

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA

Report On

Orientation Program for 1st Semester Students

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Organized By

**Department of Zoology
Department of Human Physiology
Department of Botany**

A comprehensive Orientation Program was organized for the first-semester students of the Departments of Botany, Human Physiology, and Zoology on the campus of Holy Cross College, Agartala. Throughout the program, students gained insights into the structure of their academic curriculum, the support facilities provided by the college, and the protocols they are expected to follow while accessing these resources.

Day one (15.07.2024) saw the students being seated in the Open Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. The Master of Ceremony was Ms. Susmita Banerjee. The program began with an introduction to the session by Dr. Rumki Nath Sen, followed by the lighting of the lamp ceremony led by Dr. Fr. Benny K. John, CSC, Principal, Holy Cross College, Agartala, Fr. Joe Paul, CSC, Vice-Principal, and two freshers. A soulful prayer was offered by Sr. Jolly, FSM, and the Department of English. The Welcome Address was delivered by the Principal, followed by an inspiring message from the Vice-Principal.

A brief glimpse into the NSS activities was presented by Mrs. Sangita Chakraborty, after which Dr. Moumita Dey introduced the students to the various departments. The morning session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Dipanwita Chowdhury Sil.

A brief lunch break was scheduled from 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

The post-lunch session, held from 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M., featured an engaging Ice-Breaking Activity led by Mrs. Sangita Chakraborty and the Heads of Departments. This session helped students connect with their peers and faculty members in a relaxed and interactive environment.

As part of the general orientation program for the newly admitted B.Sc. students of Human Physiology, Zoology, and Botany, a series of informative sessions were held on day two of the program (16.07.2024) in Room G-08.

The day began with an informative session by Dr. Susmita Saha, member of the NEP and Examination Committee, outlining the course structure, credit system, and evaluation methods under the New Education Policy (NEP). The session clarified academic expectations and assessment procedures for students, followed by Dr. Ashish Kumar Singha on the scopes and opportunities in Human Physiology. A motivational session

was then conducted by Dr. Sandeep Roy Sarkar, and Mr. Kanak Chakraborty concluded the academic segment with a detailed discussion.

Dr. Sandeep Roy Sarkar conducted an awareness session highlighting the college's zero-tolerance policy on ragging and misconduct while informing students about the support systems ensuring a safe, inclusive campus. A lunch break was observed from 12:30 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

Post-lunch, students participated in an orientation session on the National Cadet Corps (NCC):

- NCC for Girls was conducted in the auditorium by Mrs. Sangita Chakraborty.
- NCC for Boys took place in Room F1-10, led by Mr. Rajesh Kumar Nath.

These sessions introduced students to the objectives, activities, and benefits of enrolling in the NCC, encouraging active participation in civic and leadership-building initiatives.

Day three (18.07.2024) saw the students participating in two engaging sessions. The day began with a session on Counselling Psychology from 9:40 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M., followed by a Physical Education session from 11:00 A.M. TO 12:20 P.M. A post-lunch Laboratory Visit was scheduled to offer students hands-on exposure. The Laboratory Visit added a practical dimension to theoretical learning, sparking curiosity and scientific inquiry among the students.

Day four (19.07.2024) commenced with a Library Session from 9:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M., where students explored various academic resources. This was followed by a Music Session conducted by Dr. Biswarupa Datta from 11:00 A.M. TO 12:20 P.M.

Post lunch, the students took part in a Campus Exploration activity, designed to familiarize them with various academic and administrative buildings, recreational areas, and essential student facilities. This interactive walk around the campus also served as a community-building exercise, helping students feel more connected to their environment. Collectively, these sessions contributed significantly to the students' intellectual, emotional, and social development, marking a well-rounded and enriching educational experience.

The departmental activities were successfully conducted over the last two days under the initiative of the respective academic departments to familiarize students with their course structures, departmental routines, subject scopes, and academic opportunities. The first session of the departmental activities was conducted by the Department of Zoology, aimed at introducing students to the academic framework and potential of the subject.

