

## Report on 'Meet the Scientist' Programme

A programme on 'Meet the Scientist' was organized by the Department of Botany, in collaboration with Department of Mathematics, Maharaja Bir Bikram College, Agartala on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The programme started with an opening remark delivered by Dr. Anirban Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany. The resource person was Dr. Amalava Bhattacharya, Retired Emeritus Scientist, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) in 2012. He obtained B. Sc. (Hons) in Botany from M. B. B. College, Agartala, Tripura and M. Sc. from Science College, both under University of Calcutta. Later he joined BSIP, Lucknow for research and awarded Ph. D. from the University of Lucknow in 1983. As a postdoc, for three years under Indo-US collaborative monsoon research programme, he learned Dendrochronology from Tucson Arizona, USA. His research work is mainly on palaeoclimate based on pollen and tree ring data from the glaciated terrain of the Himalayan region. He visited several countries, Switzerland, Germany, Poland, etc., under INSA and other research programme. He has visited Antarctica twice for his research work. He was involved as a project-in-charge in several DST sponsored projects. Seven scholars obtained Ph. D. under his supervision. He has published more than 90 papers in both national and international journals and organized two international tree ring conference at BSIP. He started his speech by giving an introduction on palaeoscience. He also spoke on dendrochronology. He continued his speech by saying the importance of palaeontology. All the students were very much interested to listen him. At the end of the programme he told that he will visit our department again.

