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Title: 'Environmental Protection through Biodiversity Conservation'

A national webinar entitled 'Environmental Protection through Biodiversity Conservation' was organised by the Department of Zoology and IQAC, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata on the eve of World Environment Day, June 5, 2020, 7-9 pm. The webinar started with the inaugural address by the Principal, Dr. Urmila Ukil followed by welcome note by the IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee.

Objective: Awareness for preservation and creating habitat for Urban Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation.

Content: Urban biodiversity refers to the variety of living organisms, including their genetic variations, as well as the multiplicity of habitats in and around dense human settlements. Conserving biodiversity has been high or the agenda since decades due to the loss of habitat and climate change. Developing biodiversity-friendly cities is thus inextricably linked to sustainable urban development and human wellbeing. The speaker of the first session was Bikramadittya Guha Roy who gave an idea about urban environment and biodiversity and introduced to us an entirely new vista of backyard



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Wildlife conservation is the practice of protecting plant and animal species and their habitats. As part of the world's ecosystems, wildlife provides balance and stability to nature's processes. The burgeoning human population endangers the habitats and existence of various types of wildlife around the world, particularly animals and plants that may be displaced for land development, or used for food or other human purposes. Other threats to wildlife include the introduction of invasive species from other parts of the world, climate change, pollution, hunting, fishing, and poaching. Saving nature is at the very heart of WWF. For 60 years, they have made it their mission to find solutions that save the marvelous array of life on our planet by applying the best science available and working closely with local communities. WWF has been part of successful wildlife



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Outcome: The session gave us vivid account of the implications of environmental and anthropogenic disturbances on the wildlife that pose a serious threat to ecosystems and its functions. The insights from this session can support urban conservation policies and their



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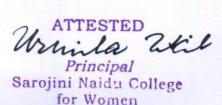
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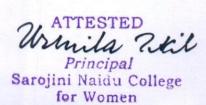
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