

Date: 17TH June, 2023

GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE ANANTNAG



Programme Report

DATE: 17TH JUNE, 2023

VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL

PATRON: Prof. Muzafar Ahmad Bhat, Principal, GDC Anantnag.

COORDINATOR: Prof. Farooq Ahmad Malik

ORGANISING SECRETARY: Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar (Zoology)

College Organisers:

- Debate & Seminar Committee
- Research Dev. Committee
- Eco Club

Theme of Programme: Importance of Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries

Sub-Theme: What is interdisciplinarity?: Perspectives of a Political Ecologist

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Govt. Degree College in collaboration with **Wildlife Research and Conservation Foundation (WRCF)** organized **1-Day Science Outreach Programme** related to the '*Importance of Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries*' on 17th June, 2023. The programme was jointly moderated by Dr. Ummer Rashid Zargar (Zoology) and Dr. Mehreen Khaleel (Chair and Founder WRCF). The programme commenced with the opening introduction about the programme by Dr. Ummer Rashid.

The welcome address was presented worthy Principal, Prof. Muzafar Ahmad Bhat. In his speech Prof. Muzafar Ah. Bhat thanked Wildlife Research and Conservation Foundation and Seminar Debate Committee for their efforts to organise this programme for faculty and students. He thanked Dr Mehreen Khaleel, Chair and Founder of WRCF and Ms. Ovee Thorat for their cooperation. Prof. Muzafar Bhat emphasized the importance of these inter-disciplinary programmes as NEP-2020 has also proposed inter-disciplinary education as a holistic approach across all sciences and arts in order to ensure knowledge harmony and integrity. Education is of paramount importance in human life since it has the ability to improve the world, as per worthy Principal. He stressed upon collaboration among different fields so that our education has meaning for society. He congratulated Wildlife Research and Conservation Foundation for initiating Lecture series: Women in STEM which according to him is need of hour as we

need women researchers to take lead for the transformation of our society. He further emphasised that these platforms are great opportunity for our researchers, especially female faculty to inculcate research skills and to motivate themselves for future research endeavours.

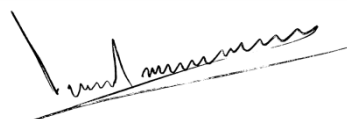
After the inaugural address by worthy principal, Dr. Mehreen gave detailed information about Wildlife Research and Conservation Foundation (WRCF) and its role for inculcating scientific temper among young minds. She further mentioned different outreach programmes initiated by WRCF for the benefit of students. In addition, she gave information about internships, collaborative projects and other initiatives which are being started by the WRCF.

The main highlight of this programme was the key note lecture by Ms. Ovee Thorat (Independent Researcher). She gave detailed presentation on the title ‘ *What is interdisciplinarity?: Perspectives of a Political Ecologist.* Ms. Ovee Thorat highlighted different aspects of Interdisciplinary Research that has huge significance in the present scenario. She also talked about various challenges faced during the execution of Interdisciplinary Research. The invited speaker then gave detailed perspective of Political Ecology from her own research and highlighted the need for such collaborative research activities. After the completion of this session, there was live interaction between the participants and the expert panel. The Q&A session was quite interesting as number of questions were raised by students and faculty.

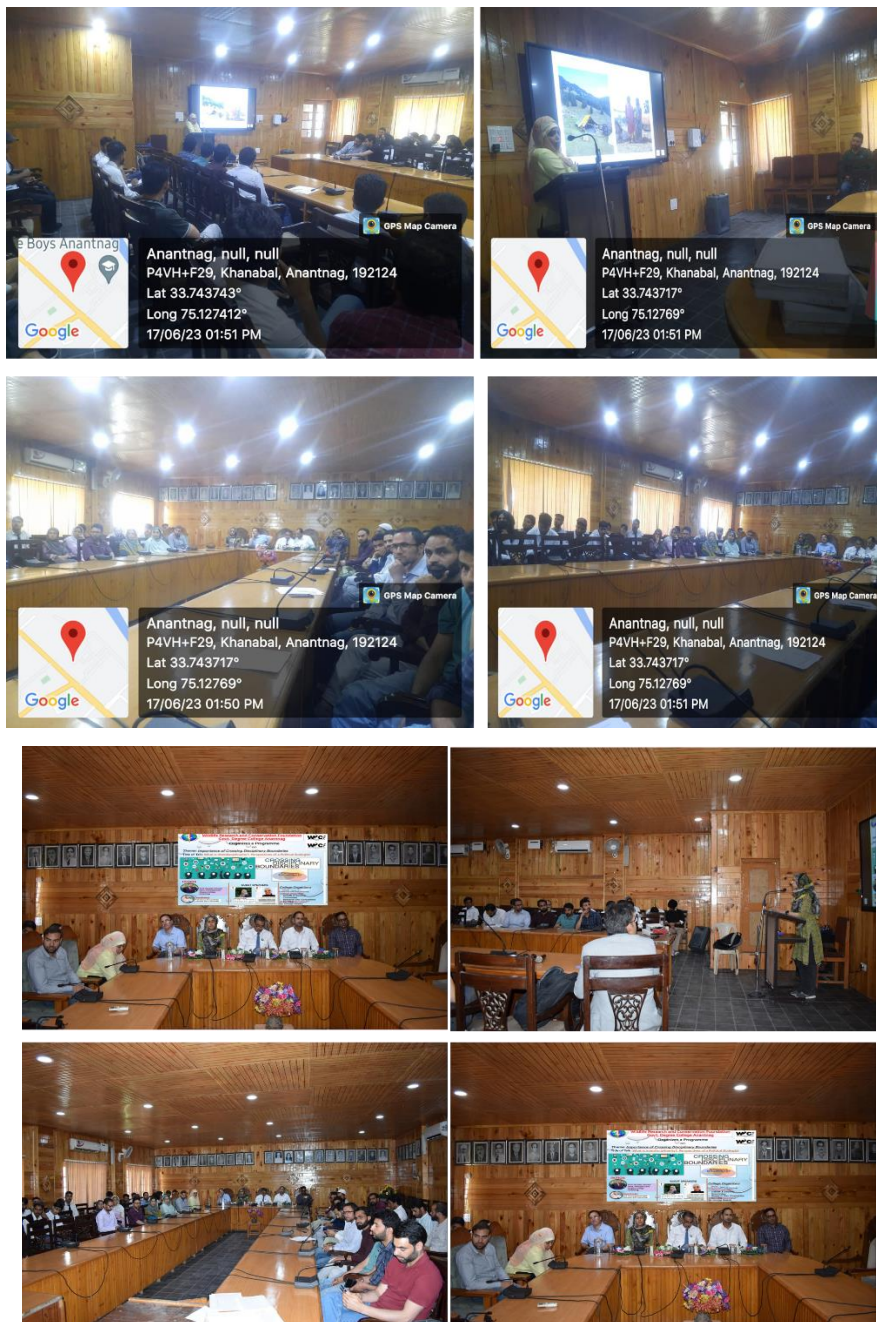
Another highlight of the programme was signing of MOU between our college and Wildlife Research and Conservation Foundation (WRCF). The main highlights of MOU were presented by Dr. Ummer Rashid to aware participants about the type of activities that are going to be carried by two parties during the period of this collaboration.

After the completion of interactive session and signing of MOU, guests’ speakers and research achiever (s) were felicitated by the worthy Principal. Dr. Waheed Khanday received the certificate of appreciation for receiving a grant of 30 lac form SERB-DST and for his overall research achievement.

At the end of programme, vote of thanks were presented by Prof. Bhahar Ahmad Mir.



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