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## Focal Theme of the Seminar:

### **Population, Urbanization and environment: Contemporary Issues and Challenges**

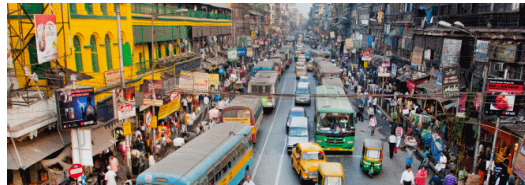
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The deliberations by the eminent resource persons and the researchers will certainly explore the contemporary issues and challenges on population, urbanization and environment.



**Sub-themes of the Seminar:** It is high time for re-thinking these ensuring issues and challenges and finding out reliable solution for sustaining Population, Urbanization and Environment. So dear scholars, teachers and academicians you are cordially invited in this seminar platform for addressing and sharing your research findings on the following sub-themes:

Population Dynamics: Fertility, Mortality and Migration  
Population Quality: Literacy, Nuptiality, Poverty, Unemployment etc.  
Contemporary Gender Issues  
Population Policies and Programmes  
Contemporary Process and Pressure of Urbanization, Peri - Urban Growth  
Urban Inequality and Urban Poverty  
Urban transformation and Neo-Urbanism  
Urban Climate and Urban Health  
Urban Development Policies and Programmes: Slum Development, Smart Cities etc.  
Environmental Issues and Challenges in mountain, coastal, riparian regions  
Anthropogenic interferences and modifications of environment  
Application of spatial data handling techniques for urban land environment management.

## Abstract and Full Paper Submission:

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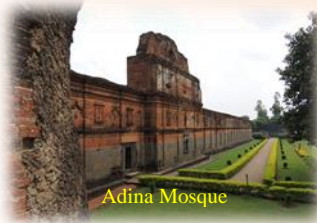
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Gour



Adina Mosque



Qutb Shahi Mosque

## *Brief History of Malda and Places of Tourists Interest*

The word 'Mal' in Arabic means wealth and the name 'Maldah' probably signifies that it was an important center of trade. It holds nearly the central geographical position in West Bengal. Throughout mediaeval periods Pandua and Gour of the district were capital cities of Bengal. Gour and Pandua are almost equidistant north and south from English Bazaar and on opposite sides of Mahananda, Gour being on the west and Pandua on the Eastern. Malda has its rich heritage and colonial history is indeed one of the most cherished tourist destinations of West Bengal. Malda was previously known as 'English Bazaar' and it got its name (English Bazaar) from the English Factory which was established here in 1771. Malda is the chief halt for visiting Gour and Pandua. Gour, capital to three dynasties of ancient Bengal – the Buddhist Palas, the Hindu Senas and the Muslim Nawabs – has seen three distinction eras of glory and has a major share in the history of India. During medieval period Bakhtiya Khilji made his headquarters at Gour and from that centre established Mahomedan rule over the greater part of Northern and central Bengal. After the death of Bakhliyar Khilji, Ghiyasuddin Khilji ruled from 1211 to 1227 A.D. The important places of tourists' interest of Malda district are Gour, Firoz Minar, Dakhil Darwaza, Adina deer park, Adina Mosque, Qutub Shahi Mosque, Jagjibanpur, Baroduari / Boro Sona Mosque and Jahura Kali Temple.



Firoz Minar (Gour)



Dakhil darwaza (Gour)

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Baroduari Mosque



Adina Deer Park



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