

K J SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND COMMERCE

Empowered Autonomous Status, Affiliated to University of Mumbai

Re-accredited with Grade 'A' by NAAC

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

organizes

**A One-Day International Conference in
Biological Sciences**

on

COAST, COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION

January 17, 2026



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Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity
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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The establishment of Somaiya Vidyavihar was the realization of the vision of Late Padmabhushan Shri Karamshibhai Jethabhai Somaiya—a distinguished industrialist & visionary leader. The foundation stone of the college was laid in 1960, & since then, K J Somaiya College of Science & Commerce has remained committed to education, community service, Indian culture and research in science & technology.

The college was awarded an 'A' grade by NAAC in February 2004, a distinction it has successfully maintained through three consecutive accreditation cycles—in March 2010, May 2016, & April 2023. Granted Autonomous Status in 2013–14, the college was further elevated to Empowered Autonomy in 2023. Its autonomous status has now been extended up to the academic year 2033–34. In recognition of its robust academic & administrative systems, the college was awarded the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System certification in February 2021.

In 2025, the college secured the 52nd rank among the top B.Sc. colleges in India & 5th position in Mumbai, as per India Today rankings. Additionally, in the The Week – Hansa Best Colleges Survey 2025, the college was ranked 21st among Science colleges in India, 3rd in Mumbai, & 4th in Maharashtra. Earlier, the college was also honoured with the K J Somaiya Award for Outstanding College for the academic year 2021–22.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Established in 1976, the Department of Zoology offers a comprehensive range of academic programs including B.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc. Zoology (Oceanography) and Ph.D. Zoology. To cater the students with a wide range of interests in biological sciences certificate courses such as Field Biology and Cancer Biology are available as a part of extended learning framework. In alignment with NEP 2020, the department features an extensive curriculum that covers a broad spectrum of topics from classical zoology to applied sciences. With strong emphasis on experiential learning, students engage in field visits, internships and vocational training at reputed institutions to gain practical knowledge and real-world exposure. Equipped with well-maintained laboratories, the department provides hands-on learning and research opportunities to the students. MOUs with esteemed academic institutions further broaden student's academic and professional horizon. The legacy of academic excellence and innovation continues to inculcate scientific curiosity and foster leadership in life sciences, shaping students into knowledgeable and future-ready professionals.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Coastal ecosystems are among the most diverse & biologically productive environments on the planet, yet they face growing threats from climate change, pollution & unsustainable development. Recognizing the urgent need to protect these fragile ecosystems & support the biological communities

that depend on them, the Conference on Coast, Community & Conservation is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - life below water & climate action. This interdisciplinary event brings together global experts, researchers & students to foster collaborative community-centered solutions. It focuses to explore innovative strategies for sustainable conservation, climate resilience & community engagement. By bridging the gap between science, policy & community action, the Conference aspires to be a catalyst for transformative change in how coastal regions are understood, valued & protected.



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THRUST AREAS FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION

- Oceanography
- Wetlands & Mangroves
- Ecology
- Biodiversity & Conservation
- Pollution & Bioremediation
- Taxonomy
- Sustainable fisheries & Aquaculture
- Community led marine conservation
- Climate change
- Entomology & Invertebrate biology
- Environmental toxicology
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation in biosciences

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Abstract submission on or before 30th November 2025
- Submission Email: zoology.kjssc@somaiya.edu
- Abstract book will be published with ISBN

Abstract submission guideline:

Title (20 word limit), text (250 words), font style and size (Times New Roman, 12), line spacing (1.5), keywords (4-5 words)

FEE AND PAYMENTS

Category	Early bird (Before 30th September 2025)	Registration (After 30th September 2025)
Student (UG/PG)	₹ 300	₹ 400
Research Scholar	₹ 400	₹ 500
Faculty	₹ 1200	₹ 1500
Industry Professional	₹ 1700	₹ 2000
International Participants	USD 40	USD 50

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