

# **Departmental Annual Report - 3**

## **Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond**

**Department:** Zoology

Year: 2021-22

#### **Department Society and its Office Bearers:**

Zoology Society, Synapse organizes various seminars, Symposium and workshops to create a holistic environment of learning beyond classrooms. Webinars were also arranged to provide learning environments to students. Activities also include arranging Fresher's Welcome, Student Excursion, Bridge courses and Farewell party.

President	Vice President	General Secretary	Treasurer	Editors	Co-Editors	Event Manager
Swathi B. Choudhury	Yuktika Pandya	Chaitanya Sunil Bhardwaj	Shivani Pandita	Kamakshi Singh and Kritika	Damayanti Dasgupta and Sruti Singh Mohapatra	Unnati Singh

#### **Staff Advisors:**

Dr. Nisha Vashishta

Dr. Yasha Yadav



# Part B.1

#### Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department

#### Career counselling: Way forward Lecture series (Lecture 1) (6.7.2021)

The event was organized to clarify the general doubts students have when it comes to choosing the next step after college. The speaker and the attendees were welcomed by the President after which the speaker Ms. Ajeeta Longjam was invited to address the meeting. After the address the question answer session was regulated by the General Secretary where Ms. Ajeeta Longjam cleared doubts of the attendees. The session was concluded by the vote of thanks by the Vice President

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Career counselling: Way forward Lecture series (Lecture 2) The Gestalt Approach: Self Discovery for Creative Expression & Communication (7.8.2021)

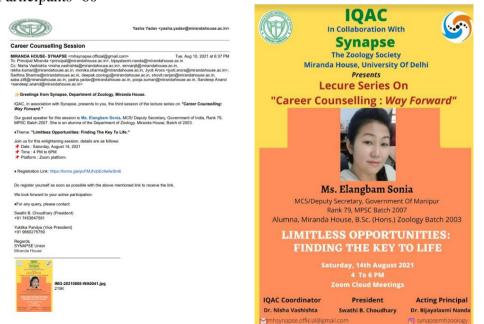
The speaker and the attendees were welcomed by the Swathi B. Choudhary, President after which the speaker Ms. Zaara Haroon was invited to address the meeting. The main purpose of her talk was to make us aware about making career choices, through the concept of the Gestalt approach. The origin of this theory is from Psychology, and emphasizes that the whole of something is greater than the individual parts of it. Similarly, in case of life, the larger value of our lives is greater than the importance of each individual components of it. After the address the question answer session was regulated by Chaitanya Sunil Bhardwaj, General Secretary where Ms. Zaara Haroon cleared doubts of the attendees. The session was concluded by the vote of thanks by Khushi Soni, Event Manager. Participants- 65





Career counselling: Way forward Lecture series (Lecture 3) Limitless Opportunities: Finding the Key to Life (14.8.2021)

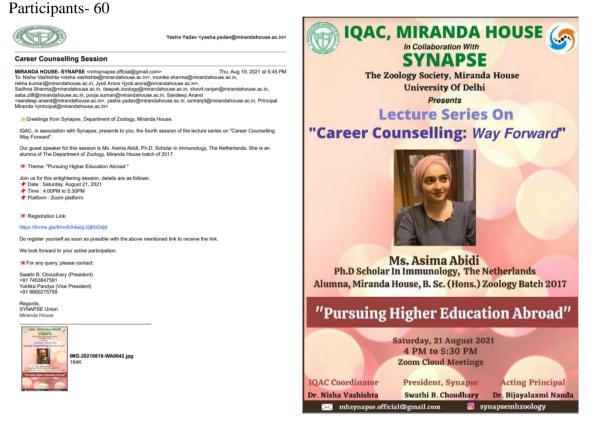
In this session Ms. Elangbam Sonia talked about finding the important lessons of life which she referred to as "keys of life". She shared about how these keys helped her find purpose in life, open the limitless opportunities for her growth and how they will help us finding the best path for us. Participants- 60





# Career counselling: Way forward Lecture series (Lecture 4) Pursuing Higher Education Abroad (21.8.2021)

Ms. Asima Abidi spoke about the advantages of pursuing higher education abroad. She also mentioned how living abroad shapes your personality. It makes one independent and provides scope for an all-round development. She focused on the process of applying for higher education in abroad and how we should keep working hard and be aware about our opportunities.

