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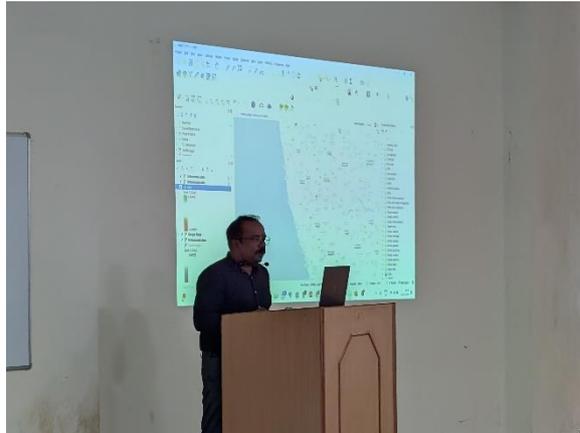
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OIKOS student members were familiarized with fundamental geospatial tools and concepts viz. Google Earth and QGIS on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The members were engaged in hands-on practice session on real-time scenarios upon shapefiles for points, lines, and polygons. As an outcome, the students have gained basic proficiency in using Google Earth for spatial exploration, acquired foundational skills in QGIS to handle vector data formats, and understood the application of GIS in real-world environmental, urban planning, and mapping projects. The hands-on session was coordinated by faculty members Dr Rajesh Gopinath, Dr Athiyamaan V, Dr Lalit Kumar Gupta and Mr. Ravikiran KC. Industry expert Shri Midhun Sathyan, Founder & GIS Specialist, Avakaza Geoscience Research Technologies served as the resource person. As a follow-up exercise to gauge the understanding, the students were instructed with real-time based exercises that culminates in decision making functionality.



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OIKOS has successfully deployed Environmental and Climate Quality Monitoring System (ECQMS) in BMSIT campus on 15th August 2025. The system was fully designed and implemented by student members Tarun Patil, Nitish K. S. and Sri Srujan Hari T, under the guidance of faculty mentor Dr. Rajesh Gopinath. Powered by Raspberry Pi 5 and industry grade sensors, the device continuously measures environmental parameters such as Carbon Monoxide, Suspended Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>1</sub>), Temperature, Humidity and National Air Quality Index (NAQI) at regular intervals. The live AQI of campus can be viewed at

<https://eqmsbmsit.grafana.net/public-dashboards/58b3ee8f151245a286e4412a57a03746?theme=light>



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OIKOS Student members Tarun Patil, Nitish KS, Sri Srujan Hari T and Harshitha KV have presented their Ecology-based project at the IEEE YESIST12 – Grand Finale (Maker Fair Track) held on 23-24 August 2025 at IEEE UKM Student Branch, Malaysia. The Team presented “Smart Automated Feeding and Environmental Monitoring System for Sericulture.”



Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) has served as Jury at Bengaluru Eco-Summit 2025, organized by Haritvam and Yuvaka Sangha, held on 29th & 30th August 2025 at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.



Green Circle and BMSIT&M have jointly launched Tree Geo-tagging Project on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025, at People’s Trust Campus, located in Sriramanahalli, Rajanukunte Panchayat. The campus houses over 1,000 trees. The initiative was carried out under a MoU and also engaged development of a web-based App by students of MCA mentored by Dr Sridevi (Faculty member OIKOS).

