



LORETO COLLEGE, KOLKATA

Department Of Geography

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TERRAQUEST 2026

WHERE MINDS
MEET THE WORLD

ONE - DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

on

**“ LANDSCAPES TO LIVELIHOODS :
EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
DYNAMICS ”**

Paper and Poster Presentations are invited from UG and PG students, Research Scholars, and Faculty Members.

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2026

TIME : 9:00 AM ONWARDS

VENUE : AUDITORIUM, LORETO COLLEGE

MODE : HYBRID

Registration link : <https://forms.gle/oiWXs3tvwabSekTh7>

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EVENTS

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TerraStudio

Event Overview

TerraStudio is a theme-based creative media competition where participants create a 20–30 second vertical reel interpreting a central concept. It encourages aesthetic storytelling, environmental awareness, and original digital creativity.

Event Flow

1. The official theme will be released on 22nd December 2025 through our social media page and WhatsApp groups.
2. Teams of not more than 2 people conceptualise, shoot, and edit their reel based on the theme.
3. Each institution may submit one official entry.
4. Participants submit their reel through the designated Google Drive link by 2nd January 2026, 11:59 PM.
5. All valid entries will be uploaded on the official Instagram page on 3rd January.
6. Public voting remains open from 3rd–15th January.
7. Results are declared based on public votes.

Event Rules

1. Eligibility
 - Open to UG and PG students from participating institutions.
 - Each college may submit one official reel.
2. Submission Guidelines
 - Reel must follow the theme, and be aesthetic and visually expressive.
 - Must be fully shot and created by participants; no stock footage and no app watermarks.
 - Duration: 20–30 sec | Format: Instagram-ready | Orientation: Vertical (9:16) or Horizontal.
 - Upload via the provided Google Drive link with:
3. General rules
 - Plagiarism = disqualification.
 - No offensive, derogatory, political, or unsafe content.
 - Participants agree to allow the department to repost their videos on social media for promotional purposes.

Judging Criteria

Votes will be counted only from likes on the original post, and the reel with the highest number of likes wins.

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TerraStrategy Simulation

Event Overview

TERRA Strategy Simulation is a role-based, team competition where participants act as real-world stakeholders to solve urgent environmental and urban challenges. Teams negotiate, debate, and design practical action plans based on a case study given to them.

The competition tests strategic thinking, sustainability planning, conflict resolution, and policy design.

Event Flow

1. Teams of 4–5 members to be formed.
2. Each team receives a case study and stakeholder roles.
3. Participants study their role (government, community, industry, NGO, researcher, etc.).
4. Teams prepare a presentation with time duration of 12 minutes. Judges' Q&A (2–3 minutes). Total 15 minutes per team.

Event Rules

1. Every participant must represent exactly one assigned role.
2. No switching roles or merging roles during the event.
3. Decisions must be realistic and balance all stakeholder interests.
4. Each team must submit:
 - A 1–2 page action plan
 - A presentation
5. Time limits must be strictly followed.
6. PPT and ideas should be authentic and not completely AI generated

Judging Criteria

1. Feasibility and practicality of solutions
2. Integration of all stakeholder perspectives
3. Innovativeness and sustainability
4. Clarity of strategy and presentation

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Terrasculpt

Event Overview

Terrasculpt is a creative and engaging model making competition cum exhibition. Teams will showcase their models and explain their models to the audience. The competition tests creative thinking, capability to transform their ideas into visually appealing models and process demonstration.

Event Flow

1. Teams of 2 – 3 members are to be formed.
2. Each team will build a model based on any one of the theme they choose.
3. Participants should be able to demonstrate or describe their models to the audience.
4. Teams will build a 3D model with proper labelling.

Themes

1) ANY GEOMORPHOLOGICAL LANDFORMS

This theme focuses on the processes that shape the Earth's surface. You can take a single process or a specific landform and illustrate its formation over geological time.. Examples: tectonic plate and their structural formation, fluvial processes etc.

2) A LANDFORM THROUGH THE PROCESSES OF EROSION OR DEPOSITION

Formation of any landform can be used to showcase your idea. This theme allows you to focus on the energy transfer and material movement by an agent (wind, water, ice) that sculpts the landscape. Example: coastal headland being eroded into sea caves, the formation of sand dunes in a desert etc.

3) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS LINKED WITH HUMAN GEOGRAPHIC ASPECTS

The modern era is in dire need of all the help it can get to promote and initiate a sustainable livelihood. Utilize this theme to portray and promote a sustainable lifestyle following the SDG goals. This theme is about applying geographic principles (settlement, economy, population) to address global challenges, specifically using the 17 SDGs. Example: Settlement plans of a "Green" Neighbourhood or Revitalized Slum that incorporates sustainable infrastructure on improving the human experience within urban, rural settings directly linked with SDG 11, Sustainable Cities & Communities etc.

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Event Rules

1. Every team must strictly adhere to ONE THEME MENTIONED FOR THIS PARTICULAR EVENT.
2. Models should be 3D with proper labels.
3. Participants are strongly encouraged to use recyclable materials or eco friendly materials. Pre-built commercial kits are strictly prohibited.
4. The model should be stable and not contain any hazardous material.
5. Live explanation to the audience is must.
6. Models should follow these building criteria :
 - i. Maximum base length : 45 cm x 45 cm
Minimum base length : 30 cm x 30 cm
 - ii. Maximum height : 30 cm x 30 cm

Judging Criteria

The judging will be based on vote system, where the audience will vote for the model which stood out of all. The criteria on which the vote will be given are:

1. Visually appealing models and easy to interpret.
2. Innovativeness and sustainability
3. Clarity of explanation and presentation.