

SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES 2018

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As a part of the Special Lecture Series 2018, the Department of Geography, Diamond Harbour Women's University organised a special lecture by Prof. Debendra Kumar Nayak, Department of Geography, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong on 10.03.2018 at 12 noon. The Head of the Geography Department, Diamond Harbour Women's University - Prof. Sujit Mondal delivered the welcome address.



Prof. Nayak's chosen topic was **'Making Geography Relevant: The Case of Social Geography'**. He pointed out that geography in spite of being a popular subject among students have lost its ground somewhere and has not been able to make a mark of its own in the academic world. For the layman, the subject is all about remembering the names of the capitals and pointing places on maps; being just an extension of general knowledge. The geographic world itself is also 'divided' between the social and physical spheres. Prof. Nayak expressed his worry that if such trend continued for long then the geographers will lose out to other academic disciplines, it has to carve out a niche for itself. He emphatically stated that only the social geographers can spatially correlate the social phenomenon and bring out unique social analysis. Detailed field survey, analytical spatial approach of the geographers can provide that extra edge to social geography to make a true impact and generate a problem-solving aptitude.

Prof. Nayak's lucid, informative and intriguing lecture was extremely well received by the students which was reflected in the question-answer session after the lecture. The enlightening session ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shovan Ghosh, Department of Geography, Diamond Harbour Women's University.

