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**REPORT**

**The Environmental Development Committee**

**The Bhawanipur Education Society College**

**Year 2019-20**

The Environmental Development Committee has remained committed to its goal of promoting environmental consciousness and motivating all to work towards conservation and improvement of environment, ensuring sustainable development of the society at large.

In the academic session 2019-2020, the Environmental Development Committee, like the preceding years, proposed plans that would encourage the college to promote environmental consciousness, and also, bring out the research potential within students and staff and strive to motivate them to find creative solutions to environmental problems. Some of these plans were implemented. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and abrupt closure of the college from 16.03.2020, some of these plans could not be brought into action. Yet, the Committee's efforts were not disrupted completely, and even during the Lockdown period, the Committee celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 by arranging for an Online Special Lecture.

**REPORT 1: COLLABORATION WITH HULLADECK RECYCLING PRIVATE LIMITED**

**Collaboration with Hulladeck Recycling Private Limited**

**Organized by:** Environmental Development Committee

The Environmental Development Committee held meetings with the representatives of Hulladeck Recycling Private Limited, a certified e-waste recycling organization, to hold a seminar to raise awareness on the issue of recycling e-waste among the students and staff of the college. There were also plans of Hulladeck setting up bins in the college premises, where the college staff and students can dispose their e-waste, which would in time be collected by Hulladeck for recycling. However, due to the compulsory closure of college from 16.03.2020 for COVID-19 pandemic, the plans had to be postponed. It remains topmost on the agenda of the Committee which would surely bring this into action on re-opening of the college.



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**REPORT 2: TRIP TO BENGAL SAFARI BY NATURE CLUB MEMBERS**

**Trip to Bengal safari by nature club members**

**Organized by:** Science Section

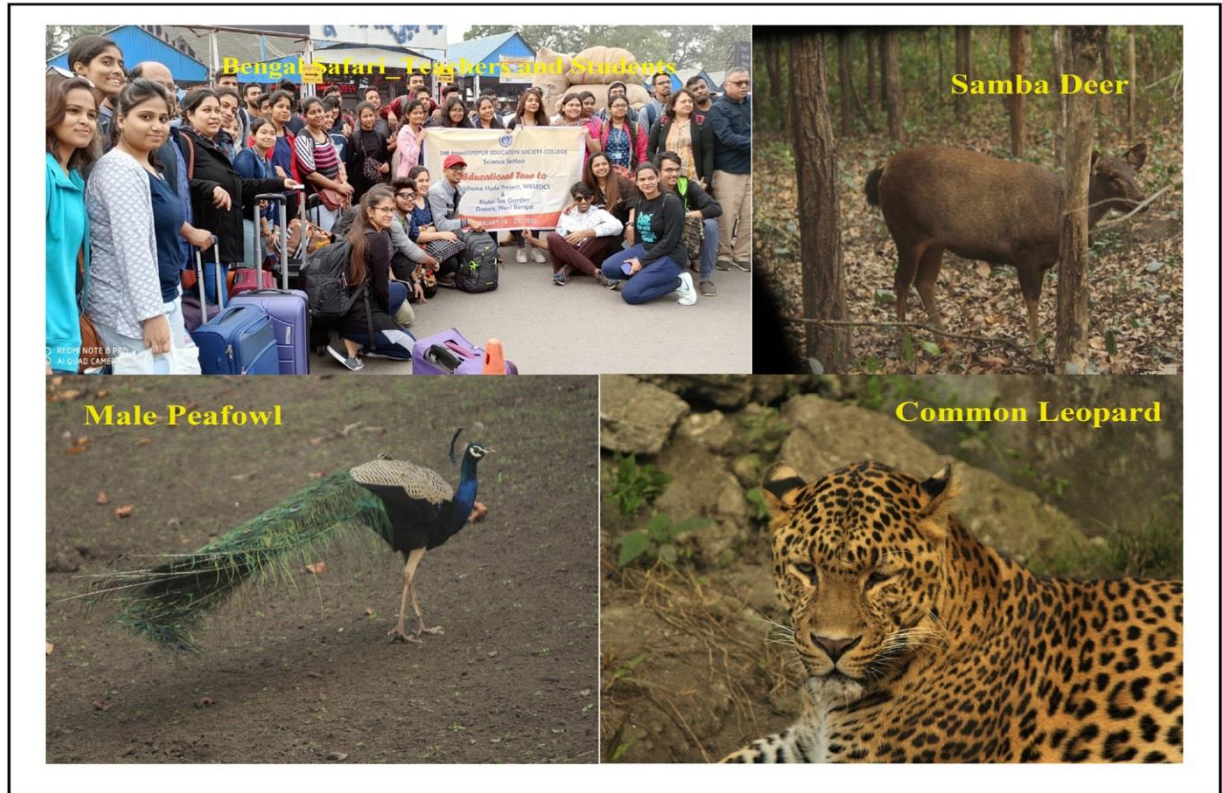
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Environmental Development Committee, with an aim to inculcate environmental ethics and impart practical skills to students to protect environment, has formed the Nature Club comprising students from various disciplines. The Nature Club finds innovative ways to conserve nature and improve environment.

As part of the educational trip to Dooars, organized by the Science Section, the faculty members of the Environmental Development Committee and many of the students who are members of the Nature Club visited the Bengal Safari on the 21st of February, 2020. The reserve cum safari is located in the 'Dooars' region of West Bengal, approximately 8 kilometres from the city of Siliguri, and is spread over 297 hectares. The reserve is a bounded region of the naturally occurring Sal forest in the region. It houses a variety of flora and fauna.



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47 Students and 13 teachers enjoyed the Safari from the inside of a fully covered van. The following were noted by the Nature Club:

The safari was divided into various fenced areas- one each for bears, tigers, leopards and herbivores. The herbivores observed were the Spotted Deer, Swamp Deer and the Sambar Deer. The carnivores seen were the Bengal Tiger and the Common Leopard. The omnivores spotted were the Himalayan Black Bear, and Peafowls. All deer lived in the same region, some were observed to be feeding among the trees, and others by the stream. The deer mostly stayed in groups of 2 to 4. It is necessary to note that while one Leopard was out in the open (albeit in a bounded area), one leopard was caged. The same holds true in case of the Black Bear. A singular Bengal Tiger was to be seen- it was in the open. As for the Peafowl, they were found in each of the regions of the safari, presumably flying between regions.



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The safari enlists other animals such as Jungle Cat, Fishing Cat, White Peafowl, Palm Civet, Indian One Horned Rhinoceros, Indian Elephant, Barking Deer, Hog Deer, Wild Boar; and reptiles such as the Ganges Soft Shelled Turtle, Indian Black Turtle, Marsh Crocodile and Long Snouted Crocodile. The birds observed were the Rose Ring Parakeet. Other birds found at the safari are Red Jungle Fowl, Pond Heron, Lesser Adjutant Stork, Sulpher Crested Medium Cockatoo, Moluccan Cockatoo, White Cockatoo, Yellow and Blue Macaw, Scarlet Macaw, African Grey Parakeet, Golden Pheasant, Silver Pheasant and Lady Amherst's Peasant. Two medium sized Indian Elephants were seen in the outer region of the safari- they were abused to give rides to people.

Of the above, the following are listed in Schedules I and II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and are hence considered endangered: Peafowl, White Peafowl, Hill Myna, Himalayan Black Bear, Fishing Cat, Jungle Cat, Common Palm Civet, Indian Elephant, Indian One Horned Rhinoceros, Bengal Tiger, Swamp Deer, Common Leopard, Long Snouted Crocodile, Marsh Crocodile, Ganges Soft Shelled Turtle and the Indian Black Turtle.

In all, it was an enriching experience, with all of us learning new details about the animals.



