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GeoVidyaa Geography Centre of Excellence

A Collaboration between **The Indian Institute of Geographical Studies**, Bangalore
and **Army Public School**, Bangalore

Geography education support

You will never see geography the same way again!

Find out how!

Who are we? The Indian Institute of Geographical Studies (TIIGS) was set up in response to the dire need for improvement and updation in geography education in our schools. Geography education is currently only a burden and an exam subject to be forgotten the day the exam is over!

TIIGS was started by Dr. Chandra Shekhar Balachandran, a geographer with 30 years of teaching experience in USA and India, reaching students from schools to post-graduate studies, and school teachers.

TIIGS has reached hundreds of students and teachers in India since its inception in 2000. We use the USA National Geography Education Standards as our framework to make geography education locally appropriate and globally connected.

As of October 2010, we have started the GeoVidyaa Geography Centre of Excellence (“GeoVidyaa Centre” for short) in collaboration with Army Public School, Bangalore. The GeoVidyaa Centre is located on the centrally located and spacious campus of the Army Public School.

Method: All workshops are interactive with activities, discussions, and multi-media communication methods. Workshops are outcome-oriented.

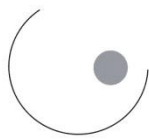
Audiences: **The content and methods are suitably adapted to suit diverse audiences.**

- **Students (7th class and above)** – develop better geography understanding in curricular (national and international syllabi are supported), co-curricular, and extra-curricular contexts; geography life-skills development; aid to many different career options.
- **Teachers of Geography (and other subjects)** – capacity building in both content and pedagogy. Follow-up “clinicals” are also available. We help teachers to develop their ability to innovate and make classroom

learning more inter-disciplinary and connected with life. Professional development credits can be offered in arrangement with individual institutions. Students benefit from better learning experiences due to empowered and motivated teachers. Institutions benefit from such teachers. Depending on the workshop, sample worksheets, lesson units, etc. will either be devised by teachers during the workshop or provided to them.

- **Parents/care-givers** – empowered to participate in their wards’ learning and growth; they can also (re)discover the joy of learning.

Group size:	Minimum = 10. Maximum = 30.
Requirements:	For outdoor workshops: sensible walking shoes, hat, and a small bottle of drinking water.
Disabilities:	Physical disabilities may affect participation in some workshops. Please contact us for suitable arrangements.
Duration:	Unless otherwise stated, each workshop is 3 hours long with a short refreshment break.
Venue:	Your institutional premises or GeoVidyaa Geography Centre of Excellence.
What will be provided:	Light refreshments and all necessary materials.
Language:	Workshops are in English, Kannada or in bilingual (English + Kannada) format..
Syllabi covered:	All workshops support state, national, and international syllabi, and geographical learning in general.
Registration & fees:	Prior registration and payment are required. Follow-up engagement is vital for longer-term benefit. Follow-up collaboration will be available on individually negotiated basis. Please contact us for further details.
Institutional offering:	We can also offer these workshops to schools, children of corporate employees, children of members of residence welfare associations, etc. on group basis.
For further information and scheduling, please contact:	geo@tiigs.org (best method to contact) Mobile: 98867 79900 [call-back at the earliest possible]
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The Joy of Geography through Interactive Exploration

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE APRIL 2011

Kids think geography is boring! They get this feeling from the adults around them – teachers, parents, siblings ... In fact, **geography is very interesting, exciting, and fun!** The Indian Institute of Geographical Studies has been conducting many workshops for teachers and students for a decade now. Now, we have set up the **GeoVidyaa Geography Centre of Excellence** (“GeoVidyaa Centre” for short). This current series invites parents to participate in some of the workshops along with their kids. These workshops are designed to be interactive and fun, while at the same time offer depth and intelligent exploration. All our workshops use the USA National geography education standards.

The entire series of workshops may be booked as a block for a school or other organization. This and other series will be offered later also.

Please contact us at geo@tiigs.org (preferred) or **98867 79900** for information.

NOTES:

- **Syllabi covered:** ICSE, CBSE, SSLC
- **Medium:** English
- **Minimum participants per workshop:** 10
- **Maximum participants per workshop:** 30
- **Block booking of series or batches available**
- **Venue:** GeoVidyaa Centre, Army Public School, Bangalore (**corporate or other venues possible for block booking**)

These workshops cover all syllabi (ICSE, SSLC, CBSE, etc.) in English medium

All workshops are interactive to varying degrees, as appropriate.

Day	Date	Time	Session ID	Audience	Topic	General notes
Saturday	9 April	8 am – 11 am	411-1	Students Class 7 and above	Basics of latitude and longitude	Latitudes and longitudes are the basics of geography. Students find this the most difficult topic to grasp. Interactively learn how latitudes and longitudes are derived and used.
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-2			
Monday	11 April	8 am – 11 am	411-3	Students Class 7 and above	Talking about weather and climate – Part 1	What is the difference between weather and climate? What are the factors that affect them and how they affect us?
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-4			
Tuesday	12 April	8 am – 11 am	411-5	Students Class 7 and above	Talking about weather and climate – Part 2	Understanding seasons and Earth's motions. Our lives and the Indian monsoons You must complete Part 1 first.
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-6			
Wednesday	13 April	8 am – 11 am	411-7	Students Class 7 and above	Maps, maps, maps! Part 1	Introduction to maps. What are maps? What are the usual components of a map? Can we draw our own maps? What are the different kinds of maps?
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-8			
Thursday	14 April	HOLIDAY – no workshops				

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Friday	15 April	8 am – 11 am	411-9	Students Class 7 and above	Maps, maps, maps! Part 2	Reading and interpreting topographical maps ? How do we read them? What are the uses of topographical maps and how is information conveyed in them?
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-10			
Saturday	16 April	8 am – 11 am	411-11	Students + parents Class 7 and above	Maps, maps, maps! Part 3	What can atlases tell us and how can we use them in studying geography? This workshop will be useful for parents also. So, come as a family and enjoy the exploration of the rich information that atlases give us.
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-12			
Thursday	22 April	8 am – 11 am	411-13	Students Class 7 and above	Why are Indian industries located where they are?	Industries are an important part of any economy. What are the different types of industry? How does geography affect industries? How do industries affect geography? Locate your industry in India and explain why. Different aspects of geography come together in this workshop.
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-14			
Friday	23 April	8 am – 11 am	411-15	Students + parents Class 7 and above	Mental mapping.	Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there? How do we direct others to get there? Mental maps are a lot of fun and show you the joy – and POWER – of geographic communication. Interactive activities for the generations!
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-16			
Saturday	24 April	8 am – 11 am	411-17	Class 7 and above		
	2 nd batch	2 pm – 5 pm	411-18			

Please note: Information in this announcement is subject to change without notice. Every effort will be made to avoid inconvenience to you.