## **E-Short Term Course**

on

# **Mangrove Ecosystem and Its Conservation**

26th July to 1st August, 2020

Jointly organized by:

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## **COURSE REPORT**

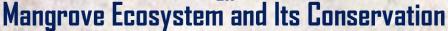
#### **Introduction:**

'Mangrove Ecosystem' is one of the famous, traditional, unique ecosystem among other well-known ecosystems of the world. A week-long short term course on 'Mangrove Ecosystem and Its conservation' is organized by respective Departments of Geography of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Howrah for Undergraduate and Post Graduate students from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2020. As this course is started on 26<sup>th</sup> July, i.e. International Day for Mangrove Conservation (declared by UNESCO), the core objective of this E-STC is to disseminate knowledge and raise awareness on conservation of mangrove ecosystem.

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**Conveners:** 

## Dr. Rekha Biswas

Assistant Professor and In-Charge, Department of Geography, PCMM

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## Dr. Joydeep Saha

Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Geography, BKGC

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Ms. Debodatta Saha, SACT-I Ms. Ritula Paul, SACT-I

#### Instructions for the E-Short Term Course

- Who can participate: UG and PG Students only
- No registration fees
- Registration link will remain active till 4 pm, 25 July 2020
- Click on the registration link: https://forms.gle/nUqegzKCdNAFGgfW8
- Please join the WhatsApp group after immediate submission of the registration form through the link which is given there.
- E-certificates will be provided only to registered participants on completion of the course and after submitting the feedback form.
- Online Platform: WhatsApp
- For any queries, contact: Dr Rekha Biswas (9836135564) & Dr Joydeep Saha (9654687685)

Technical Support: Mr. Samrat Sur, Faculty, Department of Computer Science,

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## A Broad Outline of Program Schedule:

Day (with date)	Morning Slot: 10 AM to 11 AM Main Theme	Institution	Coordinator Teacher(s)	Format for Teacher(s)	Afternoon Slot: 3 PM to 4 PM Assignment for Students	Format for Students
1 <sup>st</sup> (26.07.2020)	Welcome Address: Dr.     Kamala Mitra, IQAC     Coordinator, PCMM     Introduction to the STC	Joint (PCMM and BKGC)	Dr. Rekha Biswas and Dr. Joydeep Saha	Audio and/or Video Clip	FAQ; YouTube video	Google Form; WhatsApp Chat
2 <sup>nd</sup> (27.07.2020)	Presentation on- Mangrove Ecosystem: An Introduction	BKGC	Dr. Bhaskar Chaudhuri	PowerPoint presentation and/or Audio Clip	Photo Interpretation and Short Questions	Google Form
3 <sup>rd</sup> (28.07.2020)	Readings on Mangrove Ecosystem (with special reference to Flora and Fauna)	BKGC	Dr. Samhita Chuadhuri, Ms. Pritha Saha, and Ms. Ritula Paul	PDF files and Google Form	Multiple Choice Questions	Google Form
4 <sup>th</sup> (29.07.2020)	Presentation on-Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem	PCMM	Dr. Alpana Ray and Mr. Sudip Roy	PowerPoint Presentation /PDF	Multiple Choice Questions and Scrabble Words Finder	PowerPoint presentation and/or Audio Clip Google Form
5 <sup>th</sup> (30.07.2020)	Reading Materials on the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem	PCMM	Dr. Rekha Biswas and Mrs. Sudeshna Chowdhury	PDF files and Google Form	Poster Making	PDF files Google Form
6 <sup>th</sup> (31.07.2020)	Mangrove Ecosystem: Case Studies	Joint (PCMM and BKGC)	BKGC: Mr. Dhriti Sankar Mondal and Ms. Debodatta Saha PCMM: Dr. Rekha Biswas	YouTube videos	Short Review Writing (250 words); Course Report (200 words)	Google Form
7 <sup>th</sup> (01.08.2020)	Valedictory Session Concluding Remarks:  • Dr. Shyamal Karmakar, Principal, PCMM and/or Dr. Ruma Bhattacharyya, Principal, BKGC Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sweta Guha, IQAC Coordinator BKGC	Joint (PCMM and BKGC)	All members of the Organizing Committee	Audio and/or Video Clips; Concluding Message	Filling-up the Feedback Form	Google Form

#### **Methods adopted in this Course:**

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, this course is conducted totally in the "online" mode –through a very common and accessible social media platform-WhatsApp. In order to cater 1524 registered participants, total six WhatsApp groups are formed. All the topics of the course are divided so as to fit into 7 days. Each day is allotted for disseminating and analyzing one or two particular topic. Every day, the course content is divided into two sessions. One is morning session(timing 10am – 11am), in which the conveners upload all the study materials in form of PDF(research papers/articles), audio clips, MS PowerPoint presentation, and YouTube videos to the common WhatsApp groups. Another is afternoon session (timing3 pm -4 pm), in which a particular assignment (like Multiple Choice Question, photo interpretation, poster making, and, short review writing) are provided in form of Google Forms mainly based on study materials(provided on morning session).

