# Webinar on the World Environment Day, 2023

Speaker: Dr. Dalia Ghosh Dastidar

Joint Secretary, Beats of Nature Society

**Project Scientist of Soaring Sparrows Foundation** 

Topic of the lecture session-

**Community Perspectives In Environmental Sustainability** 



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Department of Environmental Studies in collaboration with the NSS unit of Maharani Kasiswari College had organised a webinar to celebrate the World Environment Day on 5th June, 2023 at 8.30 AM through Google Meet. This webinar covered two important events—celebration of the World Environment Day and inauguration of Departmental E-magazine. The major objective was to create environmental awareness amongst teaching, non-teaching staff and students of Maharani Kasiswari College.

This virtual programme was started with the welcome address delivered by Dr. Gobinda Mondal, Programme officer of NSS Unit of Maharani Kasiswari College. Our respected Principal Madam, Dr. Sima Chakrabarti, initiated the inaugural session by her valuable and motivated speech.

An inaugural ceremony for the Departmental E-magazine (Department of Environmental Studies) under the supervision of our beloved Principal Madam, Dr. Sima Chakrabarti, was held on the same day at around 8.50 am. The programme was followed by enlightening the students with the purpose and importance of E-magazine. This magazine would be a platform for them to gather interesting information about various environmental issues. It would encourage not only students or faculties, but also it is a platform of other stakeholders attached with this esteemed institution.

Smt. Paushali Guha (Sarkar), Head of the Department of Environmental Studies, introduced the invited speaker, Dr Dalia Ghosh Dastidar before starting of the lecture session. She is a Joint Secretary of Beats of Nature Society- a not-for-profit organization based in Kolkata. She currently works on biodiversity and environmental management as a project scientist at the Analytics wing of Soaring Sparrows Foundation. Dr Dalia Ghosh Dastidar is a Fulbright Doctoral Fellow with a Ph.D. in population dynamics of free-ranging venomous snakes. She has worked on the ecology of diverse vertebrate taxa in human-altered and protected ecosystems. She has always been intrigued by human cohabitation with surrounding biodiversity, including conflict species.

She mainly discussed on the topic entitled as "Community perspectives in environmental sustainability". She focused on the Global Hunger Index, fertilizer consumption, diversity and nutrition of food, importance of healthy food chain, sustainable life style change etc during her lecture session. She also emphasized on the role of indigenous Irula snake-catcher community. Her speech was very motivating and encouraging to all the participants.

After the lecture session, questions and interaction session was conducted by Smt. Shreya Ghosh, faculty of the Department of Environmental Studies.

Environmental documentary film on "the Story of Adi Ganga" documented by "the Anandabazar Online", was nicely presented by Mr. Amit Choudhury, faculty of the Department of Computer Science" through YouTube channel.

The moderator of the webinar was Smt. Shreya Ghosh, faculty of the Department of Environmental Studies. The technical support of the webinar was beautifully managed by Mr. Amit Choudhury, Faculty of Department of Computer Science. Overall Supervision and management of the webinar were conducted by Dr. Sudipta Ghosh, faculty of the Department of Commerce and Dr. Gobinda Mondal, Programme officer of NSS Unit of Maharani Kasiswari College.

The Webinar was ended by vote of thanks given by Smt. Paushali Guha (Sarkar), Head of the Department of Environmental Studies. The webinar was attended by around 133 participants. The participants were asked to submit their feedback by filling online feedback form. The webinar was productive, informative and fruitful in all respect.

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