## **Department of Geography**

## **Barasat Government College**

## **Interactive Session on**

## Career Opportunities after Graduation for the Geography

(Hons. / Hons. with Research) Students

The interactive session on "Career Opportunities after Graduation" organized by the Placement & Service Matters Cell and the Department of Geography at Barasat Government College saw an enthusiastic turnout, with 42 students participating. Held on Monday, September 2, 2024, in the Geography Department, the event commenced at 2:00 p.m., featuring esteemed speakers Dr. Sourama Saha, Associate Professor of Geography at Barasat Government College, and Ms. Swetangee Chowdhury, a Junior Research Fellow from West Bengal State University.





Dr. Saha began by discussing career paths for geography graduates, emphasizing opportunities in government sectors, private industry, and academia. She highlighted the demand for geographers in urban planning, environmental management, and geographical information systems (GIS), which have expanded due to increased awareness of climate issues

and sustainable development goals. She urged students to gain proficiency in digital mapping tools, remote sensing, and data analysis software, as these skills are highly valued across various industries.

Following Dr. Saha, Ms. Chowdhury shared insights from her experience as a Junior Research Fellow, describing the academic and research-oriented paths in geography. She emphasized the role of research fellowships, higher studies, and international scholarships, which could open doors to positions in both national and global research institutions. Ms. Chowdhury also encouraged students to develop their analytical and critical thinking skills, as these are essential in both research and applied geography roles.





The session concluded with a lively Q&A segment, where students asked about resume-building strategies, internship opportunities, and how to tailor their skills for specific sectors. Both resource persons provided practical advice, reinforcing the importance of networking, internships, and continuous skill enhancement. Overall, the session was highly informative, empowering students to take proactive steps toward their career goals in geography.