



**HSNC UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI**  
**KISHINCHAND CHELLARAM COLLEGE**  
**Faculty of Science and Technology**



**Under the aegis of DBT Star Status and Star Scheme**  
*Presents*

**REROUTING FROM CODE RED TO CODE GREEN**  
**RCRCG-21**  
**Curtain Raiser Event**



**‘Let’s restore, recharge and, redevelop a greener earth.’- RCRCG’21**

On 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 the Science and Technology Faculty of K. C. College at HSNC University held the Curtain Raiser Event for their year-long themed initiative entitled 'Rerouting from Code Red to Code Green'. This initiative is a response to the Code Red for Humanity raised by the United Nations Climate Change Panel. It's an effort to raise awareness regarding climate change and anthropogenic effects on climate deterioration in order to reverse the code red for humanity.

The event REROUTING FROM CODE RED TO CODE GREEN - RCRCG-21 was officially launched by eminent authorities such as Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Provost, HSNC, University, Mumbai and Dr. Hemlata Bagla, Vice Chancellor, HSNC University and Principal, K. C. College in the presence of dignitaries like Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNC University, Chief guest for the event, Mr. Isaac Kehimkar, Chairman and Director of iNATUREWATCH Foundation, Navi Mumbai, Vice Principals of the College, students and faculty of K. C College and, faculty and participants from various colleges, NGO Partners, collaborators and media partners. The curtain raiser was held online on Zoom platform and was streamed live on YouTube.

The event began with a universal prayer, seeking health and well-being for all. Dr. Yogita Shinde, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry welcomed the dignitaries and audience for the curtain raiser of RCRCG'2. Dr. Hemlata Bagla, Vice Chancellor, HSNC University, Mumbai and Principal, K. C. College began the Curtain Raiser Event with her address on the poignant issue of climate change and reiterated the truth that earth provides

enough for every man's needs but not every man's greed. She described RCRCG'21 as a long-term awareness program that will bring positive change to one and all involved.

Dr. Niranjana Hiranandani, Provost, HSNC University, Mumbai, delivered the inaugural address and concurred with Dr. Hemlata Bagla on the need to act now. Dr. Hiranandani stressed on the importance of sustainable development and individual pursuit. He expressed his views on responsibility of every individual in restoring and conserving nature. The inaugural address was followed by a thought evoking concept video on the theme of reversing the code red alert, conceptualized by the students of Department of Life Sciences, K. C. College.

Dr. Sagarika Damle, Head, Department of Life Sciences and Coordinator DBT Star Status, K. C. College explained the concept of the RCRCG'21 initiative. Dr. Damle introduced the audience to the ideas and resolutions of the environmentally conscious K. C. brigade of faculty and students who have decided to reverse the code red through various knowledge-oriented webinars, skill building workshops and much more to heal the wounds of nature and revive our planet to its lost glory.

Following the inauguration, Mr. Isaac Kehimkar, the Butterfly Man of India gave the keynote address and appreciated the RCRCG'21 initiative that nurtures the young generation. In his address, Mr. Kehimkar commented on the interconnection of the web of life and reinstated the fact that we are not separate from nature. Mr. Kehimkar provided an unfiltered view of the truths behind the critical need for nature conservation. His talk was highly appreciated by the participants and dignitaries. Sir declared the 'Curtains Raised' for RCRCG'21 and wished the green K.C. brigade best of luck in their endeavor to reverse the code red. The inauguration of the curtain raiser was followed by a thoughtful message from Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNC University.

Following this, the student representatives and volunteers for RCRCG'21 from different Departments of the College showcased the plethora of events that have been proposed for the youth and by the youth of K. C. College to achieve the goal of rerouting from code red to code green. The array of events brimmed with innovative new ways to tackle the issue of climate change and the enthusiastic student volunteers demonstrated that with the guidance and support of their teachers and under encouraging initiatives like RCRCG'21, the youth of India are ready to lead their country and the world into a better tomorrow. With the curtain raised on RCRCG'21, K. C. College has firmly stepped into an era of working towards a healthier world for all.

In firm affirmation to it, results of 3 activities, 'Memathon Competition' by Department of Life Sciences, 'Eco-Ganesha - Reel Making Competition' by Department of Biotechnology and 'Oh My Garden! - An Organic Gardening Competition' by Department of Statistics were declared by Dr. Mayuresh Joshi, Assistant Professor, K. C. College. Dr. Joshi also highlighted the celebrity shoutouts and media coverage RCRCG'21 has received to reach out to the world.

Further, Dr. Shalini Sinha, Vice Principal, K. C. College and Convener of CPCA elaborated on the support and encouragement provided by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India as an invaluable asset and blessings that has always helped the College

in achieving its goals. Lastly, the curtain raiser event came to an end with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Ms. Pratiksha Kadam, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics.

Feedbacks from participants revealed that the initiative of RCRCG'21 was informative and much appreciated and has successfully motivated majority of the people to join the cause of RCRCG'21. The Curtain Raiser Event of RCRCG'21 saw the amalgamation of people from different walks of life coming together and pledging to work towards the shared goal of humanity. The code red alert by IPCC's Report on Climate Change, 2021 is our last chance to right the wrongs we have inflicted on nature and travel the road less taken, the road of sustainability and harmonious coexistence. As Sir David Attenborough has said in 2019, 'What we do in the next few years will profoundly affect the next few thousand years', the green K. C. brigade has decided to reroute humans from the path of code red and into the direction of code green.

- Team RCRCG'21

*Rerouting from code red to code green together...*

### Few Glimpses of the event



