



# HSNC UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI

## KISHINCHAND CHELLARAM COLLEGE

### ONE EARTH ONE LOVE



A 3 day national webinar titled ONE EARTH ONE LOVE on Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation was organized by the Life Sciences Department of K.C. College under the aegis of Star Status Activity, in association with the Nature Club of K.C. College. The webinar was held on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June. 335 participants attended the sessions held by distinguished speakers. The webinar was open to students, members of faculties, doctors, researchers of various institutions who hailed from 13 states across India, from Jammu & Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and from Gujarat to West Bengal.

## Day 1 Session 1- Biodiversity- the fuel that operates the ecosystem



The inaugural session was conducted by Dr. Anish Andheria, President, WCT on the theme of importance of biodiversity. The session was inaugurated with beautiful snapshots of various species of flora and fauna captured by Dr. Andheria, depicting the radiant life on earth. He spoke about the rich biodiversity in India followed by the challenges faced and the dependence between flora and fauna. The speaker ended his talk on a positive note, that though there has been damage but we still have a chance at saving the rich diversity of life in India.

## Session 2- Endangered Flora and Fauna and Ecosystems of India

The second session of Day 1 was conducted by Dr. Parvish Pandya, Sanctuary Nature Foundation on the theme of endangered species and rich ecosystems of India. He introduced the session by defining endangered and extinct species under IUCN categories. He spoke about the various national parks and sanctuaries across India from Corbett Tiger Reserve in North to Bandipur Reserve in South. With his simple yet effective slogan of **THINK GLOBAL ACT LOCAL**, the speaker gave intriguing ideas which can help to cultivate threatened plant species at home as a method of local conservation.



## Day 2 Session 1-Community Outreach Program – Bringing Science to the ground



The first session of Day 2 was conducted by Dr. Nishith Dharaiya Asso. Professor, HNG University, Gujarat on the theme - Contribution of Scientists and Non - Scientists in Biodiversity Conservation. In his presentation, the speaker covered the threats to sloth bear population. With his slogan **LET'S COEXIST**, he has constituted many community outreach centers which have provided positives outcomes. Thus motivating the masses to put in more efforts for other wildlife as well.

## Session 2- Sustainable Development - A Myth or Reality

The second session of Day 2 was presented by Mr. Stalin Dayanand from Vanashakti. He spoke to the audience about the rich and diverse ecological as well as geographical systems our country thus rightly quoting, **SAARE JAHAN SE ACHA HINDUSTAN HUMARA**. The speaker mentioned many human activities that are a threat to our nature. He further spoke about urbanization and Fundamental duties of citizens. He concluded his talk by reminding the participants that we only have one planet and we need to conserve, nurture and protect every aspect of it.



## Day 3 Session 1- Solutions Journalism in Environmental Stories



The first session of the final day of the webinar series was conducted by Ms. Sharada Balasubramanian, Environmental Journalist from Coimbatore on theme of role of media in the conservation process. She highlighted the key points to proactive reporting to ensure a holistic approach and minimize sensationalism. She spoke on the importance of validation from scientific journals and the role of digital media in designing and presentation. She concluded with a request to maintain integrity and clarity while publishing.

## Panel Discussion on Role of Youth in Environment Conservation

The webinar series was concluded with an interesting and detailed panel discussion on the topic of role of youth in environmental conservation. The panel discussion was conducted by the distinguished and renowned resources persons, Prof. Sudhakar Solomanraj, HOD, Political Science from Wilson College, Ms. Madhavi Joshi from CEE, Ahmedabad, and Mr. Laxmikant Deshpande, Manager, Wetland Management System, Godrej and Boyce, Mfg. Co. Ltd.. Panel Discussion was brought to a fruitful culmination with an enriching Q and A session by Dr. Parvish Pandya, Consultant at the Sanctuary Nature Foundation. Lastly vote of thanks were given by Dr. Sagarika Damle, Coordinator DBT STAR Status Activity and the webinar series was concluded with The National Anthem.

## FEEDBACK

An extremely positive response was received for the webinar series. Many of the participants appreciated the knowledge and intellect of the resource persons and their capabilities to solve queries with utmost detail. It was also mentioned by the attendees, that the knowledge imparted through each of the webinars helped them unlearn and relearn many concepts and terminologies. Many from the audience expressed how ecstatic they were to attend more such webinar series. Overall the host institution was praised for their hard work towards the webinar and for inviting distinguished speakers for the same.