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1. Name of the Department Department of Geography, Faculty of Science
2. Year, date of establishment..... **19th August 1946** ... [Monday, *Bhadrapad Krishna 7th Samvata 2003, Janmasthanmi*]
3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the university? ... YES, Faculty of Science ...
4. Names of **programmes** offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Litt., etc.) UG B.A./ B.Sc., PG M.A./M.Sc., Ph.D., PG Dip. RS-GIS. ...
5. Interdisciplinary programmes and departments involved NA
6. Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc. NA
7. Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons NA
8. Examination System: Annual/Semester/Trimester/Choice Based Credit System Semester & Credit based.
9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments NA
10. Number of **teaching posts** sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/ Asst. Professors/others)

Faculty	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual (including CAS & MPS)
Professor	4	4 (+12 CAS)	16
Associate Professors	7	1	1
Asst. Professors (Lecturers)	11	9	9
Others: UGC Research Scientist 'B'	---	1	1

11. **Faculty profile** with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance:

Teaching Faculty as on 30 June 2013; <Retirement age: 65 years>.

Dept. of Geography, Faculty of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP 221005.

Main Campus Dept.: Highlights of the Teaching Staff; Teaching experience, PhD Supervised 2009-2013.

Surname, given/ Mr/Mrs.	Date of Birth	Degrees, Master & +	Designation, present	Specialization/ interest
1. Sharma, P. R. Mr.	08-11-1950	MA, PhD	Professor	Regional Planning
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-5, Research Papers-39, Book Reviews-4, Project Report-1. Yrs Exp: 38, PhD Supv. 4.				
2. Kumra, V. K. Mr.	05- 07-1954	MSc, PhD	Professor	Applied, & Environmental
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -6, Research Papers -63, Book Reviews -4, Project Report -0. Yrs Exp: 37, PhD Supv. 4.				
3. Singh, Sant B. Mr.	06- 07-1949	MA, PhD	Professor	Settlements (rural, urban)
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -6, Research Papers -98, Book Reviews-2, Project Report -8. Yrs Exp: 37, PhD Supv. 5.				
4. Singh, M. B. Mr.	05- 07-1952	MSc, PhD	Professor	Industrial and planning
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -9, Research Papers -63, Book Reviews-7, Project Report-1. Yrs Exp: 37, PhD Supv. 5.				
5. Singh, Rana P. B. Mr.	15-12-1950	MA, PhD	Prof. & HoD	Cultural Geogr. & Thought
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -41, Res. Papers-220, Book Reviews-204, Project Report-6. Yrs Exp: 37, PhD Supv. 5.				
6. Singh, Tara Devi Mrs.	10-12-1947	MA, PhD	Professor	Population & quantitative
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-3, Research Papers-38, Book Reviews-2, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 36, PhD Supv.3.				
7. Raju, K. N. P. Mr.	12- 07-1953	MSc, PhD	Professor	Coastal Geomorphology
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-1, Research Papers-16, Book Reviews-1, Project Report -2. Yrs Exp: 32, PhD Supv. 2.				
8. Singh, Jagadish Mr.	27-01-1952	MA, PhD	Professor	Settlement & Environment
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -6, Research Papers -37, Book Reviews-1, Project Report-1. Yrs Exp: 30, PhD Supv. 3.				
9. Yadava, R. S. Mr.	08-10-1956	MA, PhD	Professor	Remote Sensing, GIS, Plan.
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -2, Research Papers -32, Book Reviews -1, Project Report-2. Yrs Exp: 30, PhD Supv. 0.				
10. Ram Bilas Mr.	12- 08-1953	MSc, PhD	Professor	Water Resources
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-1, Research Papers-37, Book Reviews -1, Project Report -0. Yrs Exp: 30, PhD Supv. 5.				
11. Singh, B. N. Mr.	21- 09-1953	MA, PhD	Professor	Rural Planning
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -2, Research Papers -39, Book Reviews -1, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 28, PhD Supv. 3.				
12. Mishra, S. P. Mr.	08- 08-1955	MA, PhD	Professor	Planning, Remote Sensing
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-2, Research Papers -48, Book Reviews-1, Project Report-2. Yrs Exp: 28, PhD Supv. 3.				
13. Sinha, Braj R.K. Mr.	08-03-1956	MA, PhD	Professor	Population, Development
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -4, Research Papers-49, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 27, PhD Supv. 2.				
14. Sharma, V. N. Mr.	21-07-1960	MA, PhD	Professor	Industrial/ Environmental
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -2, Research Papers- 41, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-3. Yrs Exp: 27, PhD Supv. 1.				
15. Mishra, Anand P. Mr.	01-12-1958	MSc, PhD	Professor	Planning, Social Geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-2, Research Papers-35, Book Reviews-4, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 11, PhD Supv. 2.				
16. Singh, Ravi S. Mr.	08- 09-1971	MA,MPhil,PhD	Professor	Devel. Geogr. & Thought
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -3, Research Papers-58, Book Reviews-23, Project Report -1. Yrs Exp: 15, PhD Supv. 1.				
17. Tripathi, V. K. Mr.	30- 06-1962	MA, PhD	Assoc. Prof.	Urban Geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-0, Research Papers-20, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 25, PhD Supv. 2.				
18. Gownamani, D. Mrs.	05- 06-1970	MSc, Bed, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Land use & Applied Geog.
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-0, Research Papers-2, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 25, PhD Supv. 0.				
19. Rai, Gayatri Mrs.	05- 07-1972	MA, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Population Geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-2, Research Papers-16, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 11, PhD Supv. 2.				
20. Sanyal, Srabani Mrs.	16- 08-1972	MSc, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Environmental Geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-1, Research Papers-4, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 11, PhD Supv. 1.				
21. Roy, Archana K. Mrs.	01-01-1975	MA, MPS, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Migration Geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books -2, Research Papers-23, Book Reviews-0, Project Report -1. Yrs Exp: 9, PhD Supv. 0.				
22. Alam, Sarfaraz Mr.	05-01-1972	MA,MPhil,PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Envin. Political Geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-1, Research Papers-31, Book Reviews-6, Project Report-1. Yrs Exp: 9, PhD Supv. 0.				
23. Goswami, K. P. Mr.	28-10-1971	MA, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Resource geography
<i>Pubs.</i> : Books-0, Research Papers-12, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 9, PhD Supv. 2.				
24. Singh, Suman Mrs.	01- 07-1972	MA, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Integrated Rural Develop.

