by  
Department of Geography, Asutosh College  
in collaboration with  
IQAC and Committee for PG Studies, Asutosh College  
Speaker: **Dr. Sumit Mukherjee (Retd.)**  
Anthropological Survey of India

**Date: Friday, 28th March, 2025    Time: 2 P.M. Onwards**  
**Venue: GIS Lab (4th Floor), Main Building , Asutosh College**

○ PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE ISSUED FOR STUDENTS: ATTACHED  
HEREWITH