Dr. Rumki Nath Sen, Head of the Department of Zoology, commenced the session by introducing the department, outlining its routine, and explaining the syllabus in detail, thereby providing students with a clear understanding of the academic plan and expectations for the course. This was followed by Dr. Subhalaxmi Bhattacharjee, who delivered an insightful presentation on *Biological Sciences*, acquainting students with fundamental concepts, core principles, and the interdisciplinary nature of the subject. The session then continued with Dr. Parichita Ray Choudhury, who conducted two significant presentations-*Prelude to Zoological Practical*, which offered an overview of the objectives, methodologies, and structure of practical classes, preparing students for hands-on learning; and *Scopes and Opportunities of Zoology*, which elaborated on the diverse career paths, higher education prospects, and research opportunities available in the field, thereby motivating students to explore its vast potential. This well-structured and informative session provided students with both academic orientation and inspiration to pursue the discipline with dedication.

The second session commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. Debasree Lodh, Head of the Department of Botany. In her presentation titled "*Welcome to the World of Plants – Your Journey Begins with Botany*", Dr. Lodh inspired the students to embrace the subject wholeheartedly, highlighting the relevance of Botany in understanding life and sustaining biodiversity.

Dr. Somnath Kar took the opportunity to introduce the students to the department's history, infrastructure, faculty and academic environment through his presentation titled *"About the Department of Botany"*. He emphasized the department's achievements, facilities available to students and the various activities undertaken to ensure holistic development.

Following this, Dr. Sudipta Sinha delivered an informative talk on *"Distribution of Marks and Question Pattern as per National Education Policy (2020)"*. She explained the new evaluation methods introduced under the NEP 2020 framework, helping students understand the structure of assessments and the importance of continuous and comprehensive evaluation.

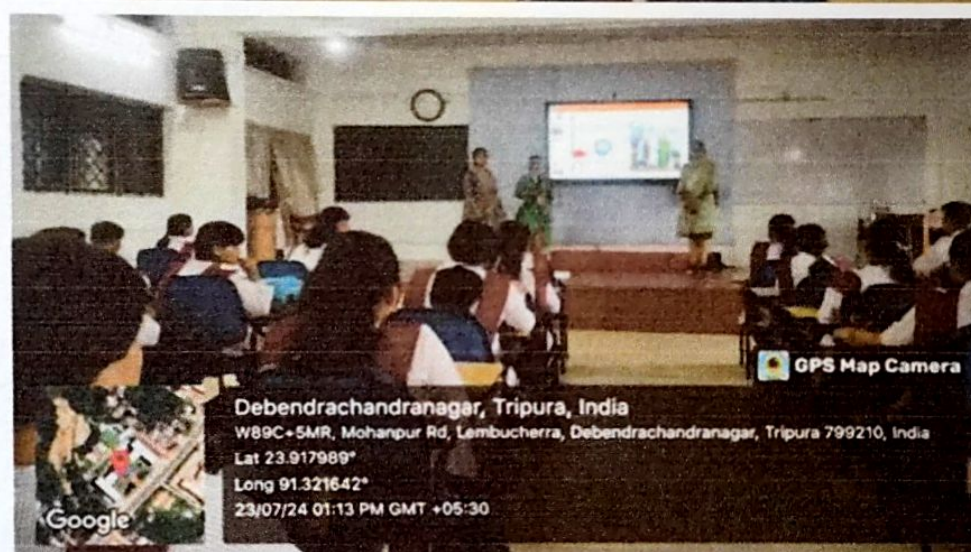
A key highlight of the orientation was the session by Dr. Dipanwita Chaudhuri, who presented on *"Exploring Career Opportunities After B.Sc. (Hons.) in Botany: Pathways and Prospects"*. Her talk provided students with insights into the diverse career options available after graduation, ranging from research and academia to environmental consultancy, biotechnology, and civil services.