<i>Pubs: Books-0, Research Papers-12, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-1. Yrs Exp: 8, PhD Supv. 0.</i>				
25. Meena , M. L. Mr.	08-10-1979	MA, MPhil, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Political Geography
<i>Pubs: Books-0, Research Papers-8, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 6, PhD Supv. 0.</i>				
26. Verma , Narendra Mr.	28-08-1972	MA, PhD	Asstt. Prof.	Environmental Geography
<i>Pubs: Books-0, Research Papers-9, Book Reviews -0, Project Report-0. Yrs Exp: 6, PhD Supv. 0.</i>				
UGC Research Scientist "B"				
1. Rai , Vinay Kumar Mr.	01-01-1957	MSc, PhD	UGC Research Scientist 'B'	Hydrology, Water resource
<i>Pubs: Books-4, Research Papers-35, Book Reviews-0, Project Report-2. Yrs Exp: 24, PhD Supv. 3.</i>				

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors NON
13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty - programme-wise information.....NA
14. ...Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio, 2012-13

Courses	No. of Students, 2012-13	Faculty, No.	Student vs. Teacher
UG	838	27	31 : 01
PG	138	27	05 : 01
PhD	121	27	4.5: 01
Dip RS-GIS	69	8	8.6: 01

14. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned, filled and actual

--	TA	STA	Attendant	Driver	TOTAL
Sanctioned	3	7	6	1	17
Filled	3	7	6	1	17

15. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies:

(i) Urban Geography, (ii) Regional Planning & Resource Appraisal, (iii) Remote Sensing & GIS.

16. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title and grants received project-wise.

S. No	Title of the Project	From - To	Funding Agency	Funds, Grant (Rs)
1.	Evolving Eco-development Plan for Sim Gad Micro Watershed, District, Almora (PI: Dr S.B. Singh)	2011-2014 (Ongoing)	U.G.C	11,25,000/-
2.	Status of Geography Education in School Boards of India: A Comparative Study (PI: Dr. Sarfaraz Alam)	Jan. 2011 to Dec. 2013	U.G.C.	8,72,000/-
3.	Evolving Women's Participation for Integrated Area Development of Khul Gad Micro Watershed, Kumaon Himalaya, Uttarakhand (PI: Dr. Mrs. Suman Singh)	July 2012- June 2015	U.G.C.	9,48,300/-

17. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received a) National collaboration b) International collaboration NA

18. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE, etc.; total grants received..... DST-SAP --- 5 lakhs (2012-12).

19. Research facility / centre with

- state recognition NON
- national recognition NON

- international recognition NON
- 21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies...
NON

22. Publications, 2012-13:

Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international)

Total Number of Research Papers		Total Number of Articles		Total Number of Books Published (with ISBN)		Total Number of Monographs	Other
National	International	National	International	National	International		
63	10	08	04	09	01	01	01

- Monographs 01.
 - Chapters in Books12.
 - Edited Books 06.
 - Books with ISBN with details of publishers.... (all ISBN numbers).....
 - Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.)
 - Citation Index - range / average NA.....
 - SNIP NA
 - SJR NA
 - * Impact Factor - range / average NA
 - * h-index NA
23. Details of patents and income generated NA.....
24. Areas of consultancy and income generated NA.....
25. Faculty selected nationally / internationally to visit other laboratories / institutions / industries in India and abroad Prof. Rana P.B. Singh, Prof. B.R.K. Sinha, Prof. Ravi S. Singh.
26. Faculty serving in
- a) National committees b) International committees c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify) Prof. Rana P.B. Singh (UK, Ireland, Romania, Korea, Japan, GOI, etc), Prof. B.R.K. Sinha (Romania), Prof. Ravi S. Singh (Japan, USA, India).
27. Faculty recharging strategies (UGC, ASC, Refresher / orientation programs, workshops, training programs and similar programs)..... YES, Faculty involved in all such programmes.
28. Student (research, PhD level) projects
- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including interdepartmental projects 02%
 - percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities / industry / institute 02%.
29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by
- Faculty Prof. Rana P.B. Singh (FJF- Japan, FIFS- Japan, FAAI- Italy), Prof. Ravi S. Singh (F.I.F.S. Fellow)
 - Doctoral / post doctoral fellows NON
 - Students, MSc Ms. Tiyali Bose, and Mr Atanu Chatterjee (GTZ Germany, 2012).

30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any, 2000- 2013 (22), all supported by UGC, GOI, Min. Earth Sciences, UNO, and other bodies:

