

REPORT ON ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON “TAXONOMY, ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGY”

Department of Zoology organised A one day workshop on “Taxonomy, Animal Behaviour and Wildlife Biology” on 1st February 2019. More than 100 participants belonging to various colleges and university departments attended workshop. There was representation from Karnataka state too.

Prof. I. K. Pai, HOD, Department of Zoology welcomed the guest and highlighted the importance of workshop. Dr. Nitin Sawant spoke on Importance of the workshop. Invited resource persons Prof. Reena Mathur, a world renowned authority on animal behaviour in general and Primate behaviour in particular from Rajasthan University spoke on the occasions and highlighted the importance of ethology in modern day Zoology curriculum. Another renowned herpetologist of eminence Dr Varad Giri, Faculty from NCBS, Bangalore, addressed the august body on importance of Amphibian studies, which is one of the lesser known field in the subject of Zoology. Chief Guest Prof. P. K. Sharma, Dean Life Sciences Inaugurated the workshop and gave his advices.

The inauguration was followed lecture cum discussion by Prof. Reena Mathur spoke on Social groups in primates, properties and advantages. After having fruitful discussion with the students and teachers in the audience, Dr Varad Giri presented his illustrious talk with wonderful photos and video clippings to prove his point of discussion. The participants of the workshop were spellbound by the lecture of Dr Varad Giri.

In the post lunch session, Dr Varad Giri explained and discussed on topic “Why we need amphibians and reptiles along with wonderful explanation, narration with audio and video clippings. His work on amphibian reproductive behaviour is acclaimed all over the world. His talks inspired the participants and many of them planning to take-up research in the field of amphibian reproductive biology / behaviour. Last session was dealt by Prof. Reena Mathur spoke authoritatively on various forms of animal learning. Her explanation and demonstration of how students can learn animal behaviour was an eye opener for the participants.

The workshop ended with Dr Nitin Sawant summarising the talks held at the workshop and by extending grateful thanks to University authorities, resource persons, participating teachers and students from both UG and PG from the state of Goa and Karnataka.



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