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**Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar**

**Department of Zoology - Profile**

**ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT:**

The Department of Zoology offering B.Sc. course was established in 1947. The post-graduate course M.Sc. with specialisation in Entomology commenced from 1970. The Department is **Grant-in-Aid** department for UG and PG courses. It is a **M.Phil./ Ph.D. Research Centre** in Zoology recognised by the Savitribai Phule Pune University. Presently, the Department offers graduate and post-graduate courses leading to B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees.

**ABOUT THE FACULTY:**

The Department has 07 highly qualified and competent faculty. Of these, 02 are M.Phil. Ph.D., 01 is Ph.D. NET, 01 is Ph.D. KSLET, 02 are Ph.D. and 01 is SET qualified. 04 faculty are M.Phil. and Ph.D. Guides recognized by Savitribai Phule Pune University. The faculty actively participate and contribute in the design and development of curricula of university courses in Zoology. They are involved in effective teaching, timely consultancy and extension activities. The faculty are involved in active research and have successfully completed 03 Major and 05 Minor ResearchProjectssince 2011, whereas 01 MajorResearch Project is ongoing. The faculty have successfully completed the requisite number of Orientation Courses, Refresher Courses and Faculty Development Programmes required as per service conditions. The faculty actively participate in various International, National and Regional Symposia, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops.

Head of the Department Dr. N. R. Somawanshi was conferred upon the ‘**Innovative and Dedicated Teaching Faculty Award**’ by the Society of Engineers and Technicians, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Society of Professional Engineers Chennai, India. Mr. D. G. Bhalsing received ‘**Dr. Ambedkar Fellowship National Award – 2016**’ from Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademi, Delhi.

**ABOUT THE** **STUDENTS:**

01 research student has been awarded **M.Phil. Degree** and 03 research students have been awarded the **Ph.D. Degree** between January 2011 to December 2017. In the years 2006, 2007 and 2010, our PG students have been awarded **Gold Medal** by the University of Pune for securing highest score in Entomology. 08 alumni have cleared NET in Life sciences; 04 have cleared SET; whereas 01 has cleared GATE between January 2011 to June 2019. Many students of this Department are placed in various capacities in different academic and research organisations.

**LEARNING RESOURCES:**

The Department **Library** has a collection of more than 1489 reference books and fewResearch Journals of national and international repute. The **Laboratories** are spacious and well equipped with necessary scientific equipment. The department **Computer Laboratory** houses 07 computers with continuous **Internet** facility for the staff and students. The department’s **Zoological Museum** has a noticeable collection of preserved insects, other preserved animal specimens, slides, and scientific models.

**INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES:**

The department has classrooms (03), laboratories (03), research laboratory (01), computer laboratory (01), and seminar hall (01). Each classroom has **Audio-Visual facility** such as LCD projectors for delivering powerpoint presentations during teaching. The **Seminar Hall** is fully air-conditioned and equipped with LCD Projector, Screen, and Computer with internet facility and has seating capacity for 50 persons.

**SEMINARS/CONFERENCES ORGANISED:**

The department had organised **Refresher Course** in ‘Environmental Studies’ (2007), **District level** **Seminar** on ‘Globalization and Environmental Issues’ (2008), **State level** **Seminar** on ‘Recent Trends in Bee Keeping’ (2010), **National Seminar** on ‘Science-Religion Dialogue: Pathway to Social Harmony’ (2011), **One Day** **Seminar** on ‘Entomological Research: Past, Present and Future’ (2013), **One Day** **Workshop** on ‘Taxonomy of Freshwater Invertebrates’ (2014); and **State Level Seminar** on ‘Tools and Techniques in Animal Sciences’ (2016).