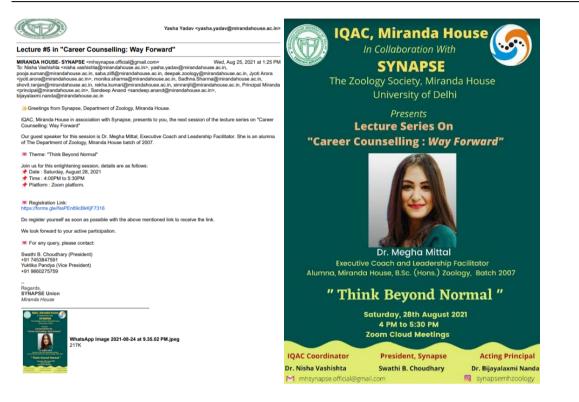


Career counselling: Way forward Lecture series (Lecture 5) "Think beyond Normal" (28.8.2021)

Dr. Megha Mittal spoke about her job, its uniqueness and perks. She spoke to the students about her own life, how she found her passion, and how she overcame challenges. She spoke to the students about the Japanese concept of Ikigai and how to realize one's Ikigai in life Participants- 62

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Workshop on Science and Spirituality under IQAC, Miranda House and Synapse, The Zoology Society Session- 1 (Fearlessness in challenging times through Meditation) (8.8.2021)

The speaker, Ms. Seema compared life to a game of snakes and ladders, where we'll constantly be facing challenges of different kinds. Our lives have been disrupted by the pandemic and have spread fear and panic everywhere. How to overcome these fears through meditation is the main purposes of this lecture. The session ended with a 10 minutes Meditation session, followed by a question- answer session and the Vote of Thanks.



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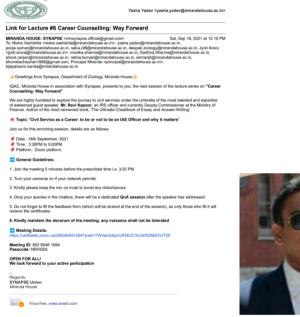
# Workshop on Science and Spirituality under IQAC, Miranda House and Synapse, The Zoology Society Session- 2 (Empowering your persona through Meditation) (15.8.2021)

Ms. Seema started the session stating that happiness doesn't come from money, relationships, good health. True happiness, richness and bliss are within us, in our souls. Our souls are our true identity. We should awaken the dormant identity of our soul. To see the light of our souls, we need to awaken our third eye. Mental repetition of any name of God helps calm our mind. We can have faith in God only when we see a manifestation of God through light. Spirituality is a matter of seeing, experiencing, and believing. She also explained the main difference between religion and spirituality. Religion gives more importance to outer rites and rituals, but spirituality gives more importance to the soul and inner knowledge. The session ended with a 10 minutes Meditation session, followed by a question answer session and the Vote of Thanks. Participants-60





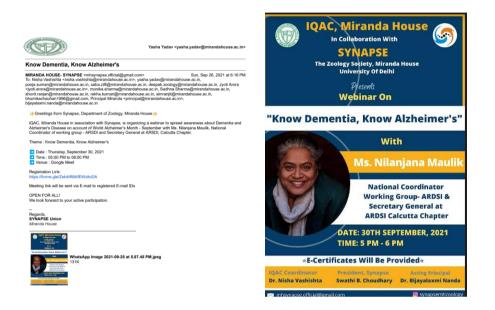
Lecture on "Civil Services as a career: to be or not to be an IAS officer and why it matters" (18.9.2021) The speaker and the attendees were welcomed by the Swathi B. Choudhary, President after which the speaker Mr. Ravi Kapoor was invited to address the meeting. The main purpose of this session was to clear all kind of doubts that students have about UPSC CSE examination and how to prepare and ace them. After the address the question answer session was regulated by Khushi Soni, Event Manager where Sir cleared doubts of the attendees. The session was concluded by the vote of thanks by Samridhi, Content Creating Manager Participants-65



