REPORT OF THE **DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY** FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

1. Organized a National webinar on “Agricultural Pests and Management” on 04/09/2020. Professor Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Nandurbar and Professor Dr. M. V. Santhkumar delivered lectures on ‘***Locusts and Management***’ and ***‘Invasive Pests: Threat to Agriculture’***. Dr. U. Sreedhar, Head, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh delivered the keynote address. The webinar was inaugurated by Hon. Dr. J. S. Chaudhari, Secretary, Janata Shikshan Sanstha and Hon. Dr. E. B. Bhalerao, In charge Principal, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai presided over the webinar.
2. Organized an International webinar on “Biomedical Science and Bioinformatics” on 05/09/2020. Professor Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, Department of Radiology, University of California, Davis and Dr. Anirudha Pandit, Bioinformatician, Glasgow University, Glasgow were resource persons. They delivered expert talk on ‘ ***Role of Animal Science in Biomedical Research’*** and ***‘ From Zoology to Omics’*** respectively. The webinar was inaugurated by Hon. Dr. J. S. Chaudhari, Secretary, Janata Shikshan Sanstha and Hon. Dr. E. B. Bhalerao, Incharge Princial, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai presided over the webinar.
3. Organized a state level online lecture on ‘***Psychiatric issues: Dealing with the COVID’***. The resource speaker was Dr. Kersi Chavda, Consultant Psychiatrist, Hinduja National, Hinduja Healthcare and Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospitals, Mumbai. Hon. Dr. J. S. Chaudhari, Secretary, Janata Shikshan Sanstha was the guest of honour and Dr. E. B. Bhalerao, Incharge Princial, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai presided over the programme.
4. Organized a one day workshop on ‘***Bird Watching and Conservation of Sparrow’*** on 17/03/2021 under Lead College Scheme. Dr. A. C. Kumbhar, retired Professor and well known ornithologist, column writer was resource person. A field tour was arranged for observation and identification of birds after the lecture. Artificial sparrow nests were prepared and hanged in the premises of the college. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon. Dr. J. S. Chaudhari, Secretary, Janata Shikshan Sanstha and Hon. Dr. E. B. Bhalerao, Incharge Princial, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai presided over the webinar.
5. **Miss. Sapna Ramesh Shinde** stood first in the M. Sc. (Zoology) in the year April 2020 at Shivaji University, Kolhapur and was awarded with ‘***Late Shivajirao Mulik memorial paritoshik***’ kept for the highest marks in Zoology.

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