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OVERVIEW



Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, a premier Central University in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2025 through a full-day series of intellectually enriching and creatively engaging activities. The event was organized by the Department of Zoology, School of Biological Sciences with the aim of fostering awareness about the critical importance of biodiversity and promoting responsible environmental stewardship among students, faculty, and the wider academic community.

The celebration was conducted under the visionary leadership of the **Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Neelima Gupta**, and spearheaded by Dean (SBS) **Prof. Versha Sharma, Prof. Shweta Yadav**, Convener of the event and Head, Department of Zoology. The successful execution of the program was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the organizing team comprising **Dr. Shashwat Singh, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, and Dr. Kashmeera N.A.**, who served as key coordinators and with the help of distinguished faculty members –**Dr. Malvika Sikdar, Dr. Payal Mahobiya, Dr. Deepali Jat, Dr. Rajkumar Koiri, Dr. Smita Shukla, Dr. Priyoneel Basu, Dr. Somenath Ghosh** and **Dr. Brajesh Kumar Maurya**. Their seamless coordination, along with the support of the faculty and student volunteers, ensured a vibrant and impactful celebration.

OVERVIEW

The day commenced with the inaugural session at the Abhimanch Sabhaagaar, marked by floral tributes and ceremonial lamp-lighting. Distinguished guests including **Mr. A.A. Ansari, IFS, District Forest Officer, Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**, and **Prof. S.K. Jain**, former Head of the Department of Zoology, were welcomed and felicitated. In her opening remarks, Prof. Shweta Yadav highlighted the significance of biodiversity and the university's ongoing commitment to ecological education.

The technical session featured a comprehensive talk by Mr. A.A. Ansari on biodiversity conservation strategies, followed by an impactful online keynote address by Padma Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma, who emphasized the ecological and socio-economic value of the Hindu Kush Himalayas and the need for policy-linked research and transboundary cooperation.

In parallel, three student-centered competitions were organized:

- **Painting Competition** – Theme: Harmony with Nature: Our Shared Responsibility
- **Debate Competition** – Theme: Development: Creation or Annihilation
- **Photography Competition** – Theme: Wilds in Wild – Flora and Fauna

These events drew participation from more than 95 students, many of whom showcased their talents across multiple categories. The entries reflected deep understanding, creativity, and concern for biodiversity.

The afternoon session featured a dignified valedictory program with insightful addresses by **Shri Ankit Rai, Vigyan Bharti, Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad**, and **Prof. S.P. Singh, Director General, Kaushalaya – The Skill University, Government of Gujarat**. The highlight of the session was the **Presidential Address by Prof. Neelima Gupta**, who inspired students to recognize the threats of biodiversity loss and advocated for sustainable living through the mnemonic HIPPO – Habitat loss, Invasive species, Population, Pollution, and Overexploitation.

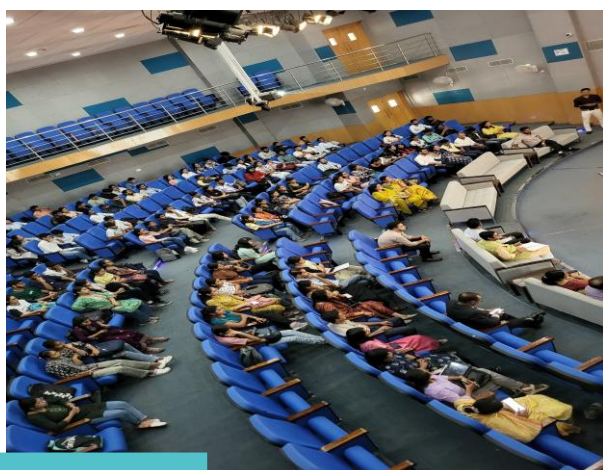
The event concluded with the award distribution, a formal vote of thanks by **Dr. Shashwat Singh**, and the singing of the National Anthem, leaving participants motivated to embrace biodiversity conservation as a shared, ongoing responsibility.

Welcome Address and Event Briefing

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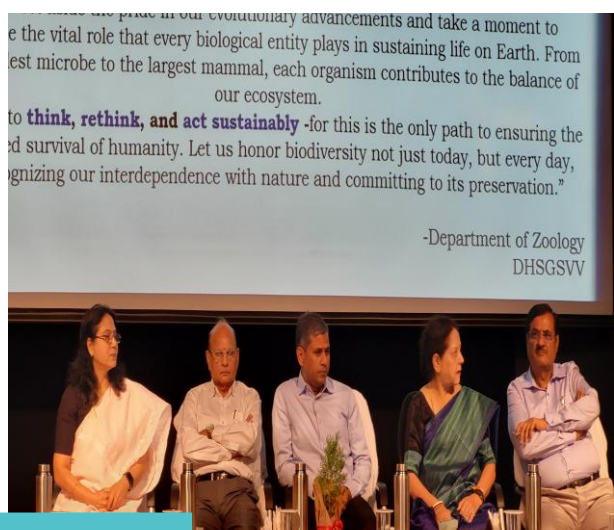
Prof. Shweta Yadav

Convenor and Head, Department of Zoology



The program formally commenced with a warm and insightful welcome address by **Prof. Shweta Yadav**, Convenor of the event and Head of the Department of Zoology. She emphasized the day as a call to action amid growing environmental challenges, highlighting biodiversity's role in sustainable development, food security, health, and climate resilience. Welcoming dignitaries, including **Chief Guest Prof. S.P. Singh**, Keynote Speaker **Padma Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma**, and others, she outlined the day's schedule of expert talks, interactive sessions, and student competitions. **Prof. Yadav** stressed the interdisciplinary nature of biodiversity studies and the value of combining academic and creative activities. She acknowledged the contributions of coordinators, faculty, and the organizing team, and praised the students' enthusiastic participation. Concluding with a motivational message, she urged all participants to actively engage in biodiversity conservation in both academic and personal spheres.

Address by Prof. M.L. Khan, Head, Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences



Following the inaugural remarks, **Prof. M.L. Khan**, Head of the Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences, delivered a thoughtful and forward-looking address. He began by extending a warm welcome to all present, particularly acknowledging the gracious presence of Padma Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma, the Keynote Speaker for the event, who joined virtually for the session.

Prof. Khan lauded Prof. Sharma's lifetime contributions to biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development, especially in the fragile and ecologically critical Hindu Kush Himalayan region. He emphasized that having a luminary of Prof. Sharma's stature address the students and scholars of the university was both a privilege and an invaluable learning opportunity.

In his concluding remarks, **Prof. Khan** expressed confidence that the insights shared by Prof. Sharma and other distinguished speakers would ignite curiosity, reflection, and responsibility among the participants—particularly the students who represent the next generation of environmental stewards.

Address by Prof. Versha Sharma, Dean, School of Biological Sciences



Prof. Versha Sharma, Dean, School of Biological Sciences, delivered a warm and encouraging address during the inaugural session of the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations. She began by extending her heartfelt greetings to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, invited speakers, faculty members, students, and organizers, expressing her joy at witnessing such enthusiastic participation in a program centered on one of the most pressing issues of our time—biodiversity conservation.

In her brief but impactful address, **Prof. Sharma** highlighted the critical role of educational institutions in fostering a sense of ecological responsibility and environmental ethics among students. She noted that the School of Biological Sciences is deeply committed to cultivating awareness, knowledge, and research capacity in the field of biodiversity, and that events like this serve as catalysts for meaningful engagement. She encouraged students to think beyond textbooks and to connect their scientific learning with real-world environmental action.



Address by Prof. S.K. Jain, Guest of Honour, Former Head, Department of Zoology



Prof. S.K. Jain, Guest of Honour and Former Head of the Department of Zoology, addressed the gathering with a tone of deep appreciation and encouragement. Drawing from his extensive experience in teaching, research, and academic administration, he congratulated the School of Biological Sciences and the Department of Zoology for organizing a meaningful and multifaceted program to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Prof. Jain began by reflecting on the growing importance of biodiversity conservation in the face of unprecedented ecological challenges. He emphasized that biodiversity is not only the foundation of ecological balance but also intimately linked to human health, agriculture, climate regulation, and cultural identity. He urged students to recognize biodiversity as a living legacy that must be protected through informed action, scientific innovation, and ethical responsibility.