The orientation session proved to be highly beneficial for the students, as it helped them gain clarity on their academic journey ahead and the potential avenues that Botany as a subject offers. The department looks forward to nurturing and guiding these young minds toward academic excellence and scientific inquiry.

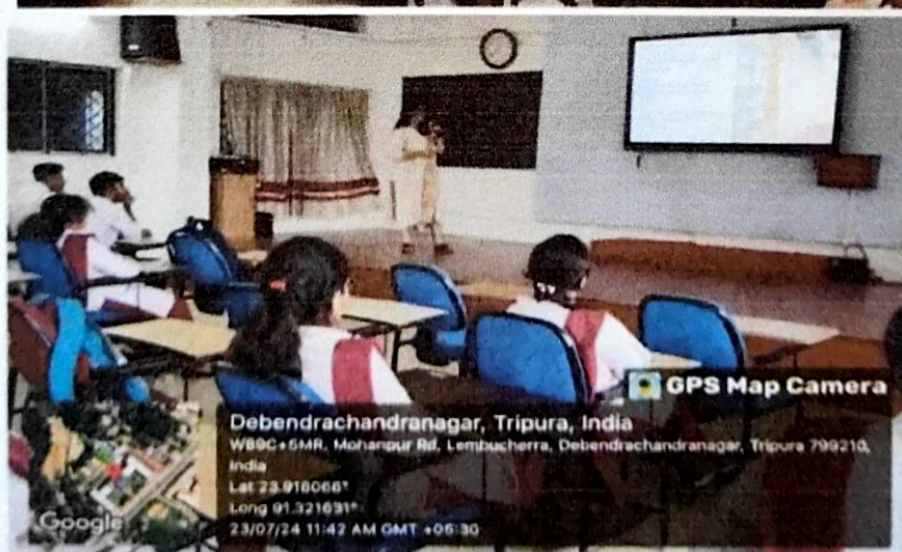
Subsequently, the Department of Human Physiology conducted its sessions, beginning with Dr. Sushmita Saha's, Head of the Department of Human Physiology, comprehensive *outline of the department*, covering its infrastructure, faculty, and academic focus areas. Dr. Sandeep Roy Sarkar then provided *an overview of the course curriculum*, while Dr. Ashish Kumar Sinha elaborated on *Why Human Physiology?*, stressing its significance in health sciences, research, and applied biology. Finally, Mr. Kanak Chakraborty introduced *Physiology Practicals*, detailing the nature of experiments and the skills they aim to develop. After the departmental sessions, a lunch break was followed by a library orientation, where students were familiarized with the library's resources, cataloguing system, and usage guidelines to support their academic pursuits. The two-day program successfully acquainted students with the disciplines of Zoology, Botany, and Human Physiology, providing them with valuable insights to guide their academic journey.