#### **Brief Summary of Course Content:**

From the table given below, one can easily summarize the level of participation:

Table: Number of Participants in the E-STC

Total number of registered participants	Day	No. of <i>active</i> participants who have submitted assignments
	Day-1	1001
	Day-2	925
	Day-3	922
1524	Day-4	911
	Day-5	823
	Day-6	780
	Day-7	820

Source: Google Forms, submitted by the participants, for the E-STC

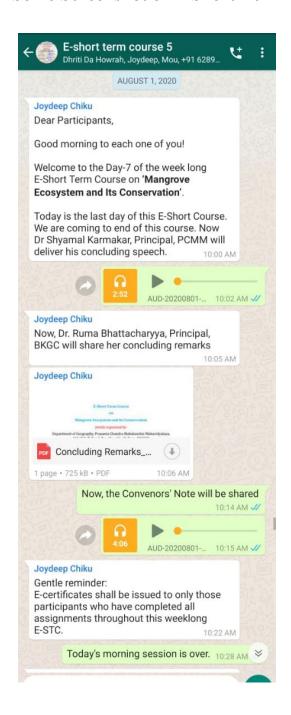
The study materials provided during this course has provided clear ideas about mangrove ecosystem, its characteristics, importance, worldwide location, varieties of floral and faunal

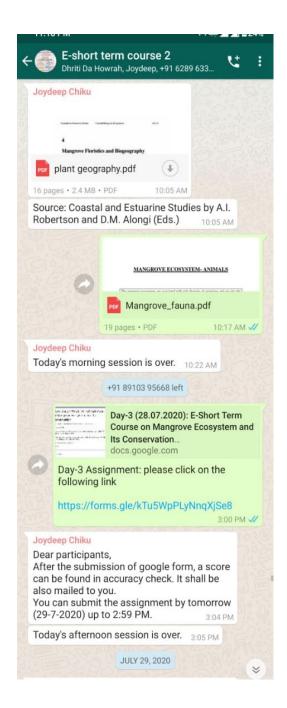
species, major threats and conservation measures. The case studies include Sundarban in West Bengal, mangrove in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and so on. From this, it is clearly understood that total areas of mangrove is decreasing in last decades so the existing mangroves need preservation and conservation.

#### **Course Outcome:**

This course is quite beneficial for the students. Primarily, this course is able to actively engage students through different assignments rather than depending solely on passive gaining the knowledge through typical webinars. Photo interpretation, short review, and course report writing has helped todevelop the writing and critical thinking ability of the participants. Poster making has focused on the creativity of mangrove ecosystem. For answering MCQ questions, the participants have thoroughly read the given study materials. So in spite of having a preliminary idea about mangrove ecosystem, this course has helped them to know more about the detailed information about names of various species (both plants and animals), their characteristics of mangrove ecosystems and also names of some projects adopted for mangrove conservation which were little known or unknown before to many of them. In a typically academic syllabus, they have read about the basics of mangrove ecosystem as a part of ecosystem. As this course is totally focused on mangrove ecosystem and its conservation, along with enriching knowledge, this micro unit study is beneficial to students in future for making projects based on several case studies. In brief, total 676 participants have been able to do all the assignments properly and therefore they have received E-Certificates. Last but not the least, this course has been able to offer both "accessibility" through widely used WhatsApp platform and "flexibility" in terms of timeslot in the context of looming threats and uncertainties of COVID-19.

#### **Some Screenshot of E-Short Term Course:**





Dear Participants,

- E-Certificates will be issued to the participants after submission of all assignments. It shall be issued within 30 days after the completion of the course.
- E-certificates are auto generated. So be careful to fill up all the details of feedback form.
- Any kind of correction in E-certificate will not be allowed under any circumstances.
- E-certificates will be delivered to the given mail ID only. So, please put a valid mail ID only.
- Do not convey any personal query to the Convenors or any members of the Organizing Committee before 30 days of completion of the course.
- We will inform you in this group after all the certificates have been distributed. In between, if anything important appears, we shall share the information with you in this group only.

