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**University Of Delhi** 

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Event Name:- Unlocking Innovative Solutions: Open Access and Democratization of Knowledge for Climate Biodiversity and Sustainability

**Organized By:- MMTCE, IQAC and IIC** 

Date:- 28/02/2024

**Duration:- 4 hours** 

Patron: Prof. Rama,

Principal IQAC Director: Ms Alka Kacker

Convenor: Prof. Monika Koul

Co-ordinator: Dr Pooja Jha Maity



## **Our Panelists**

- •Prof. Peter Murry-Rust, Dept of Chemistry, University of Cambridge (AI and Phytochemistry)
- Prof. Simon Worthington, TIB, European Union (Open.
- •Ms. Raquel Perez de Eulate, Creative Director Interput Spain (Design Thinking)
- Prof. Marwa Halamy, Alexandria University, Egypt (Botany/Ecology)

•Dr Gitanjali Yadav, Senior Scientist, NIPGR, Delhi India

Mahatma Hansraj - Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MH- MMTTC) in collaboration with IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) and IIC (Institution's Innovation Council) Hansraj College, University of Delhi celebrated the National Science Day- 2024 on 28<sup>th</sup> February by hosting an international delegation with eminent speakers from four different countries of the world. The program was brought to the college by Symantec India voluntary group of academic professionals and supported by Cambridge India Research Foundation.

The program started with the introduction of guests - Professor Peter Murray-Rust, Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge; Professor Simon Worthington, Director TIB, European Union; Professor Marwa Halamy, Alexandria University, Egypt and Dr Geetanjali Yadav, NIPGR, India. Ms Alka Kacker director IQAC welcomed the guests and gave the opening remarks.

Professor Peter Murray -Rust discussed the need of Open Access and also emphasised on the fair distribution of literature for the stakeholders. He talked about the complexity of language and how language barriers need to be removed in order to understand the huge pool of literature, especially with reference to climate change. He discussed how COP meetings held every year prepare a lot of scientific literature that needs to be accessed by masses.

Professor Simon talked about various platforms that are open access and free to use. He emphasised on why it is important to share the knowledge and how every piece of new knowledge can be updated on the existing and newly created open access platforms.

Prof. Halamy talked about the North South divide between the silos that existed earlier and how these silos affected research in the developing countries. She discussed how open access changed the paradigm and how the availability of the data helped her carry out research on invasive species. Dr Gitanjali Yadav discussed the importance of availability, accessibility, reproducibility and transformation of data and how data management needs to be more scientific. She discussed the importance of scientific data, importance of teaching AI to the students. Dr Gitanjali also discussed why it is important to publish data on the portals so that it is useful for public.

The talks were crisp and generated a lot of interest in the audience that represented students, faculty members and young researchers. Students asked many interesting questions: specially how much data is enough; the effect of data availability for young students. Students ask questions on how to regenerate and filter the data. Students also asked question on opportunities and avenues where student can learn to access and use data on critical subjects like climate change, biodiversity and conservation. All the panelists responded to the questions in detail and assured they reached everyone in the audience. The event concluded with the thanking of the speakers and the audience. Program was attended by more than 50 participants.





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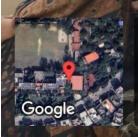












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