Invited Talk by Keynote Speaker: Padma Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma

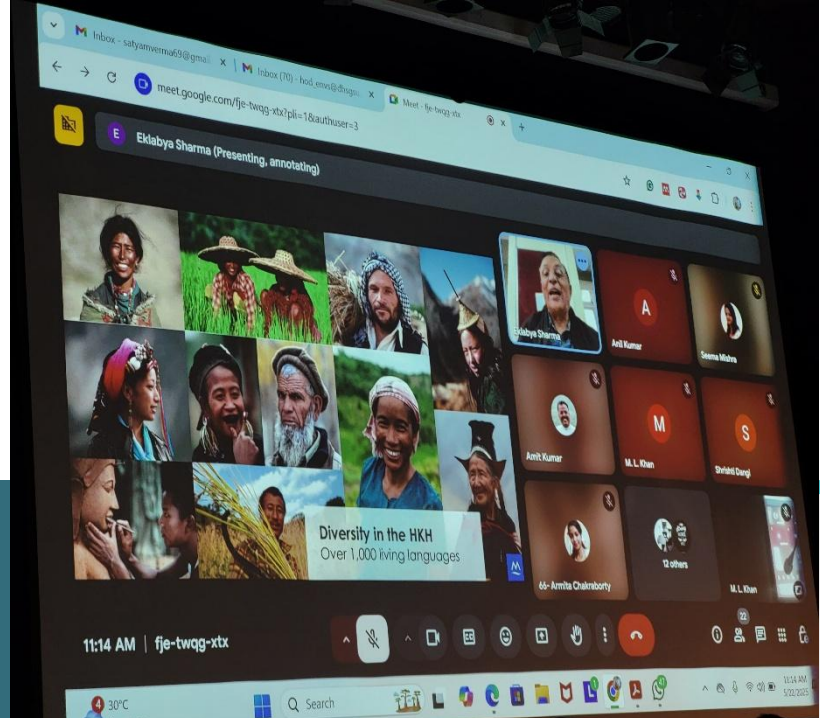
**Topic: Biodiversity, Climate Change, and
Transformative Changes in the Hindu Kush
Himalaya**



In his virtual keynote address, **Padma Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma**, a renowned ecologist and mountain ecosystem expert, highlighted the critical interconnections between biodiversity, climate change, and the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region. He emphasized the ecological and socio-economic significance of mountains, noting their role in supporting nearly 1 billion people, housing half of the global biodiversity hotspots, and feeding billions through ten major Asian rivers originating in the Himalayas. Prof. Sharma raised concerns over policy decisions made without local ecological understanding, affecting both mountain communities and downstream populations.

He stressed the need for a shift from species-centric conservation to ecosystem-based approaches that recognize the mutual dependence between nature and human well-being. Using compelling visuals, he explained the links between glacial melt, water availability, agriculture, and climate-induced disasters like transboundary floods, advocating for nature-based, adaptive solutions and international collaboration. Sharing successful initiatives such as trans-border yak conservation, he urged stronger integration of scientific research into policymaking, driven by local communities. He concluded with an inspiring example of action research that reversed forest degradation, underscoring the power of collaborative, research-based conservation and calling on students and scientists to lead transformative, interdisciplinary efforts for a sustainable future.

Participants engage virtually as Prof. Sharma highlights the ecological importance of mountains and the urgency of conservation.



Invited Talk by **Mr. A.A. Ansari,** **IFS, District Forest Officer,** **Veerangana Durgavati** **Tiger Reserve**

Chairperson: Dr. Raj Kumar Koiri

Rapporteur: Dr. Brajesh Kumar Maurya

Topic: Conservation of Biodiversity: Concept and Strategy



Mr. A.A. Ansari, IFS, District Forest Officer of Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, delivered a highly informative and engaging lecture on biodiversity conservation. Addressing students and faculty, he began by explaining core ecological concepts and the dimensions of biodiversity—ecological, genetic, and species-level—supported by data and real-world examples from India's protected areas. He emphasized India's status as a mega-diverse country due to its biogeographic diversity and explained the ecological significance of keystone, umbrella, and flagship species. **Mr. Ansari** also discussed ecosystem resilience, tolerance, and the need for holistic conservation amid habitat loss and climate change. His lecture covered both in-situ and ex-situ conservation strategies, zoning practices, species management, and habitat restoration, highlighting success stories from across the country. Drawing from his field experience, he stressed the importance of local governance, community participation, and adaptive wildlife management. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where **Mr. Ansari** provided thoughtful responses, leaving the audience enriched and inspired. His lecture was praised for its clarity, depth, and practical relevance to biodiversity conservation..

Mr. A.A. Ansari, IFS,
delivering an
insightful lecture on
biodiversity
conservation to an
attentive audience of
students and faculty.



Celebrating Creativity and Commitment

Painting Competition on 'Harmony with Nature' Inspires Environmental Responsibility

- A painting competition was organized on the theme "Harmony with Nature: Our Shared Responsibility" at Acharya Sankar Bhavan. The event aimed to inspire participants to reflect on the vital relationship between humans and the natural environment, emphasizing our collective duty to protect and preserve nature.
- The competition attracted enthusiastic participation from various age groups, showcasing remarkable creativity and artistic expression focused on environmental harmony. Following the competition, the paintings were displayed at Abhimanch Sabhagar, providing an opportunity for visitors to appreciate the diverse interpretations of the theme.
- The event successfully raised awareness about environmental conservation and reinforced the message of sustainable coexistence with nature.



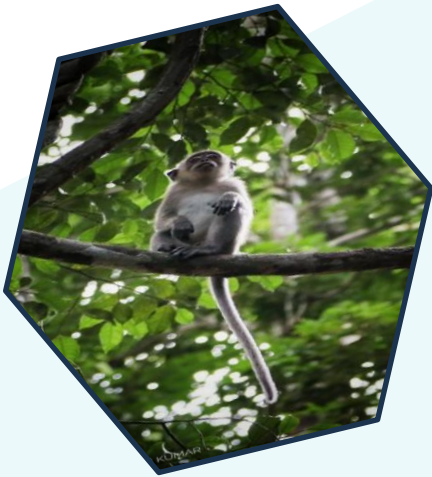
Debating the Future

Exploring Development as Creation or Annihilation

- A debate competition was held on the theme **"Development: Creation or Annihilation"** at Abhimanch Sabhagar. Participants engaged in a thought-provoking discussion, exploring the dual nature of development—its potential to foster growth and progress, as well as its risks of environmental degradation and social disruption.
- The event encouraged critical thinking and balanced perspectives, with speakers presenting arguments on economic advancement alongside sustainability and ethical considerations. The competition successfully stimulated awareness and dialogue on responsible development.



Showcasing Nature's Wonders: Photography Display Enhances Awareness and Appreciation of Wildlife



An inspiring display of entries from the photography competition themed "Wilds in Wild (Fauna & Flora)." was organized at Abhimanch sabhagar during lunch gathering. The exhibition played a crucial role in highlighting the rich biodiversity of wildlife and the delicate balance between fauna and flora in natural ecosystems.

The visual showcase served not only as an artistic expression but also as an educational platform, raising awareness about wildlife conservation and the urgent need to protect natural habitats. Participants and visitors engaged deeply with the photographs, gaining insights into the beauty and fragility of wilderness.

The event combined the pleasure of social interaction with meaningful reflection, reinforcing the community's shared responsibility towards preserving nature.

Valedictory Session



The Valedictory session began with a warm floral welcome of the dignitaries, creating a respectful and celebratory atmosphere.



The convener, **Prof. Shweta Yadav**, provided a clear and concise program briefing. She outlined the agenda and objectives, setting the stage for a smooth flow of events.



Following this, **Prof. Naveen Kango**, Head of the Department of Microbiology, delivered an insightful address. Prof. Kango emphasized the critical role of microbiology in environmental and ecological studies, highlighting its importance in sustaining harmony with nature. His address inspired participants to appreciate interdisciplinary approaches and reinforced the program's theme of shared responsibility towards the environment.

Address by Chief Guest, Prof. S.P. Singh, Director General of Kaushalaya, The Skill University, Ahmedabad.



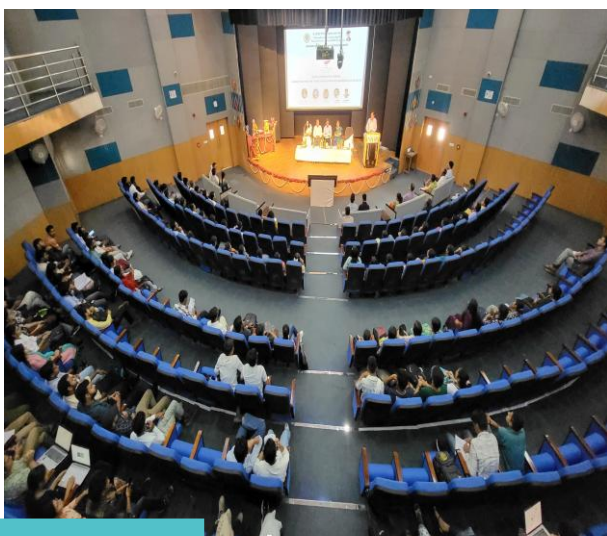
Prof. S.P. Singh, Director General of Kaushalaya The Skill University, Ahmedabad, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for the day. Drawing on his diverse background as a geologist, agricultural scientist, lawyer, and manager, along with his extensive administrative experience, **Prof. Singh** delivered a compelling and thought-provoking address.

He underscored the boundless nature of anthropogenic greed, highlighting the concept of personal carbon footprints as a measure of individual responsibility in resource consumption. Citing specific examples, he emphasized how unchecked human demands are driving environmental degradation.

Referring to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15, which focuses on life on land and biodiversity conservation, Prof. Singh warned that the rising energy consumption by individuals is occurring at an alarming pace, threatening irreversible damage to the planet. He urged students to introspect and recognize that greed-driven consumption patterns and consumerist lifestyles pose serious threats to the environment, potentially leaving nothing for future generations.

Prof. Singh stressed that harmony between humans and nature is crucial for sustainability. However, human alterations of the environment to meet personal needs have resulted in alarming biodiversity loss. He appealed to the audience to understand that in an economy reliant on biodiversity, harming nature ultimately harms humanity itself.

In conclusion, Prof. Singh called for urgent action through responsible consumption and heightened awareness of anthropogenic impacts to preserve biodiversity and ensure a sustainable future.





Address by Guest of Honour, Shri Ankit Rai Vigyan Bharti, Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad, Jabalpur

Shri Ankit Rai, representing Vigyan Bharti, Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, and the Guest of Honour for the day, delivered an engaging and interactive address to the students.

He reminded the audience that Indian science and scientists, since ancient times, have focused on seeking solutions for human welfare rather than destructive ends.

Shri Rai spoke passionately about the contributions of both ancient and modern Indian scientists, highlighting their vital role in shaping our rich civilization.

Quoting from ancient Indian texts, he emphasized how these scriptures have long guided society towards the conservation of ecosystems, communities, and key species. He reinforced that Indian culture has always embraced conservation and harmony with nature.

Shri Rai also congratulated the University for its commitment to raising biodiversity awareness among youth, acknowledging the importance of nurturing environmental responsibility in future generations.





Presidential Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Neelima Gupta

In her Presidential Address, **Colonel Professor Neelima Gupta, Honourable Vice-Chancellor** of Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, acknowledged the insightful remarks of the Chief Guest and urged students to actively recognize and respond to the alarming negative impacts of anthropogenic activities on biodiversity.

She introduced the memorable acronym **HIPPO**—highlighting the critical factors of Habitat reduction, Invasion of habitats, Population growth, and Pollution—as key drivers of biodiversity loss that require vigilant attention and action for conservation efforts.

Using real-world examples, **Prof. Gupta** illustrated how individuals across all professions find solace in nature, emphasizing that protecting biodiversity is a shared responsibility transcending caste, creed, gender, and religion. She empowered students by affirming that each person, through small and meaningful actions, can contribute significantly to conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

Concluding her address, she encouraged everyone to embrace the spirit of the International Day for Biodiversity every day, fostering continuous commitment rather than limiting awareness to a single occasion.