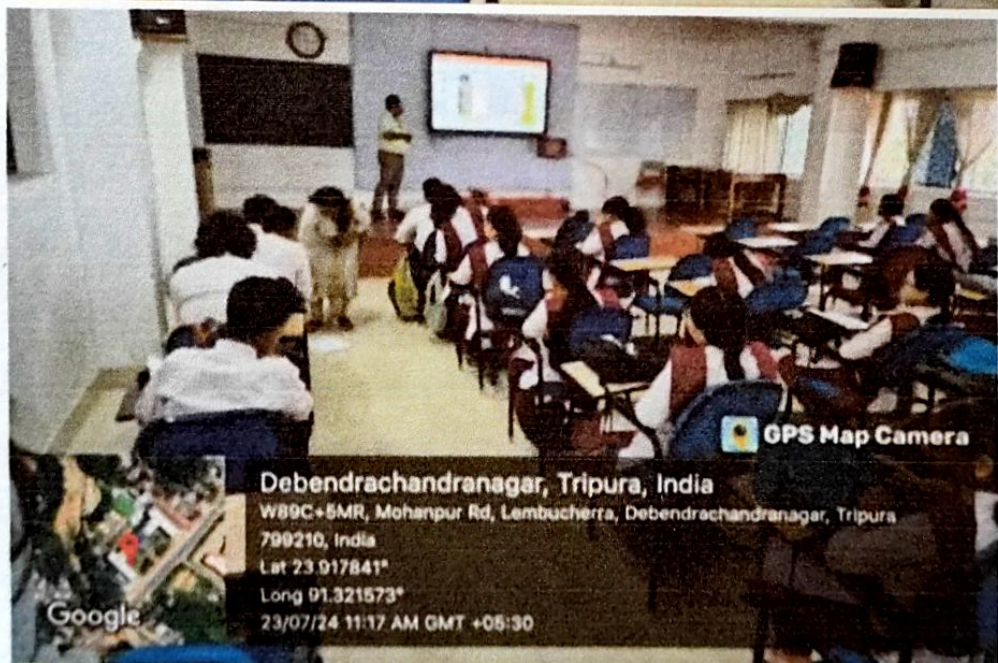
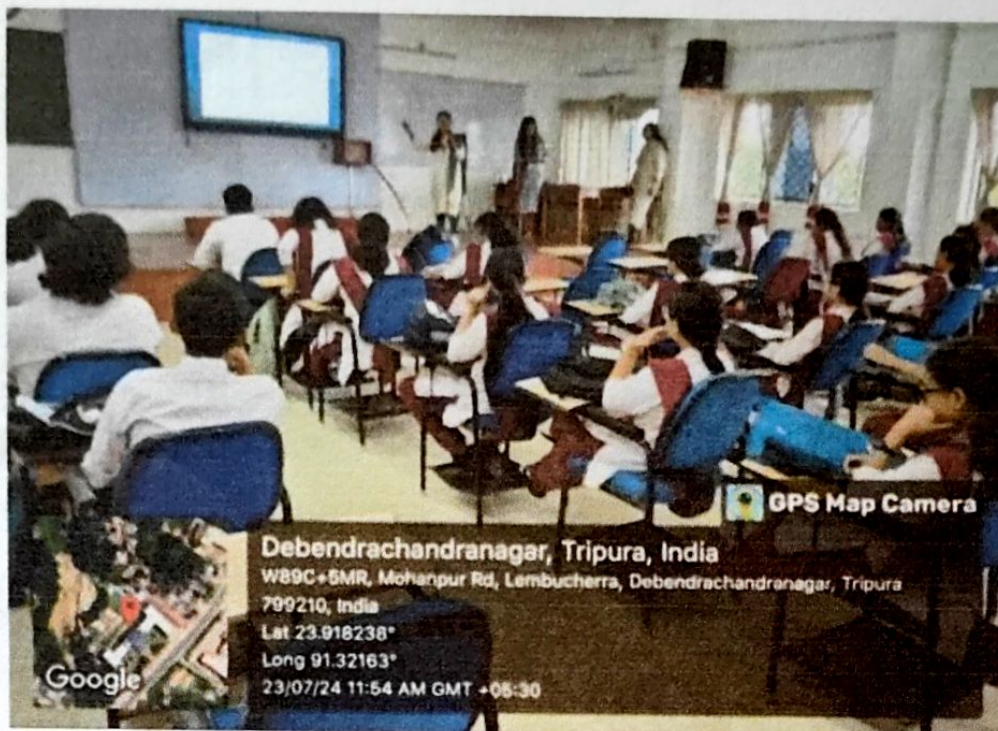
Pictures: 1st semester students are attending orientation sessions



Pictures: Orientation sessions taken by the Department of Zoology



Pictures: Orientation sessions taken by the Department of Botany



Pictures: Orientation sessions taken by the Department of Human Physiology

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