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EVENT COMPLETION REPORT

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR ON "GLOBAL URBAN CHALLENGES: INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IDEAS IN ADDRESSING CITY PROBLEMS"

Organised by: Department of Geography, Birpara College in collaboration with IQAC, Birpara College

Date of Event: 25/01/2024

Name of Resource Person: Prof. Mallik Akram Hossain, Professor, Department of Geography, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Number of Participants: 73 students

Event Overview: The Department of Geography, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Birpara College, successfully hosted a one-day international seminar focusing on the theme, "Global Urban Challenges: Innovative Research Ideas in Addressing City Problems." The seminar provided a platform for students and faculty members to engage with pressing urban challenges and explore innovative research ideas to address them.

Session Highlights: The seminar commenced with an inaugural session, which included a warm welcome address by the Head of the Department of Geography, Birpara College, followed by introductory remarks from the IQAC coordinator. The keynote session was delivered by the esteemed resource person, Prof. Mallik Akram Hossain, a distinguished scholar in urban geography from Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

In his address, Prof. Hossain shed light on various global urban challenges, including rapid urbanization, climate change, and socio-economic inequalities. He emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research and innovative strategies in tackling these issues. Prof. Hossain

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also shared insights from his own research, providing participants with concrete examples of successful urban interventions in developing cities.

Participation and Engagement: The seminar witnessed active participation from 73 students across various disciplines. Participants engaged enthusiastically during the interactive session, posing thought-provoking questions and sharing their perspectives on urban challenges. This facilitated a dynamic exchange of ideas and fostered a collaborative learning environment.

Key Outcomes:

1. Increased awareness among participants about global urban issues and the need for innovative research approaches.
2. Encouraged students to explore urban studies as a potential research area.
3. Strengthened academic collaboration between Birpara College and international institutions.

Conclusion: The one-day international seminar on "Global Urban Challenges: Innovative Research Ideas in Addressing City Problems" was a resounding success. It provided an enriching experience for all attendees and underscored the importance of innovative research in addressing urban challenges. The Department of Geography looks forward to organizing similar events in the future to promote academic excellence and interdisciplinary learning.

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