

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

ACTIVITIES DURING LOCKDOWN

REPORT ON WEBINAR:

A national webinar titled “Online teaching of Zoology using Digital Platforms” was organised by the Department of Zoology, Stella Maris College (Autonomous) for Faculty from Zoology Departments of local and other colleges on 15 May 2020 from 10.30 a.m to 12.15 p.m. The webinar was presented on the Cisco Webex platform. 57 participants from across five Indian States participated in the webinar. The resource persons were Faculty from the Department of Zoology, Stella Maris College.

The objective of the webinar was to empower faculty from the zoology departments by introducing them to tools and methods (e.g. free text, pictures and video sources) to prepare online content for teaching, interacting with and evaluating (e.g. Quizziz, Edubuzz) students enrolled in Zoology programmes. Tools to conduct and evaluate online practical classes in Zoology using both virtual platforms and simulation software were also introduced and discussed. Demonstrations were given on the usage of all tools keeping in mind the common zoology courses taught.

A link was mailed to the participants for their feedback at the end of the webinar. A Powerpoint presentation with links and websites important for online teaching of Zoology was also shared with them. E-certificates were issued.

The webinar was well appreciated by participating faculty from Zoology departments as the subject was directly relevant to them.