



Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College
(University of Delhi)



EnviSAGE society

JUNGLE PARLIAMENT Online debating competition

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Platform: **Google Meet**

EnviSAGE, the Environmental society of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College celebrated the **Wildlife Week** by organizing various activities. Wildlife Week is observed across India every year between 2nd – 8th October to protect and preserve the flora and fauna that is facing threats from human activities. The week is marked by organizing some special activities connected with the wild life conservation.

The first event that the society organized was an online debating competition titled Jungle Parliament. The competition was opened for pan India participation and we received a number of entries from students across the country. The shortlisted students were invited for the final round of debating on October 3. The chief judge for the event was **Mr. Vignesh Appavu**, an Indian Forest Services (IFS) officer from Andhra Pradesh (2018 Batch). After welcome session, Mr. V. Appavu shared his on-field experiences and the challenges faced by the forestry department working on the fields inside the jungle and the core areas of the forest. He emphasized on the importance of protecting wildlife in India and also asked students and youth to be more aware about the wildlife around them.

The inaugural session was followed by the debating competition. The selected candidates were one of the eight portfolios, each representing an endangered animal. They were given a topic based on these portfolios on which they had to share their views and opinion within the given duration. Following this, there was a group discussion of 15 minutes on a topic given by the Mr Appavu. There was wonderful participation from all the participants and every one put forward their views. At the end of the group discussion, Mr Appavu summarised all the viewpoints and also added his own thoughts on the topic.

Winners were selected based on the debating competition and group discussion. Following are the winners of Jungle Parliament

Name	Portfolio given	Prize
Anil Naudiyal	Rhino	First
Sourabh Kumar	Great Indian Bustard	Second
Shreya Kumari	Dugong	Consolation prize

Mr Gurshan Singh moderated the entire event while Dr Ashish Thomas, Convenor of society gave the vote of thanks.

Dr. Ashish Thomas
Convenor: EnviSAGE