# Lecture on "Know Dementia Know Alzheimer's" under IQAC, Miranda House and Synapse, The Zoology Society (30.9.2021)

Ms. She also highlighted early signs of dementia, which include short term memory loss, problems with language and expression, losing track of objects, time and place, poor judgement, problems comprehending spatiovisual cues, changes in mood and behaviour without obvious reasons, and withdrawal from social activities. The session ended with a question- answer session and the Vote of Thanks. Participants- 60





### Memorial Lecture in the memory of Dr. Saroj Kesar (20.12.2021)

Dr. Nisha Vashishta spoke on Dr. Saroj Kesar's legacy when she joined Miranda House in 1975. Her earlier work in neurophysiology in association with ICMR, AIIMS earned her the accolades of many. She was also a member of the International Brain Research Organization. Even after retirement, she continued to work with many NGOs to work for the upliftment of marginalized people. The memorial lecture was delivered by Dr. Asmita Patil (MBBS, M.D.) from AIIMS centered on the themes of Pollution and Reproductive Health. She is a major figure and her area of interests include - neurophysiology, reproductive physiology, and medical education. The session ended with a Vote of Thanks given by Dr. Yasha Yadav, Staff Advisor of Synapse.





# Career counselling: Way forward Lecture series (Lecture 6) (22.12.2021)

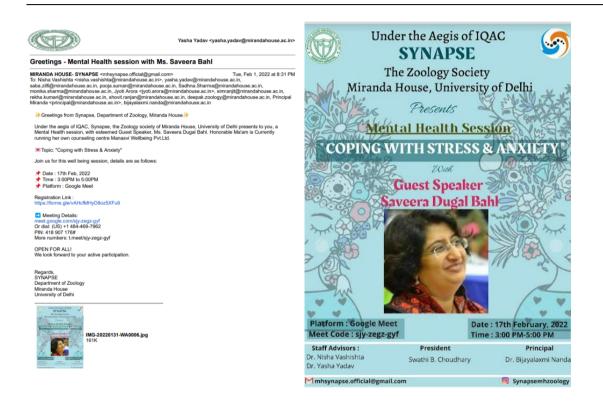
A career counseling session was held for the III year students of B.Sc. (H) Zoology. Ms. Bhumika Chauhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Miranda House told the students about various opportunities in the field of zoology and related areas after graduation and the entrance exams that they can appear for. Ms. Chauhan helped students get a clearer idea of what to pursue. She motivated the students to follow their passions and helped them realize that it is never too late to follow their dreams.



# Coping with stress and anxiety (17.2.2022)

On 17th February September, 2022(03:00 pm to 05:00 pm) the union successfully organized the session in collaboration with IQAC. This session aimed to teach the students how to deal with anxiety and stress that is very common among students. Finding the positive sides to every situation helps avoid anxiety and sadness. She said that we should not strive to fit in and have a herd mentality, it only adds to our anxiety. Being happy and confident with the way we are reduces overthinking and stress. The session was concluded by the vote of thanks





# Campus Bird Count, under the aegis of IQAC, MH Vatavaran, the environment society, Miranda House and Synapse, department of zoology (18.2.2022)

