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University Of Delhi

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Name of the Event: International Outreach Program – Microsphere 4.0
Title: An International Outreach Program on Microbial Awareness and Human Well-Being
Convenor: Dr. Mansi Verma
Co- Convenor: Dr. Beena Bhandari
Organised by: Hansraj College in association with phiXgen pvt. Ltd.
Date of the Event: 17th September 2024
Speaker: Prof. Rup Lal and Prof. Kenneth Timmis
Resource persons for DIY activity: Dr. Anita Thakur, Dr. Beena Bhandari, Dr. Mansi Verma
Organising Secretory: Dr. Utkarsh Sood (Kirori Mal College, DU) and Dr. Princy Hira (Maitreyi College, DU)
Participants: Faculty from Delhi University Social Centre School and AGDAV CP school and DAV school

Students of IX and X standard from Delhi University Social Centre School

Sponsors: INSCR and Hansraj College

Description of the event:

Hansraj College, University of Delhi, in association with phiXgen pvt. Ltd., INSA, FEMS, ISME, IUMS, INSCR and IMiLi organized an enlightening event on the topic Microbial Literacy on 17th August 2024. This outreach event was specially organized to make school students aware about the importance of microbes. Distinguished speakers for the day were Prof. Rup Lal and Prof. Kenneth Timmis. Dr. Mansi Verma was the Convenor for the seminar, with Dr. Beena Bhandari, as Co-Convenor, Dr. Utkarsh Sood and Dr. Princy Hira being Organising Secretaries. The event commenced with the traditional Saraswati Vandana,

followed by the felicitation of the esteemed guests in presence of faculties and students. The event started by an enlightening talk on Viksit Bharat given by Prof. Rup Lal, INSA senior scientist, ANDC, DU. Dr. Vandana K. Singh introduced Prof. Rup Lal. He told the students about its importance and also introduced them to the world of microbes by giving them a brief history. He projected the past, present and future of India in making its way towards Viksit Bharat Mission2047. Prof. Lal also highlighted the role of younger generation for making this mission possible. Students were fascinated to learn about the dominance of microbes on our planet, constituting 16.9% of the biomass, whereas human beings account for merely 0.0001%. The usefulness of microbes in producing alcohol, medicine, and various enzymes was truly insightful. And students 'take home' message was to eat healthy to have healthy microbiota.

After the break, the students got to have hands on experience of DNA extraction by doing practical work in the laboratories. The students of Delhi University Social Centre School (DUSC) were filled with the eagerness of learning while doing this DIY activity. This was followed by a microbial quiz where the students teamed in pairs. The questions were met with enthusiasm where Dr. Utkarsh Sood (Assistant Prof., Kirori Mal College) and Dr. Princy Hira (Assistant Prof., Maitreyi College) made it more exciting with their brainstorming questions.

During the lunch break, guest faculty and students enjoyed their meal. Meanwhile, Hansraj College took the opportunity to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PhiXgen Pvt. Ltd., marking a significant collaboration.

After lunch break, Dr. Kaveri Chakrabarty introduced the guest speaker Prof. Kenneth Timmis, an acclaimed microbiologist, professor at the Institute of Microbiology, Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany. He set the stage for an engaging and informative discourse on an overlooked topic, Microbial Literacy. He is the visionary behind the International Microbiology Literacy Initiative (IMiLI), a program dedicated to enhancing microbial literacy in schools. Through IMiLI, Prof. Timmis aims to educate young students about the vital role of microbes, fostering a deeper understanding of microbiology from an early age.

Prof. Kenneth's presentation on the significance of microbes was highly enlightening. He emphasized the crucial role microbes play in our daily lives and how the COVID-19 pandemic brought microbiology to the forefront. He discussed the global impact of microbes, their modes of transmission, and their effectiveness. Prof. Kenneth believes that a deeper understanding of microbiology can greatly benefit humanity. To this end, he introduced his initiative, IMiLI, aimed at spreading knowledge about microbes at the school level. This initiative seeks to

educate young minds on the importance of microbes, fostering a better understanding of health, disease prevention, and environmental awareness. He expressed his admiration for India and its Viksit Bharat initiative. He praised the country's scientific and economic advancements, highlighting the significant rise in India's GDP. Prof. Kenneth was eager to engage with his audience, welcoming questions with great enthusiasm. Teachers, along with students, posed various questions, which he answered with keen interest and energy. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to present his initiatives and share his insights.

The event concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Beena Bhandari, who expressed her gratitude to the sponsors, Hansraj college, PhiXgen pvt. Ltd, Institute Innovation Council and IQAC team, for ensuring the smooth execution of the event. She also extended her thanks to the faculty, students, and volunteers, whose efforts made the event a success. The event wrapped up on a high note with a delightful high tea.

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-INAUGURATION CEREMONY



-PRESENTATION BY PROF.KENNETH TIMMIS







-PRESENTATION BY PROF. RUP LAL



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-FELICITATION OF GUEST FACULTY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS



-DIY ACTIVITY- GENOMIC DNA ISOLATION

Resource Persons: Dr. Anita Thakur, Dr. Beena Bhandari, Dr. Mansi Verma

-LUNCH BREAK





-QUIZ COMPETITON







-FACULTY AND STUDENTS

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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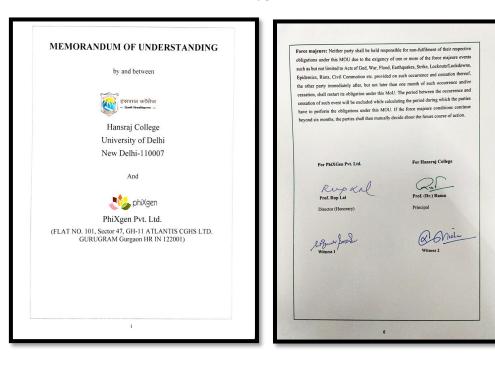
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