

EnviSAGE society Wildlife Week Competition FAUNA SILVESTRE



Brief Report

Date: October 8, 2020 **Platform:** Google Meet No of participants: 32

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mahatma Gandhi

Humans- creatures who consider themselves to be on the top level hierarchy of intellect should actually show some of it. Not just intellect but empathy too is supposed to be an innate trait of humans. But today, we have failed. We happen to fail to look beyond ourselves, we happen to fail when it comes to put words to action, we also happen to fail when it comes to treat animals the way they should be treated. Humans are not good to humans let alone leave innocent animals.

EnviSAGE, The Environmental Society of SGND Khalsa College, on the occasion of Wildlife Week conducted a very unique online intercollege competition by the name, 'FAUNA SILVESTRE: *Find a way out'* with an objective that appeal humans to raise their voices for the innocent creatures who cannot speak for themselves. A platform where one can formulate solutions to environmental problems that are based on real life scenarios. We always talk about the problems, but what about the solutions? We need solutions. We need plan of action. It is in this backdrop that EnviSAGE planned to organize a competition where the practical and effective solutions were welcomed.

The competition was opened for all students on 3rd October and entries were accepted till 6th October. The final round of the competition took place on 8th of October, 2020 via online mode. The jury for the competition were Dr. Robin Suyesh, who is an Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies at Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University and Ms. Deeksha Suri, who is currently teaching in the Department of English at SGND Khalsa College, Delhi University.

As per the rules of the competition, the student had to choose one of the three given problems and provide a unique, innovative, realistic solution to the problem, if they were given the power of a law maker or conservationist. The problems were broadly based on the topics relating to, a) Animal Cruelty and their light penalties and sentences, b) Penguin captivity and its effect on the food chain and c) Extinction of Tasmanian Tiger because of Human insensitivity. It was overwhelming to see lots of students from all over India taking interest in this unique competition. The participants were very knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Of the total entries received, the top 8 entries were further selected for the Round 2 of the competition. In this, the top participants were to give a short presentation on the solutions that they provided, in front of our respected jury members and the audience also had the opportunity to put forward their doubts and concerns to the participants. All the participants answered with much confidence and patience. The event resulted in some very practical solutions that were SUSTAINABLE, ETHICAL & LEGAL binding as well.

1 st Position	Abhinav Kumar	NTPC School of Business, Noida
2 nd Position	Vineeth Roshan	Loyola Institute of Business Administration,
		Chennai
3 rd Position	Mehar Kaur Duggal &	NMIMS, Mumbai
	Ritesh Dhawan	
Consolation Prize	Deepanshi Gupta	Gargi College, Delhi University

The winners of the competition were as following: