REPORT: Research Methodology Seminar, Department of Geology

THEME OF THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME (SEMINAR/ WEBINAR/ WORKSHOP/ EXTENSION LECTURE/ EXTENSION ACTIVITY/ ANY OTHER ACTIVITY): Paleontological Research in India: through the lens of a Vertebrate Paleontologist
ACADEMIC SESSION: 2024 - 2025
DATE: 23-04-2025
VENUE: Geology Laboratory, Main Academic Building, Asutosh College
OBJECTIVE/ PURPOSE: To develop research interest amongst the students in the field of vertebrate paleontology and give them an overview about the current developments and research status in this field.
SPEAKER/S / RESOURCE PERSON/S: Dr. Saradee Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, Hooghly Mohsin College.
TARGET AUDIENCE/ PARTICIPANTS: 6 th Semester Students of the Department of Geology

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□ BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME: The seminar on "Paleontological Research in India: Through the Lens of a Vertebrate Paleontologist" was held as part of a research methodology programme. The speaker, Dr. Saradee

Sengupta from the Department of Geology, Hooghly Mohsin College, delivered an engaging and insightful lecture focused on vertebrate paleontology in India.

Dr. Sengupta highlighted some of the major vertebrate fossil discoveries in the country, underlining India's significant contribution to the global paleontological record. She addressed common misconceptions about the subject, emphasizing that while paleontology may seem complex due to technical fossil names, with interest and proper guidance, it becomes both understandable and fascinating.

The talk also shed light on the interdisciplinary nature of paleontological research, illustrating how it intersects with geology, biology, ecology, and evolutionary studies. Dr. Sengupta's discussion provided valuable perspectives on the methodologies used in paleontological investigations and inspired students and researchers to explore the subject further.

The session was well-received, leaving the audience with a deeper appreciation of the scientific and academic value of paleontology in India.

□ EXPECTED OUTCOME: Participants are expected to gain a foundational understanding of vertebrate paleontology, particularly within the Indian context, including knowledge of significant fossil discoveries. The seminar aimed to inspire students to develop a genuine interest in paleontology as a potential field of study or research specialization. Students are expected to understand the basic research methodologies used in paleontological investigations, including fieldwork, fossil identification, and interdisciplinary analysis. They are likely to feel more confident in remembering and applying paleontological terms. The programme highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of paleontology, encouraging students to explore connections between geology, biology, ecology, and other sciences in their academic pursuits. The seminar is expected to motivate students to pursue further reading, research, or even careers in the field of paleontology or related Earth sciences.

□ GEO-TAGGED PHOTOGRAPHS:











