

On the 12th of March 2021, at 1 pm, the Department of Botany organised a popular talk on 'Nature Conservation'.

Number of teachers who attended the programme = 5

Number of students who attended the programme = 21

The Speaker was Pallabi Chakraborti, a Master degree holder in Botany who changed her career to Wild Life because of her love for animals and birds. She is currently based in Dehradun at the Wildlife Institute of India –Category 2.

The programme began with a welcome speech by Smti. D. Lyngdoh who warmly welcomed the Speaker, the students and faculty members into the programme.



Pallabi divided her speech into two sections. In the first section, the speaker spoke about her six years of 'on the field' experience in the Kaziranga National Park. Her assignment involved documenting the number of animals present in the park. She narrated at length about the resistance encountered with the local community and the militants who had taken shelter in the park. The techniques used in the counting of animals included traditional methods like identifying paw and hoof prints to sophisticated methods using Camera traps and Paw/Hoof Print marking.

In the second section Pallabi Chakraborti enlightened the students about the many possible career options in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences available after their Graduation. This section saw a lot of Students' interest and positive response.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks from Smt. M. V. T. Marwein that was then followed by a light refreshment.