1. National Seminar on 'Optimum Utilisation of Land Resource and Technology Transformation vis-à-vis Poverty Alleviation', February 4-6, 2000, [Convenor: Prof. S. B. Singh; Organising secretaries: Prof. V.K. Kumra, Prof. Rana P.B. Singh].
2. International Conference on 'Land Use Change, Environment and Sustainable Development', December 11-14, 2000, [Convenor: Prof. S. B. Singh; Organising secretaries: Prof. V.K. Kumra, Prof. Rana P.B. Singh].
3. International Conference on 'Environment, Energy, Technology, Development and Society's Response' & 23rd IIG Meet, 1-3 December, 2001, [Convenor: Prof. S. B. Singh; Organising secretaries: Prof. V.K. Kumra, Prof. Rana P.B. Singh].
4. 25th (Silver Jubilee) National Conference, Institute of Indian Geographers, November 28 - 30, 2003, [Convener: Prof. D. N. Singh].
5. International Conference on 'Sustainable Management of Natural Resources', February 11-14, 2004, [Convener: Prof. M. B. Singh].
6. National Seminar on 'Indian Geography in the 21st Century: Paths and Ways'; 2 - 3 March 2005, [Convener: Prof. P.R. Sharma, Secretary: Prof. Rana P.B. Singh].
7. National Seminar on 'Remote Sensing & GIS in Geographical Studies'; 21- 22 March 2007, [Convener: Prof. V.K. Kumra; Organising secretaries: Prof. K.N.P. Raju, Prof. Jagadish Singh].
8. Training & Workshop, Regional Institute of Education, Ajmer (NCERT) on 'Environmental Education' for KRPs of SC/ST Categories from U.P.: 03 - 07 December 2007, [Convener: Prof. V.K. Kumra; Coordinator: Prof. R. S. Yadava; Secretary: Dr. Sarfaraz Alam].
9. National Seminar on 'Geomorphology in Disaster Mitigation and Management', XX Annual Conference of IGI: 15 - 17 February 2008, [Convener: Prof. V.K. Kumra; Organising Secretaries: Prof. Jagadish Singh, Prof. K.N.P. Raju].
10. National Workshop on 'Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water'; Organised by the Central Ground Water Authority (Govt. of India), State Unit office, Allahabad: 25 - 26 March 2008, [Coordinator: Prof. Ram Bilas].
11. National Seminar on 'Urban Governance and Need for Information System': 16-17 March 2009, [Convener: Prof. V.K. Kumra; Organising Secretaries: Dr Ravi S. Singh, Dr Archna K. Roy].
12. International Conference on 'Strategic Management of Energy, Environment and Disaster for Sustainable Development' (jointly with Faculty of Management Sciences, BHU): 11-15 Jan. 2010, [Co-Convener: Prof. V.K. Kumra, Organising Secretary: Prof. B.N. Singh].
13. National Seminar on 'Research in Geography: Debate on Issues and Solutions': 28-29 January 2010, [Convener: Prof. P.R. Sharma; Co-Convener: Prof. Rana P.B. Singh].
14. National Seminar on 'Population, Development and Environment Challenges': 18 - 20 February 2010, [Convener: Prof. T. D. Singh; Organising Secretaries: Dr A.P. Mishra, Dr Archna K. Roy].
15. International Seminar on 'Technology, Energy and Sustainable Rural Environment': 23 - 25 February 2011 [Secretary-General: Prof. M. B. Singh].
16. National Seminar on "Recent Advances in the Development of Geographical Knowledge and its Interdisciplinary Association with Sciences": 3-4 November 2011 [Convenors: Prof. R.S. Yadava, and Prof. V.N. Sharma].
17. National Seminar on "Reorienting Geography to meet Present and Future Challenges": 14 - 16 March 2012, UGC DRS SAP Phase II Prog. [Convenors: Prof. K.N.P. Raju, and Prof. Jagadish Singh].
18. National Seminar on "Development Deficit and Naxal movement in Geographical Perspectives": 4-5 May 2012. [Convener: Assoc. Prof. A.P. Mishra].

19. Workshop on “Houses, Household Amenities and Assets Data of Census 2011”: 15 September 2012. [Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Ravi. S. Singh].
20. National Conference on “Reorienting Geography Education & Training for Sustainable Development in India”: 29 – 31 October 2012. [Convener: Assoc. Prof. Ravi. S. Singh].
21. National Seminar on “Plains of the Ganga River: Problems & Prospects”: 28 – 30 January 2013. [Convenors: Prof. K.N.P. Raju and Prof. Jagadish Singh].
22. The 12th Asian Urbanization International Conference: 28– 30 December 2013. [Convenor: Prof. B.R.K. Sinha, Organising Secretary: Prof. Ram Bilas].

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments ... **Yes**, The University and Dept. level Anti-Ragging Committees are working actively.