It was the first offline event for the department and students learnt about the aerial fauna of their college attending it after 2 years. Mr. Chandra Bhushan, Delhi based birder helped identify 18 species of birds on the campus which included rock pigeon, Eurasian collared dove, laughing dove, yellow footed green pigeon, Asian koel, black kite, brown headed barbet, rose ringed parakeet, black drongo, rufous treepie, house crow, red-vented bulbul, red-whiskered bulbul, hume's warbler. Jungle babbler. Common myna, purple sunbird and house sparrow





### InTeGrate: The Science Carnival (28.2.2022 to 3.3.2022)

On the occasion of National Science Day, Synapse, the Zoology Society, under that aegis of IQAC, organised a week log science carnival from February 28 to March 3, 2022. The guest speakers, Dr. Amita Gupta and Dr. Manisha Goel made the students aware about biotehnology techniques such as NEVA and CRISPR. These were followed by a lecture by the renowned evolutionary biologist Prof. B. Rosemary Grant. She enlightened the students with her decades of research in the Galapagos islands. The carnival concluded with a virtual tour of the Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre on 3 March, 2022. Participants-45





### **Impulse: The annual department fest (18.4.2022)**

Impulse 2022, the annual fest of the zoology department, was held on the 18th of April. The events of the fest were: talks by guest lecturers, Dr. Amitabh Joshi and Dr. Amita Gupta; a model-making competition, quiz competition, and debate competition. Dr. Amitabh Joshi spoke about evolutionary biology, his work in that field and future prospect. Dr. Amita Gupta spoke about her work in developing a low-cost but highly precise testing kit for TB. There were 4 teams participating in the model making competition, 16 students for debate competition and 7 teams for Quiz. Overall, it was an enriching and enjoyable experience for the entire department.

Participants-80



Dr. Amita Gupta | TB Confirm: A Bench to Bedside Success Story



Science Exhibition | Everything Under The Sun



#### Capacity Building Workshop Based on Curriculum of B. Sc. Hons. Zoology (Practical)

In order to bridge the gap in hands on practical learning that was missed by students due to the pandemic, the workshop on capacity building based in the curriculum of B.Sc. (H) Zoology was organized in the department. Dr. Nisha Vashishta trained the students for physiology practical while Dr. Sadhna Sharma trained them for the biochemistry practical.



Part B.2

#### **Extension Activities organized**

#### Virtual Jungle Safari tour of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (8.10.2021)

The tour guide, Ms. Deepti, Camp leader, National Environment Science Camp, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, illuminated students about the significance of the reserve and patiently pointed out all the animals including swamp deer, Kingfisher, brahminy ducks, fish eagle, hog deer, Summer deer, nilgai, leopard, jungle cat, etc. throughout the entire journey in the jungle. The tour though virtual, was a refreshing break from the online curricular classes for the students.

Participants -80

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Warm Greetings!+ I hope this email finds you well. Synapse, the Zoology Society of Miranda House, University of Delhi wishes to organise an **Virtual tour** of Dudhwa National Park for our college students during the Wildlife week (October 2 to 8, 2021). As per our convience, we would like to schedule it on 8th of October, Friday, from 4 PM Onwards. We would like to allow science students from not just our college, but also from various colleges/universities to attend the same I'm sure participants and organizers will benefit a lot from this event. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. On behalf of the IQAC Coordinator and Staff Advisor, Dr. Nisha Vashishta and Synapse- Zoology Department.

Regards, Swathi B. Choudhary President at Synapse Miranda House



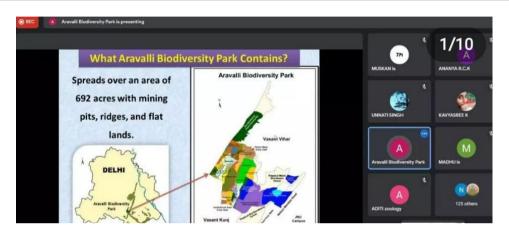


# Virtual tour of Aravalli Biodiversity Park (15.2.2022)

A virtual tour of the Aravalli Biodiversity Park was organised on the 15th of February. The event was attended by students of all three years of B.Sc (H) Zoology. The guide of the event showed the flora, fauna and ecosystem of the biodiversity park using pictures and videos. The restoration and management of the park was also explained by her. The session concluded with an interactive session with the students.







