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**Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar**

**Department of Zoology**

**Research Centre in Zoology**

The Department of Zoology, offering B.Sc. course, was established in 1947; when Ahmednagar College was founded. The post-graduate course M.Sc. with specialisation in Entomology commenced from 1970. The Department is Grant-in-Aiddepartment for UG and PG courses. The Department of Zoology M.Phil./ Ph.D. Research Centre recognised by the University of Pune was established in the year 2000. Presently, the Department offers graduate and post-graduate courses leading to B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees.

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. 05 faculty are recognized PG Teachers whereas 04 faculty are M.Phil. and Ph.D. Guides recognized by Savitribai Phule Pune University. Besides, 01 M.Phil. and Ph.D. Guide from other college is associated with this Research Centre.

The faculty of the department are involved in active research and have successfully completed 03 Major and 05 Minor ResearchProjectsbetween January 2011 to December 2017; whereas, 01 MajorResearch Project is ongoing. The research work of the faculty has been published in reputed national and international journals.

03 research students of the Zoology Research Centre were awarded Ph.D. degree and 01 research student was awarded M.Phil. degree between January 2011 to December 2016.

Entomology, Apidology, Animal Physiology, Biodiversity & Taxonomy, Freshwater Biology, Reproductive Biology, Endocrinology, Immunology, Fisheries Management and Biochemistry are the major thrust areas of research at the Zoology Research Centre.

**CO-ORDINATOR OF THE RESEARCH CENTRE IN ZOOLOGY**

 **Dr. Nandkumar R. Somawanshi**

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**RESEARCH GUIDES OF THE CENTRE AND THEIR AREAS OF RESEARCH**

 **1. Dr. Balraj S. Khobragade**

M.Phil., Ph.D. Guide

Areas of research: Fisheries Management & Faunal diversity

**2. Dr. Gajanan S. Pande**

M.Phil. Guide

Areas of research: Animal Physiology & Biodiversity

**3. Dr. Ivan J. Aranha**

M.Phil., Ph.D. Guide

Areas of research: Reproductive Biology, Endocrinology & Immunology

**4. Dr. Avinash I. Vanjare**

M.Phil., Ph.D. Guide

Areas of research: Freshwater Biology & Zooplankton Diversity

**RESEARCH GUIDE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENTRE AND HIS AREA OF RESEARCH**

**1. Prof. Dr. Satishchandra G. Suryawanshi**

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