32. Student profile programme-wise, 2012-13:

Name of the Programme	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage, %	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
UG, BA/ BSc	1250	314	93	99.0	99.0
PG, MA/ MSc	320	85	37	98.0	99.0
PhD	35	8	4	95.0	98.0
Dip RS-GIS	99	39	25	100.0	100.0

33. Diversity of students

Name of the Programme (refer to quest. 4)	% of Students from the same university	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
UG, BA/ BSc	70.0	25.0	5.0	---
PG, MA/ MSc	63.0	27.0	10.0	---
PhD	62.0	38.0	3.0	1.0
Dip RS-GIS	47.0	48.0	5.0	---

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATT and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise. NET (PhD students), 2007-13 [6 years]: Total - 98 (M: 53, F; 45).

35. Student progression, as admitted in Geography Dept., B.H.U.

Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	64.0
PG to M.Phil.	NA....
PG to Ph.D.	51.0
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	Only 1.
Employed	
• Campus selection NA
• Other than campus recruitment NA
Entrepreneurs NA

36. Diversity of staff

Details of faculty who are PG graduates			
Faculty	Professor	Assoc. Professor	Asstt. Professor
Permanent Faculty	16	1	9
PG graduates of the same university	13	1	3
PG graduates from other universities within the State	--	--	1
PG graduates from universities from other States	3	--	5
PG graduates from universities outside the country	--	--	--

37. Number of faculty who were awarded M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period: Ph.D.. 3 Assistant Professors, 2011-2013.
38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to
- Library 1 (ca 9000 books)
 - Internet facilities for staff and students yes to 27 faculties, and all students.
 - Total number of class rooms..... 9 Rooms, and 4 Labs.
 - Class rooms with ICT facility 3 Class Rooms.
 - Students' laboratories..... Yes...
 - Research laboratories Yes ...
39. List of (i) doctoral, (ii) post-doctoral students and (iii) Research Associates...
- from the host institution/university (i)... 120 , (ii).. 1, (iii) ... 2.
 - from other institutions/universities NIL
40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university. 3 ..
41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology..... Processed through the Board of Studies, BOS, constituted by the Dept. Council....
42. Does the department obtain feedback from ----
- faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback? YES through BOS.....
 - students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback? YES through BOS.....
 - alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback? NA
43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 12):

Se	Name and Present status	Position held	Affiliation
1.	Dr. G.S. Kulkarni (<i>late</i>)	Prof. & Head	Dept. of Geography, University of Pennsylvania, USA
2.	Dr. Shuichi Nakayama	Prof. & Head, & Director	Geography, Hiroshima University; & Centre of Development Studies, JAPAN
3.	Dr. Pradyumna P. Karan	Distinguished University Prof.	University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA
4.	Dr. H.P. Srivastava	Prof. & Head, Geography	University of Ottawa, Montreal, CANADA
5.	Dr. Parmeshwar Dayal	Prof. & Head-Geography, & V.C.	Dept. of Geography, Patna University; & V.C. Magadh University at Bodh Gaya
6.	Dr. Kashi N. Singh (<i>late</i>)	Professor; & Prof. Prof. & Head-Geog. at B.H.U.	Dept. of Geography, Addis Ababa University, ETHIOPIA
7.	Dr. Bhupendra Kant Roy	Registrar General	Director- NATMO; RG Office, Census

			of India
8.	Dr. Soorya Lal Amatya	Prof. & Head, Geography; & Rector	Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, NEPAL
9.	Dr. Padma C. Poudel	Prof. & Head	Central Dept. of Geography, Tribhuwan Univ., Kathmandu, NEPAL
10.	Dr. Prithvish Nag	Vice-Chancellor, MGKVP	Ex. Director-General SOI GOI, Director – NATMO DST Kolkata; Vive-Chancellor MGKV Varanasi
11.	Dr. R. B. Singh	Prof. & Head, Geogr. Delhi Univ.	Vice-President, International Geographical Union, 2012-2016; Exec. Member INSA, 2008-2016; Exe. Member Commonwealth Geog. Bureau, 2004-2008
12.	Dr. Rana P.B. Singh Prof. & Head, Dept. of Geography, B.H.U.	Prof. of Geography & Env. Sc. VT, USA; Vist. Prof. Karlstad Univ., Sweden	Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, USA; & Vice-President, ACLA Asian Cultural Landscape Association (Korea)

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special celebrations, lectures/ workshops/ seminar) involving external experts, teachers' interaction. ... **Special day programmes (09)** arranged together with special lectures and dialogues include – Republic Day (26 January), World Women's Day (8 March), World Heritage Day (18 April), World Environment Day (5 June), World Population Day (11 July), Independence Day (15 August), Geography Foundation Day B.H.U. (19 August), India's Teachers day (5 September), World Peace Day (2 October, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday), etc. – all organized by students (PG and Research) under the guidance and collaboration of the teachers.
45. List the **teaching methods** adopted by the faculty for different programmes. Remote Sensing, GIS Tools, Aerial Photographs, PPT, Video, etc.
46. How does the department ensure that **programme objectives** are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored? Regular monitoring performed through Research Progress Seminars, Assessment Test and discourses, Oral tests, Refresher and Orientation Programmes.
47. Highlight the **participation** of students and faculty in extension activities. Most of the Faculty members are regularly involved in Refresher and Orientation Programmes, Seminars, etc.
48. Give details of "**beyond syllabus** scholarly activities" of the department. Seminars, symposium, Colloquiums, Competition, Essay writings, Quizzes, Cultural performances.
49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details. NO
50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.
- >> see below No. 51 for highlights.

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of the department.

SWOT	Attributes and Aspects
Strengths:	RS-GIS Lab.; DGPS; Total Station; Soil & Water Lab.; The National Geographical Society of India, and its since Aug. 1946 HQ, and publishing qt. <i>Jl NGJI</i> since 1955; Five courses (i) BA Arts, (ii) BA Soc. Sc, and (iii) BSc in three faculties; (iv) MA & MSc in Geography; and (v) PG Dip, RS-GIS; International interdisciplinary collaboration in projects, seminars, task-force committees with GOI and UNESCO agencies (-- mostly by Prof. Rana P.B. Singh)
Weaknesses:	Lack of Computer aided Cartography Lab; Field-Oriented Applied Geomorphology; Meteorological Observation Station; Lack of International Collaboration by majority of colleagues; Rarely publication in peer-reviewed International research journals; Lack of International Visiting Fellows; More interest in individual gain at any cost; negligence of the spirit of the subject and devotion to it; Lack of contemporary important topics of courses and study; Psychosomatic problem of self-praise, and deteriorating standard; Lack of adding new researches and interdisciplinary topics in the courses; Having no departmental corroboration with even directly related thematic programmes of the UNESCO and World Bank.
Opportunities:	Placement of PG and Diploma RS-GIS strong; Helping BHU community and administration in geographical mapping to a certain extent; Help in preparing Master Plan, CDP and Heritage Plan of the City, including association with UNESCO, and also NCSTC - DST GOI (-- mostly by Rana P.B. Singh)
Threats:	Lacking interest in geomorphology; Superficial interpretation and poor quality of research; Misinterpretation and misrepresentation of data; Lack of field based experiences, survey, and participatory observations; High degree of plagiarism; Faculties adding their names in research scholars' researches without having their own input; Lacking harmonious and collaborative spirit; Lacking transparency in progress of the projects; High rise psychology of personal gain, negation to raise standard of the subject and department; Drastic decline of publication in internationally peer-reviewed journals; Spate of edited volumes and proceedings without coherence, integrity of themes and critical editing.

52. Future plans of the department. ... Interdisciplinary Projects, National/International Seminars, Collaboration with colleagues from abroad, processing and enhancing SAP, DST, FIST and PURSE Programmes from phase I to II.

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