An online Bridge Course on *Laboratory Instrumentation: Principle, Usage and Applications* was conducted from 4-8 July 2022, under the aegis of IQAC for B.Sc. Hons. Zoology First year students. The course structure aimed to provide an introduction to laboratory instruments and techniques present in the Department.





Summer Workshop for undergraduate Science students, *Flavor of Research : Investigative Projects in Multidisciplinary Contexts* held at the D.S. kothari Centre for Research and Innovation in Science Education Miranda House, University of Delhi.

**Participation**: 10 Faculty members of the Zoology Department guided many undergraduate Zoology Students from across institutions.

Participants-42



### Parent-teacher meeting (29.10.2021)

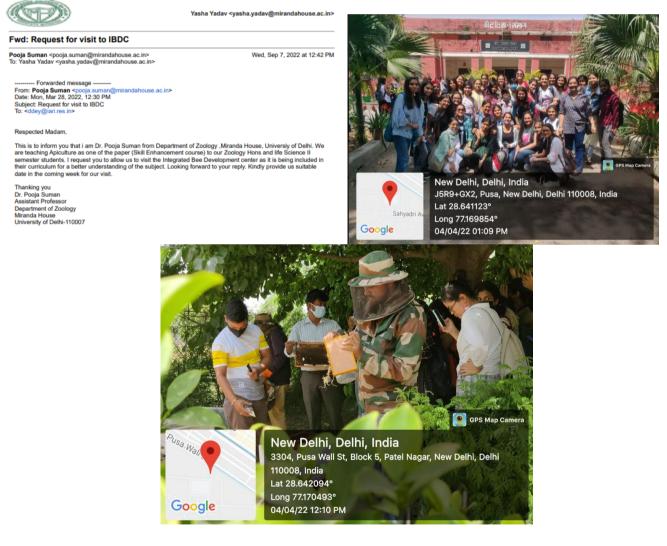
The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Nisha Vashishta. This was followed by introduction of the faculty members. This session included a presentation by Swathi B. Choudhary, President of Synapse. The presentation covered the details of the college facilities, curriculum and extra- curricular activities. The presentation also included an overview of the activities organized by Synapse. It ended with the introduction of the council members. This was followed by an interactive session with the parents. Some of the issues discussed were- reducing screen time, emphasis on practical classes, internships and career counseling, opportunity for publication of papers written by students, etc Participants - 85





#### Visit to Indian Agricultural Research Institute (4.4.2022)

On the 4th of April, 2022, the batch of Zoology Honours Second year students, along with the 2nd year students of the Life Sciences course, went on an educational trip to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Road, Delhi. The students visited the entomology department of the institute, where they were given a detailed account of the equipment used in artificial beekeeping. They were also introduced to the honey processing plant of the institute. After this, they were allowed to see the live artificial beehive that is being maintained inside the department. Lastly, the students visited the entomology museum which has a splendid collection of butterflies, insects, beetles, silkworms and other arthropods. Overall, it was an informative and enjoyable trip.





## Part B.3

### Any other event organized as part of students' activities (not listed above)

#### Fresher's Orientation Program for Batch of 2024 (20.11.2021)

The union was introduced to the new batch along with the Department teachers and staff. They were briefed about the syllabus, the department; co curricular activities and their doubts pertaining to the new semester were cleared thoroughly. The session ended with a general interaction of the new students with the teachers and the union members.

Participants- 85



A farewell was organized for B.Sc. (H) Final Year by B.Sc. (H) Zoology I and II Year Students. The celebration was joyful. The Department congratulated the outgoing batch of 2019-22, reminded them to remain dedicated to their path, share their knowledge and inspire others.