Thanks & Regards

Dr. Rekha Biswas Dr. Joydeep Saha

Conveners

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#### Joydeep Chiku

Thank you for participating in the E-Short Term Course on Mangrove Ecosystem and Its Conservation

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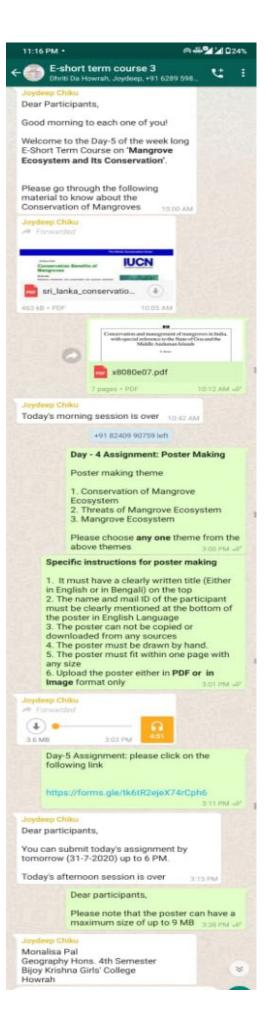
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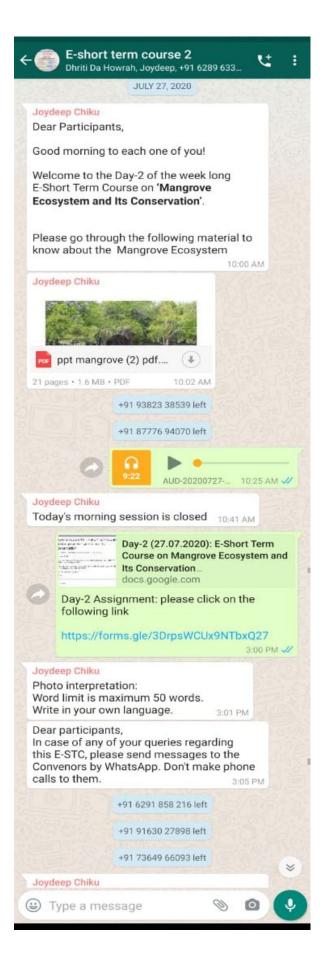
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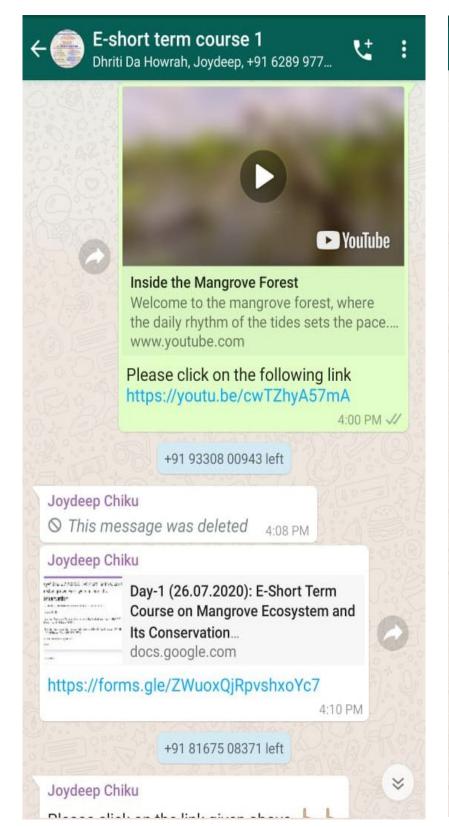
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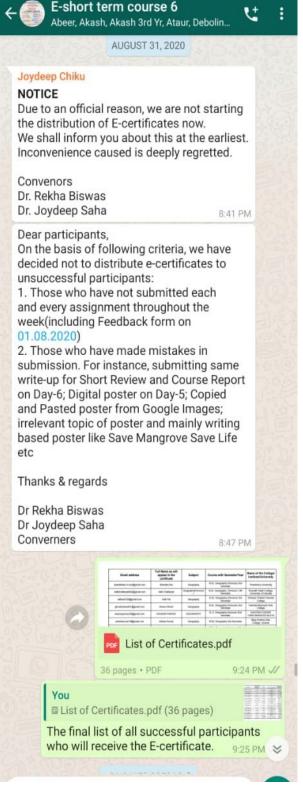


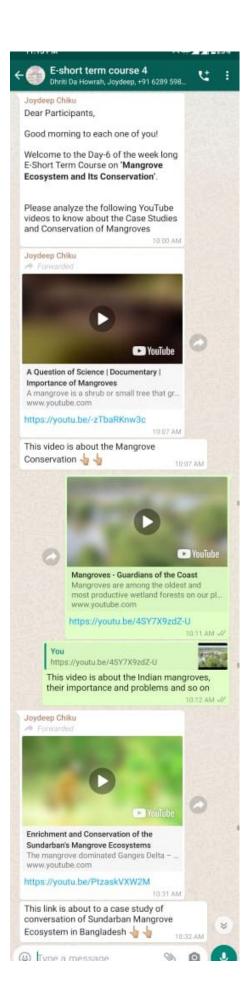














You can submit today's assignment by

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tomorrow (01-08-2020) up to 4 PM.

Today's afternoon session is over