Prize Distribution Ceremony

Following the formal addresses, the prize-winners of the various competitions were announced. The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, and Guest of Honour felicitated the winners with commemorative plaques and certificates in recognition of their outstanding performances.

Photography Competition:

- First Prize: Sunil Kumar Naik
- Second Prize: Atirath Kapoor
- Third Prize: Chhavi Jain

Debate Competition:

- First Prize: Priyanka Priyadarshini Das
- Second Prize: Kriti Rastogi
- Third Prize: Ruchika Singh

Painting Competition:

- First Prize: Neeraj Kol
- Second Prize: Priyanka Yadav
- Third Prize: Suvrojit Nath

The event celebrated not only the winners but also the spirit of participation, creativity, and critical thought reflected in all entries.



Vote of Thanks

Dr. Shashwat Singh



The program concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. Shashwat Singh**, who expressed deep gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, organizers, and supporting staff for their valuable contributions to the success of the event. He acknowledged the inspiring words of the esteemed speakers, the enthusiastic participation of students, and the tireless efforts of the organizing committee.

Dr. Singh also thanked the University administration for its continued encouragement in promoting awareness about biodiversity and environmental responsibility.

The event came to a dignified close with the rendition of the National Anthem, invoking a sense of unity, pride, and collective commitment toward the nation and the environment.

Media Coverage

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अनिवार्य हिस्सा है। जैव विविधता पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को कालान्तर में गतिशील बनाती है। पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र के हिस्से के रूप में, जैव विविधता के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता को पूरा करना हमारी प्रमुख जिम्मेदारी है। जैविक विविधता पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र सम्मेलन (यूएनसीडी) ने वर्ष 2025 के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैविक विविधता दिवस की थीय को 'प्रकृति और उदत विकास के साथ सद्भाव' के रूप में उद्धृत किया है। डॉ. हरिशंकर

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प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त संसाधन उपलब्ध करना है, मनुष्य के लालच को नहीं। उन्होंने जहाँ जहाँ परिवर्तन और जैव विविधता के प्रभावों और महत्व के बारे में विस्तार से बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि पहलु सफल विकास के लिए 2030 एजेंडा और कुर्नामिंग-मंडलियल के वैश्विक जैव विविधता ढांचे में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। कार्यक्रम को मुख्य वक्ता पद्मश्री प्रो. एकलव्य शर्मा ने जैव विविधता के महत्व, वर्तमान खतरे और संरक्षण पर अपना व्याख्यान दिया। ए. एस. अंसारी, आधिकारिक वक्ता मंडल; रिजर्व टाइप वीरगंगा टांगुली नौगढ़देवी ने जैव विविधता के संरक्षण को दिशा में भारत सरकार के वन विभाग के प्रत्यक्ष प्रचार को। उन्होंने इस प्रकार के महत्वपूर्ण दिनों को मनाने की पहल को भी सराहना की और जैव विविधता और संरक्षण पर अनुसंधान और जागरूकता की अन्य गतिविधियों में सहयोग करने के लिए विभाग द्वारा सहयोग करने की बात की। अंतिथि प्रो. एस.के. जे. और अंकित राय ने आभार व्यक्त के प्रति हमारे समाजिक, सांस्कृतिक और संरक्षण के लिए उठाए गए आवश्यक कदमों को बताया।

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विश्वविद्यालय के प्राणी शास्त्र विभाग द्वारा अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस का आयोजन

जैव विविधता प्रकृति का अनिवार्य हिस्सा, इसके प्रति प्रतिबद्धता जरूरी : कलपति

अनिवार्य हिस्सा है। जैव विविधता पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को कार्यात्मक और गतिशील बनाती है। पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र के हिस्से के रूप में, जैव विविधता के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता को पूरा करना हमारी प्रमुख जिम्मेदारी है। जैविक विविधता पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र सम्मेलन (यूपनसीबीड) ने वर्ष 2025 के

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैविक विविधता दिवस की थीम को 'प्रकृति और सतत विकास के साथ समझ' के रूप में उद्धृत किया है। उन्होंने विलुप्त होने वाली प्रजातियों पर विभिन्न प्रकार के प्रदूषण और जैव विविधता पर उनके प्रभावों के प्रभावों से संबंधित पर्यावरणीय समस्याओं के बारे में चर्चा की।

