



Wildlife Week

On the occasion of wildlife week, Department of Environmental Sciences had organized two invited lectures. Of these, the theme of first lecture was use of modern equipment for wildlife monitoring (e.g. animal tracking system, etc). It was held on October 01, 2019 and delivered by Mr. Dnyanesh Rathod. He was associated with Wildlife Institute of India and worked on project related to monitoring of tigers. Students were amazed while observing the slides and videos related to use of camera traps, GPS and collar ids, etc in monitoring or tracking tiger. He also explained the application of collected data using these tools in preparation of conservation and management plan. Towards the end of the presentation a tool called 'range finder' was demonstrated to students by him. The second invited lecture was uniquely themed on ethno-ornithology; i.e. use of birds by different tribes

in traditional way. Dr. Vinayak Chavan, faculty at Fergusson College, Pune delivered this lecture on October 05, 2019. He is an academic visitor to Edward Grey Research Institute of Field Ornithology and Institute of Human Sciences, University of Oxford, United Kingdom for collaborative work on Ethno-Ornithology in Western Ghats. He presented field observations from Tamhini area of Pune district of Western Ghat. In the presentation, he explained various services offered by bird species to forest dwellers and thus, students realized the importance of avian (bird) diversity in day-to-day life. He also shared views on research opportunities in wildlife. In the post presentation discussion, few students expressed their willingness to pursue research in wildlife related theme. In response, he happily agreed to guide students based on individual proposal.

44th Foundation Day of VSI

VSI celebrated 44th foundation day on November 19, 2019 under the chairmanship of Mr. Dilip Walase-Patil, Vice President of VSI. Prof. Dr. Shivajirao Kadam, Chancellor Bharati Vidhyapeeth Pune was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr. Vijay Pol Sharma, Chairman CACP and Dr. Pande, Adviser CACP both were present as special guests. Dr. Indrajeet Mohite, Shri. Ashutosh Kale, members of Governing Council of VSI, Dr. DG Hapase Ex. Director VSI and Mr. US Indalkar officer from Sugar Commissioner Office Pune were also present.

All the dignitaries were welcomed by Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, Director General VSI. The event was formally inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Shivajirao Kadam by lighting the traditional lamp along with other dignitaries. Director General VSI introduced the Chief Guest and all dignitaries to the gathering consist of Scientists Technical Personnel's, other staff members and Students. Vice- President VSI briefed the R & D activities of VSI. Chairman CACP elaborated about the cost & prices of Agriculture commodities especially Sugarcane and Sugar products.




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