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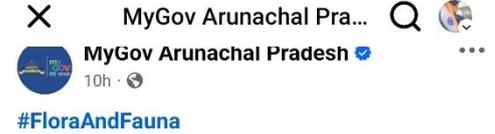
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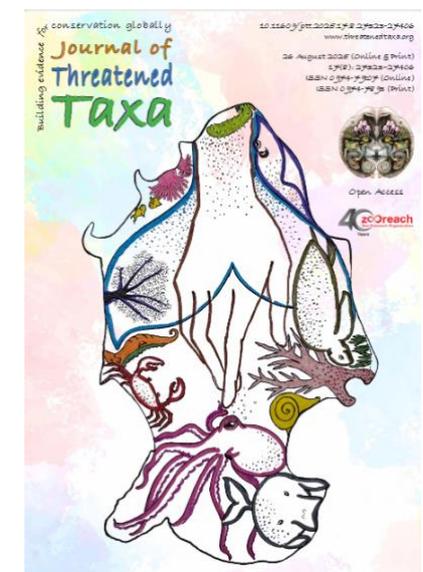
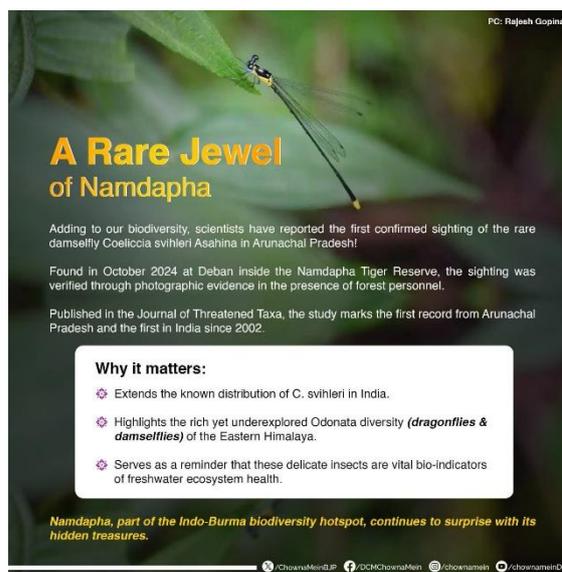
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Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) has published his ecological research article, with Citation as follows: R. Gopinath et al., (2025). First record of the Coeliccia svihleri Asahina, 1970 (Odonata: Platycnemididae) in Arunachal Pradesh, India. Journal of Threatened Taxa 17(8): 27363–27370. <https://doi.org/10.11609/jott.9533.17.8.27363-27370>. The discovery is the first verifiable sighting from the north-east state of Arunachal Pradesh and hence marks an addition to the states rich biodiversity.



From the rare damselfly Coeliccia svihleri spotted in Namdapha to 16 of India's 23 known Gastrochilus orchid species thriving here, Arunachal Pradesh truly shines as a biodiversity haven, a living treasure of orchids, flora, and rare wildlife.

PMO India Pema Khandu Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India Dept. of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh Wildlife Trust of India



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OIKOS in its December 2024 newsletter had announced of a student venture “SkyPulse: Harnessing IoT and Satellite Data for Hyperlocal Urban Environmental Resilience - India.”. Essentially a RTL-SDR technology and IoT-based weather monitoring system to track weather systems like cyclones and monsoons. OIKOS is pleased to share that this student initiative has won the prestigious EPICS project funding from IEEE for this project. The venture have been awarded nearly ₹7 lakhs (USD 8100) by IEEE Global and APS to implement this project.



OIKOS Student members Tarun Patil, Nitish KS and Sri Srujan Hari T have presented their Environmental-based project titled "Predictive integrated system for detecting outdoor AQI, HTC and Acid Rain" (under mentorship of Dr Rajesh Gopinath) at the Neo Nexus 36.0 (National level Hackathon nonstop innovation challenge) at BITM Ballari on 6th and 7th September 2025; and have won the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up prize.

