

SREE NARAYANA COLLEGE, SIVAGIRI, VARKALA

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Detailed report 2020-2021

Awareness Training Workshop on Snake and First Aid To Snake Bite-Report

Nature Club and Department of Zoology, S N College, Varkala (DBT Star Scheme Supported) in association with IQAC conducted an awareness training workshop on Snakes and First Aid to Snake Bite on 28th January 2021 in the college auditorium at 10am. This offline programme aimed to give an awareness about the type of snakes and the ways of identification and inform the students and teachers about first aid to snake bite.

The programme began with a welcome speech by the Convenor of Nature Club Dr. Binushma Raju. Inaugural Address was given by our Principal, Dr. K.C. Preetha, it was followed by felicitation speech by Sri. Aji SRM, SN Trust Executive Member, Dr. Soju S, IQAC Coordinator and Dr. Babitha G.S, Senate Member, University of Kerala. After felicitation and a short introduction of Vava Suresh, we started the session.

Sri. Suresh is an Indian wildlife conservationist and a snake expert. He is known for his missions for saving snakes that stray into human inhabited areas in Kerala, India. He is widely known for his conservation activities like the rescue and release of endangered species of snakes, preservation of collected eggs until hatching period, and creating awareness among people about snakes and their behavior.

Snake awareness programmes play a pivotal role in bringing down the rate of snakebite and mortality. Snake awareness becomes important in order to clear the myths that circulate about snakes; it also helps in understanding how snakes are important for the ecosystem. Moreover, it also helps us in gaining knowledge about the precautions that need to be taken when we encounter snakes. Snake awareness programmes also give us information on the primary measures that need to be taken at the time of snake bite. Deaths due to poisonous snake bite are common in rural part of India. Most people kill the snake after it bites someone. Often the patient is taken to hospital when it is too late to be saved. We can avoid such deaths with first aid and early intervention and by ensuring proper treatment in well equipped hospitals. Snake-phobia is instinctive in human beings.

Most of the time, snakes are killed when sighted, irrespective of whether they are venomous or non-venomous. This happens mainly due to ignorance and we do not have any statistics on how many snakes fall victim to this kind of indiscriminate killing.

During the lecture he specifically focused on misconceptions and false belief about snakes, which are a major cause for increase in mortality of snakes. Snakes are an important part of nature and helpful for human beings, and thus needs to be saved.

He explained thoroughly about different types of snakes with their specific ways of identification, organization into poisonous and non-poisonous bites and what kind of first aid should be provided in snakebite cases. Sir also gave information about which species of snakes can be found mostly in a particular area, which can be helpful during diagnosis of cases of poisoning. He also explained his experiences regarding some medico legal cases. The lectures were followed by an interactive session where the faculty from our department as well as the students got a chance to discuss their queries regarding snake and snake bites. The session formally ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Leji J, HOD, Department of Zoology. The programme was very beneficial and received positive feedback from our staffs and students.





Training cum Workshop by Sri. Vava Suresh