



# HSNC UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI

## Kishinchand Chellaram College

Department of Life Sciences  
Under the aegis of DBT Star Status Activity



### **SWAAGAT 2020 – Nurturing Young Minds from Lab to Life**

Keeping with tradition, the K.C. Life Sciences Department organized, "Swaagat" on the 15th of October, 2020 to welcome the first-year BSc students into the life sciences family. The event was attended not only by the first, second and third year students but also by the alumni, retired teachers, and laboratory assistants of the department. This was the first ever Swaagat that was hosted on a virtual platform but it proved to excel even so.

The event began with an insightful welcome address by the Vice Principal, Dr. Shalini Sinha, who spoke about the unity of the Life Sciences Department and of the various opportunities one would come across throughout their college life. Shalini Ma'am also gave the perfect representation of K.C. College as a family. Further, Dr. Sagarika Damle, Head of Department of Life Sciences, welcomed the audience with a sweet message on the importance of kindness and humanity.

Following this, the audience were shown a glimpse of this dynamic department through a video compilation on all the events and memories that had been created. Along with this, the seniors and the alumni of the department sent out their best wishes to the first years through short video clippings. The first years were then given a surprise virtual tour of the Life Sciences laboratory by Dr. Mayuresh Joshi, faculty of the department. All the teachers were then formally introduced to the first years. They were also acquainted with the department's laboratory assistants who shared a few kind words with the students. Then, the extremely talented second year students displayed their art work and dance performances along with an ex-student who shared a poem on her journey as a student of this department.

Two of the first-year students also expressed their views and their excitement of starting this new journey. Nearing the end, all the teachers of the department addressed the students and the event ended with the final remarks of Dr. Sagarika Damle (HOD) followed by a formal vote of thanks.

The Life Sciences Department is one which welcomes challenges and looks for opportunities in every situation to learn and grow, therefore, the physical boundaries due to the current pandemic situation didn't stop the department from organizing a successful Swaagat for the freshers. This was evident through the positive feedback received from all the attendees, a majority of which thoroughly enjoyed this unique virtual interaction. It also instilled in our first-year students a desire not only to grow and work together as members of this family but also contribute in their best possible way to organize more such events for the department.

- Team KC LSD

## Behind the Scenes

**Faculty in charge:** Dr. Mayuresh Joshi, Mr. Gaurav Bingi

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**Volunteers:** Ms. Kelly Nigrel, Mr. Nikhil Thadhani, Ms. Savina Hegde, Mr. Aryaman Tulpule, Ms. Bharvi Patil, Mr. Robin Malhotra, Ms. Yashashree Ekbote

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