पृथ्वी पर्याप्त संसाधन प्रदान करती है : मुख्य अतिथि महानिदेशक कोशलया, डी स्कूल यूनिवर्सिटी पोर, एसपी सिंह ने कहा कि पृथ्वी प्रत्येक व्यक्ति की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त संसाधन प्रदान करती है। मनुष्य के लालच को नहीं। उन्होंने जलवायु परिवर्तन और जैव विविधता के प्रभावों और महत्व के बारे में

विस्तार से बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि वे पहलू सतत विकास के लिए 2030 एजेंडा और कुनीरम-मास्ट्रिच के वैश्विक जैव विविधता दांचे में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। कार्यक्रम की मुख्य वक्ता पथरी प्रो. एकलव्य शर्मा ने जैव विविधता के महत्व, वर्तमान खतरों और संरक्षण पर अपना व्याख्यान दिया। अंसारी, आधिकारिक वन मंडल, टाइगर रिजर्व बोरंगना दुर्गावती नौरादेही ने जैव विविधता के संरक्षण की दिशा में भारत सरकार के वन विभाग के प्रयासों पर चर्चा की। चित्रकला, गद-विवाद और फोटोग्राफी प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन अतिथि प्रो. एस्के जैन और अंकित शर्मा ने जैव विविधता के प्रति

हमारे सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक और नीतिक दायित्वों और इसके संरक्षण के लिए उदात्त एवं आवश्यक कदमों को बनाया। समानताएँ सत्र में जीव विविधता से सम्बंधित चित्रकला, वाद-विवर्ध और फोटोग्राफी प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर मैं प्राणी विज्ञान विभाग के प्राध्यापक डा. मालविका सिक्कर, डा. पारुल मोहोबिया, डा. दीपाली जाट, रज्जा कुमार कोहरी, सदीप कुमार, समता शुक्ला, कमोरी एमएसएट अनेक संस्था में प्रभागियों उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम समन्वयक शशवत सिंह द्वारा धन्यवाद दिया गया। मैं संचालन सोमनाथ घोष ने किया। कार्यक्रम का औपचारिक रूप से समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ।

09:30 - 9:45 AM

Gathering and Sitting in the Abhimanch Sabhagaar

09:45 - 9:50 AM (Inauguration)

Escort the dignitaries to the dais.

- Mr. A.A. Ansari, DFO, Invited Speaker of the event
- Prof. Versha Sharma, Dean, School of Biological Sciences
- Prof. S.K. Jain, Guest of Honour, Former Head, Department of Zoology
- Prof. M. L. Khan, Head Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences
- Prof. Shweta Yadav, Convener & Head, Department of Zoology

09:50 - 09:55 AM

Floral tribute to Goddess Maa Saraswati and Sir Dr. Harisingh Gour.

09:55 - 10:00 AM

Floral Welcome of the Dignitaries.

- Mr. A. A. Ansari (Invited Speaker), DFO, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Prof. Versha Sharma, Dean, School of Biological Sciences.
- Prof. S. K. Jain, Guest of Honour, Former Head Department of Zoology.
- Prof. M. L. Khan, Head, Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences.
- Prof. Shweta Yadav, Head, Department of Zoology.

10:00 -10:10 AM

Welcome Address and briefing of the event by Convenor of the Program and Head, Department of Zoology.

10:10 -10:20 AM

Address by Head, Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences Prof. M.L. Khan.

10:20 -10:25 AM

Address by Dean, School of Biological Sciences, Prof. Versha Sharma.

10:25 -10:30 AM

Address by Prof. S.K. Jain, Guest of Honour, Former Head, Department of Zoology.

10:30- 10:55 AM

Talk by Invited Speaker, Mr. A.A. Ansari, DFO.

Chairperson: Dr. Raj Kumar Koiri

Rapporteur: Dr. Brajesh Kumar Maurya

10:55 -11:00 AM

Felicitation of Invited Speaker, Mr. A.A. Ansari, DFO and Prof. S.K. Jain.

11:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Invited talk by Keynote Speaker, Padam Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma, FNASc, FNA.

