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ONE DAY

MULTIDISCIPLINARY NATIONAL SEMINAR



Sundarbans Through Time : Historical Legacies, Geographical Challenges and Educational Responses



Organised by

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell
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In Collaboration with



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Date : 12th August, 2025

BLENDED MODE

• Call for registration & participation •
For any query contact : 9007261645, 99326 86679

About the College

Kalinagar Mahavidyalaya established in 1985, as the sole undergraduate institution located in the rural island of Kalinagar (Sandeshkhali) in 24 Pgs(N), affiliated with West Bengal State University and accredited by NAAC with a 'B' grade in 2024, the college offers a range of Honours and General courses in Arts and Science stream. Set amidst the ecologically fragile Sundarbans region, the



college plays a crucial role in providing higher education to the local island communities. Despite environmental challenges like cyclones and flooding, Kalinagar Mahavidyalaya continues to thrive with support from central and state agencies. With its expansive 14.54 acre campus, dedicated faculty and active community engagement and other outreach programs, the institution remains committed to academic excellence and holistic development.

About the Seminar

The Sundarbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's largest mangrove forest, is not only a rich ecological zone but also a dynamic socio-cultural and geopolitical region. The national seminar titled "Sundarbans Through Time: Historical Legacies, Geographical Challenges and Educational Responses" aims to explore the multifaceted evolution of the Sundarbans region through a multidisciplinary lens. Bringing together scholars, researchers, educators, and policymakers, the seminar will delve into the historical trajectories of human settlement and cultural legacy, examine pressing geographical and environmental challenges such as climate change, sea level rise and biodiversity loss, and assess the social impacts on vulnerable communities, including issues of displacement and livelihood insecurity. It will also highlight the critical

role of education in fostering awareness and resilience, encouraging innovative curriculum approaches and community engagement. By integrating insights from history, geography, environmental science, sociology and education, the seminar seeks to generate holistic understanding and actionable responses for the sustainable future.

Sub-Themes

1. Historical and Cultural Perspectives

Colonial and pre-colonial history, Migration, settlement, and land use changes over time, Folklore, oral traditions, and cultural narratives of the Sundarbans and surrounding areas, Indigenous knowledge systems and local practices, Evolution of governance and land rights.

2. Geographical and Environmental Issues

Coastal erosion, deltaic instability, and sea level rise, River dynamics, salinity intrusion, and land degradation, Cyclones, floods, and their increasing frequency, Biodiversity loss and conservation of the Sundarbans biosphere, Impact of climate change on ecosystem and livelihoods.

3. Livelihoods and Economy

Traditional livelihoods: fishing, honey collection, and farming. Impact of environmental changes on rural livelihoods, Role of women in the Sundarbans economy, Govt. schemes and development projects in Sundarbans, Health challenges in remote areas, Access to clean water and sanitation, Social vulnerability and marginalization, Role of NGOs and civil society in social upliftment.

4. Educational Responses and Pedagogical Innovations

Curriculum inclusion of local environment and culture, Role of schools in climate change awareness and disaster preparedness, Innovative teaching in remote & ecologically vulnerable areas, Environmental education and student participation, Teacher training & community involvement in education.

5. Policy, Governance and Development Planning

Forest laws and their socio-economic impact, Role of local government and Panchayati Raj institutions, Disaster management policies and implementation, Resettlement policies and land rights issues, Sustainable development goals (SDGs) and Sundarbans.

How to reach

Kalinagar Mahavidyalaya is located in Kalinagar Island of Sandeshkhali-I Block. To reach the college, take the Hasnabad local train from Sealdah station and get down at Bhyabla station. From there, board a bus to Nazat OR Board a bus from Science City till Malancha take auto to Nazat. From Nazat, take a ferry to Kalinagar and then reach the college by local transport (Toto).

Submission of Abstract

Research paper abstracts are invited on the themes and sub themes outlined for the seminar. Interested participants are requested to submit an abstract of approximately 250 words in English or Bengali. The deadline for abstract submission is **20th July 2025**, and abstracts must be sent in Microsoft Word format to iqac.knmv2018@gmail.com. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **25th July 2024**, and the final paper is to be submitted by **5th August 2025**.

Registrations Link :

<https://forms.gle/22YTZFdz6W4hj979>



Registration Fees

Category	Amount in Rs.	
	With Paper	Without Paper
Faculty/Professional	1000	600
Research Scholar	800	400
Student	500	300

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission	: 20.07.2025
Notification of abstract acceptance	: 25.07.2025
Deadline for registration	: 30.07.2025
Deadline for full paper submission	: 05.08.2025
Seminar	: 12.08.2025

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