



*Seminar on
Sustainable Solutions for Biodiversity Conservation
held on 28.02.2026*



Sustainable solutions for biodiversity conservation focus on protecting ecosystems while meeting human needs responsibly. By integrating environmental considerations into technological and developmental practices, sustainable solutions ensure long-term conservation of biodiversity while supporting economic and social development. To understand and discuss the significance of biodiversity conservation and recent addressal of the same in a sustainable manner, the *Department of Environmental Studies, Center for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Rabindra Bharati University* in collaboration with *IQAC, Rabindra Bharati University* organized a *Seminar on Sustainable Solutions for Biodiversity Conservation* on 28.02.2026, where participants could meet and learn from experts with decades of experience and expertise in biodiversity conservation.



**Seminar on
*Sustainable Solutions for Biodiversity Conservation***



Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal
Former Chairman
West Bengal Biodiversity
Board

Mr. Shubankar SenGupta
Former Director
Alipore Zoological Garden



Organized by
Department of Environmental Studies
CDOE, RBU
In collaboration with
IQAC, RBU

Co-conveners:
Dr. Priya Banerjee & Dr. Pallavi Mitra

Date: 28th February, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM onwards
Venue: Seminar room (6th floor)
CDOE, RBU (Salt Lake Campus)

This seminar was inaugurated by watering of a plant by, Dr. K. S. Chakraborty, Director, CDOE RBU, Dr. Kousik Bhattacharya, Deputy Registrar, CDOE RBU, Mr. Ram Krishna Mal, OSD Finance, CDOE RBU and the invited speakers of the day. This was followed by felicitation of both delegates by The Director and The Deputy Registrar of CDOE RBU.



**Director, CDOE RBU felicitating
Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal**



**Deputy Registrar, CDOE RBU felicitating
Mr. Shubankar SenGupta**

The welcome address of the seminar was delivered by The Director, CDOE RBU, whereby he highlighted the significance of this event and introduced the theme for the same.



Director, CDOE RBU, delivering the welcome address of the seminar



Students of the Department of Environmental Studies, CDOE RBU attending the seminar

The inaugural session was followed by a keynote lecture delivered by **Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal**, Former Chairman, West Bengal Biodiversity Board. His lecture was titled *Sustainable Solutions for Biodiversity Conservation*. He discussed approaches such as sustainable land and water management, renewable energy adoption, habitat restoration, and pollution control for preserving species diversity and ecosystem balance. According to him, sustainable solutions ensure long-term conservation of biodiversity while supporting economic and social development. He further discussed national policies and initiatives guiding sustainable biodiversity conservation and achievement of associated sustainable development goals.



**Keynote lecture being delivered by
Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal**



**Invited lecture being delivered by
Mr. Shubankar SenGupta**

The following session of the event included an invited lecture by **Mr. Shubankar SenGupta**, Former Director, Alipore Zoological Garden, Kolkata. He delivered a lecture titled *Biodiversity Conservation: Insitu & Exsitu*. During the same he shared his experience on insitu & exsitu initiatives for conserving several species including vultures, red pandas and chimpanzees. He delivered a detailed discussion of the challenges and success stories related to the same.



Dr. Pallavi Mitra and Dr. Priya Banerjee, co-convenors of the seminar, with distinguished delegates, Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal and Mr. Shubankar SenGupta

The last session of this seminar was chaired by **Dr. Shubhra Sau**, Department of Botany and Zoology, Masaryk University, Czech Republic. This session included e-poster presentations prepared by post graduate students of Department of Environmental Studies, CDOE Rabindra Bharati University and Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta. These presentations addressed several significant contemporary environmental issues and probable sustainable solutions. This session provided a platform to the students to share their thoughts and understanding regarding the same. This session encouraged all students to voice their own opinion and ideologies regarding contemporary environmental issues. The concept of e-posters also helped reduce waste generation while boosting the creativity of the students presenting the same.



Mr. Subhajt Karmakar, Ms. Stella Ekka, Ms. Sanjita Das and Ms. Rajlakshmi Kar (Students, Department of Environmental Studies, CDOE Rabindra Bharati University) and Mr. Debraj Das and Ms. Ananya Ghatak (Students, Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta) presenting their e-posters at the seminar

The significance of the theme of the seminar in times of present environmental crisis and the lectures delivered by contemporary experts at the said event evoked an overwhelming response from the students pursuing Masters in Environmental Studies from CDOE RBU. The interaction of the students with the speakers and presenters showed how engrossed and enthralled they were by the sessions of this seminar.

Interaction with the invited speakers inspired the students to identify potential sectors for future research as well.



Dr. Priya Banerjee and Dr. Pallavi Mitra, co-conducting the seminar

This event ended with the distribution of certificates to all attendees. This seminar was attended by Assistant Professors, staff and students (Environmental Studies) of CDOE RBU. Their support throughout the preparation for this event facilitated the smooth execution of the same. Dr. Pallavi Mitra and Dr. Priya Banerjee, Assistant Professors, Department of Environmental Studies, CDOE RBU, were co-convenors and co-conductors of this seminar. After the completion of all sessions, the formal vote of thanks for concluding the seminar was delivered by Dr. Priya Banerjee.



Faculty and student participants with Dr. Pallavi Mitra and Dr. Priya Banerjee after the successful completion of the seminar