Painting Competition

Theme: Harmony with Nature: Our Shared Responsibility

Venue: M.Sc. Lab, Department of Zoology

Display of Paintings in Abhimanch Sabhagar

Parallel session

12:00 Noon - 02:00 PM

Debate Competition

Theme: Development: Creation or Annihilation

Venue: Abhimanch Sabhagar

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Tea/Lunch with

Photography Competition

Theme: Wilds in Wild (Fauna & Flora)

Venue: Abhimanch Sabhagar

03:00 - 03:05 PM

- Escort the dignitaries to the dias.
- Lighting the lamp and floral tribute to Goddess Maa Saraswati and Sir Dr. Harisingh Gour.

03:05 - 03:10 PM

Floral Welcome of the Dignitaries

- Chief Guest, Prof. S.P. Singh, DG, Kaushalya-The Skill University, Government of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Guest of Honour, Shri Ankit Rai, Vigyan Bharti, Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad, Jabalpur, M.P.
- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Neelima Gupta.
- Prof. Versha Sharma, Dean, School of Biological Sciences.
- Prof. M.L. Khan, Head, Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences.
- Prof. Naveen Kango, Head, Department of Microbiology.
- Prof. Shweta Yadav, Head, Department of Zoology.

03:10 - 03:15 PM

Program briefing by the convener, Prof. Shweta Yadav

03:15-03:20 PM

Address by Head, Department of Microbiology, Prof. Naveen Kango.

03:20 - 03:25 PM	Address by Head, Department of Botany and Environmental Science, Prof. M.L. Khan.
03:25 - 03:30 PM	Address by Dean, School of Biological Sciences, Prof. Versha Sharma.
03:30 – 03:40 PM	Address by Guest of Honour, Shri Ankit Rai, Vigyan Bharti, Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad, Jabalpur, M.P.
03:40 - 04:00 PM	Address by Chief Guest, Prof. S.P. Singh, Director General, Kaushalaya The Skill University, Government of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
04:00 - 04:10 PM	Award Ceremony and Felicitation of the Guests • Chief Guest, Prof. S.P. Singh, DG, Kaushalya-The Skill University, Government of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. • Guest of Honour, Shri Ankit Rai, Vigyan Bharti, Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad, Jabalpur, M.P. • Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Neelima Gupta. • Prof. Versha Sharma, Dean, School of Biological Sciences. • Prof. M.L. Khan, Head, Department of Botany & Environmental Sciences. • Prof. Naveen Kango, Head, Department of Microbiology. • Prof. Shweta Yadav, Head, Department of Zoology.
04:10 - 04:30 PM	Presidential Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Neelima Gupta
04:30 - 04:35 PM	Vote of thanks by Dr. Shashwat Singh
	National Anthem



About International Day for Biological Diversity

The United Nations proclaimed **May 22** as the **International Day for Biological Diversity** to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. Each year, a theme is selected to reflect global concerns—this year it's:

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Competitions & Guidelines

Competitions Open for All Students:

1. Painting Competition

Theme: "Harmony with Nature: Our Shared Responsibility"

- All participants must bring their own painting kits, including colors (preferably watercolors), brushes, palettes, and water containers.
- Canvas paper will be provided by the organizers.

2. Debate Competition

Medium: English / Hindi

Theme: "Development: Creation or annihilation"

- Individual speaker time: 3–4 minutes.
- Rebuttal/Interjection round: 1–2 minutes per speaker.
- Warning bell at 30 seconds before time ends.
- Exceeding the time limit may lead to deduction of marks.
- No use of offensive or derogatory language.
- Reading from paper/mobile is discouraged.

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3. Photography Competition

Theme: "Wilds in Wild (flora and fauna)"

- Entries must be submitted by 12.05.2025.
- Each participant may submit only one photograph on the provided theme.
- Photo should be in JPEG format, with size under 25 MB.
- To submit the entries, send to dhsgsueventzoology@gmail.com with full name and contact details.

Note:

All participants will be given certificates.

The winners will be awarded special prize and certificate of achievement. The decision of the judges will be final and binding.

Last date for registration: 17.05.2025

Registration fee: ₹ 200/-

Link for Registration :

<https://forms.gle/28Ez6Y5ayAoMM4Qx8>



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