

Eco-Club Govt. Degree College Anantnag



29th July, 2022: Celebration of International Tiger Day & World Nature Conservation

Venue: Conference Hall GDC Anantnag.

Organizers: Eco Club Debate & Debate & Seminar Committee,

Patron: Prof. Muzaffer Ahmad Bhat, Principal, GDC Anantnag.

Chief Organizer & Coordinator: Prof. Bahar Ahmed Mir

Eco Club Members

Speakers:

Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar, Assistant Professor Deptt. of Zoology

REPORT

On 29th July, 2022, the Government Degree College Anantnag, under the able direction of its esteemed principal, Professor Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, celebrated the 'International Tiger Day' & 'World Nature Conservation Day' with the overarching aim to aware students and faculty about the idea of 'TX2 Conservation Strategy' and its current status. All the faculty members of different departments and students participated in the event. The programme was celebrated under '**Van Mitra Volunteer Programme**', **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Har Ghar Tiranga**'. The programme was significant in the sense that the significance of National Pride i.e. Royal Bengal Tiger which is spiritual and cultural icon for millions of Indians was discussed with the participants. The programme was moderated by **Prof. Bahar Ahmed Mir, Assistant Professor Botany**.

In his inaugural address, the Vice Principal highlighted the importance of International Tiger Day with present scenario. He underscored the need for holistic approach for the sustainable conservation of Tiger and other wild fauna across India. The lead lecture was presented by Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar, Assistant Professor Deptt. of Zoology.

Dr. Ummer deliberated upon the background of tiger conservation in Indian context. He highlighted important features of Tigers that makes it so special and important in ecological system. He also

presented his philosophical idea **'Why to Conserve Tiger'** for the common good of society. In-depth discussion was presented on the TX2 conservation strategy and other innovative strategies which are being implemented in recently years including Remote sensing, Drone technology and AI based technology for the conservation of this important animal. The speaker also highlighted the historic background to unravel the background behind the decline of tiger population.

Key Take Aways from the programme are:

- **Eco-centric approach is needed to conserve the tiger population in holistic way**
- **International collaboration is required to maintain the current status of tiger population in India**
- **Community based approach including the inclusion of tribal population in the conservation activity need to be implemented**
- **More funding need to be allocated for conservation purpose**

In the end Speaker, Dr. Ummer explained the conservation strategy with the famous quote of George Bernard Shah,

'When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport; when a tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity'

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Raouf Ur Rafiq, Assistant Prof. Department of Environmental Science



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