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**REPORT 3: COMMEMORATING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WITH AN  
ONLINE SPECIAL LECTURE**

**Special lecture on “Environment and Climate Concerns: Rethinking Education Strategies” by Dr Duke Ghosh**

**Organized by:** Environmental Development Committee

**Date:** 05.06.2020, 5:30 pm onwards

**Venue:** Google Meet

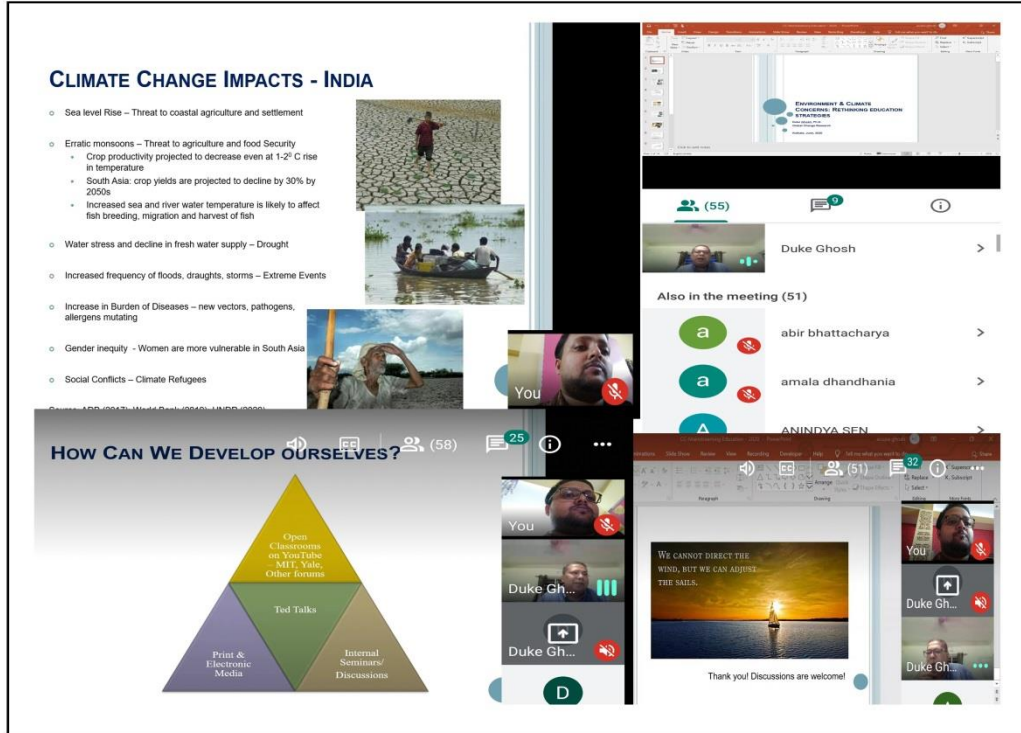
On 5th June 2020, the Environmental Development Committee organised an online special lecture on “Environment and Climate Concerns: Rethinking Education Strategies” to mark the occasion of World Environment Day. It was a privilege for the Committee to have as the speaker Dr Duke Ghosh, Partner, Global Change Research. He was the Fellow of The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders’ Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) and also a former WOTRO-NOW Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Global Change Programme, Jadavpur University. He has also been a Research Fellow of the Science and Policy Research Institute (SPRU) of the University of Sussex and is currently the Partner and Researcher at Global Change Research, Kolkata. An Economist by training, Dr Ghosh has a rich experience of providing research and consulting services to the Government and institutions like the Government of India, various state Governments, ADB, UNIDO, UNDP, DFID, SIDA, CII, Price Water House and Coopers, Ernst & Young, Oxford Policy Management, etc. Dr. Ghosh has completed his Ph. D. research in Economics at Jadavpur University as a SYLFF (The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders’ Fellowship Fund) Fellow and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDBM) from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta.

50 Teachers of the college from all the departments as well as 12 students of the Nature Club attended the talk.





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Dr Ghosh elaborated on the various impacts of climate change especially concentrating on the economy of the world. He advised on a multi-disciplinary approach to understand and solve various environmental issues focussing on how individuals could develop themselves and be aware of the problems of the world we all are a part of. He also advised as to what we, as parents and teachers, could do to improve life on the planet and come up with strategies and solutions to combat climatic concerns.

The lecture was highly informative and engrossing and kept all listeners engaged till the very end. The lecture was followed by a question answer session. Questions were asked by the students and faculties as well. The interest of the students was apparent from the questions that kept flowing from them. The program was a great success since it was appreciated by the students and the faculties alike.