**Plastic free Chal Beach, Kannur, Kerala**

Asst Prof Shimna Manoharan, BMS IT & M, Bangalore

Chal Beach, 10 KMs from Kannur town, Kerala, offers more than scenic beauty. Once a dumping ground of plastic waste and unrestrained tourism, this coastline has now become a prime example of environmental renewal. Awarded the Blue Flag Certification in 2025, Chal Beach now stands among India's most sustainable shores. But this recognition isn't just about clean sand—it's about a community's commitment to ecological balance. From water ATMs that discourage single-use plastics to QR-coded systems that guide visitors with minimal footprint, every detail reflects thoughtful design. The Butterfly Park, alive with native pollinators, supports biodiversity once lost to urban sprawl. The Turtle Hatchery protects Olive Ridley nests, allowing future generations to witness conservation in action. These aren't tourist attractions—they're ecological interventions. Environmental education is central here. Outreach programs teach visitors about marine



ecosystems, climate resilience, and India's LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) mission. Children learn to see the beach not just as a playground, but as a fragile habitat worth protecting. Chal Beach also incorporates climate-aware infrastructure—erosion control, native vegetation buffers, and waste segregation systems that reduce pressure on the ecosystem. It's a model for how tourism can coexist with sustainability. Across Kannur's coast—from Payyambalam to Muzhappilangad—this ethos is spreading. Community cleanups, plastic ban, and eco-tourism initiatives are transforming how locals and visitors engage with the sea. Here, the waves do more than just wash ashore—they convey an important message: beaches can be sanctuaries, not sacrifice zones. Sustainability is not just a slogan; it is a shared responsibility. When a community listens to nature, nature responds with butterflies, turtles, and the quiet joy of a clean horizon.



An Environmental sensitization Media article titled "Plastic free Chal Beach, Kannur" drafted by Prof. Shimna M (Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering & Faculty Member - OIKOS, BMSIT&M); has featured in the Environmental News Weekly, “South Express”, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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OIKOS faculty mentor Dr Seema Singh has won Global Sustainability Awards 2025 (Startup Award), wrt Dostbin, a sustainable waste management initiative.



“Eco-Verse”, the annual event of OIKOS was conducted on 11/11/2025. On this occasion the passing-out student coordinators were felicitated by Mr Venkatesh, Chief coordinator of OIKOS.



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On the occasion of “Eco-Verse”, Green Achiever award and Green Alumni Award was bestowed upon the student members of OIKOS. The Green Achiever award was jointly won by Miss Lavanya Balasubramanyam (ISE) and Ms Netra Ramachandra Hegde (ISE). The Green Alumni Award was won by Miss Jhansi Priya (ISE). The winners were honoured by Office-bearers and dignitaries of the occasion.



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OIKOS has organized “NatShot IV”; a Nature Photography Competition based on the theme of “SDG # 11, 12, 15 @ BMSIT”. 32 OIKOS student members took part in the competition, with each team comprising of two student members. As an outcome, Environmental Literacy was enhanced in an informal manner amidst all students. The winners were honoured by the office-bearers of NSS and People’s Trust (collaborators for this event).



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Continuing its tradition of lifelong learning, more than 1000+ OIKOS Student Members have completed various MOOC authorized by United Nations, offered through UN CC:Learn during July-December 2025. The details are as follows:

Title of the Course	Number of Student Beneficiaries
Plastic Waste and the Basel Convention	150
Climate Change: From Learning to Action	1000+
Art and the Stewardship of the Ocean	60



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Ms Deepa GD (Student Member – CV) has completed 6 MOOCs authorized by United Nations, offered through UN CC:Learn during July-December 2025. The details are as follows:

Title of the Course
Monitoring Air Pollution effects under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
Climate Change: From Learning to Action
Art and the Stewardship of the Ocean
Sports for Climate Action
Scaling Climate Finance
Energy saving at Sea
The National implementation of Paris Agreement



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Maanya RS, Student Members (OIKOS) has participated in the The "Walk for Lake – Save Avalahalli" campaign, organized by Green Circle, on 7<sup>th</sup> December with the objective of creating awareness about lake conservation and environmental protection. The walk commenced at 7:00 AM from Vajram Tiara Apartment and concluded at Avalahalli Lake, passing along the Krishna Sagara Lake bund, which enabled participants to observe the condition of the lake ecosystem. The campaign also witnessed active participation from Avalahalli residents, environmental NGOs, students, and volunteers, emphasizing the collective responsibility of citizens and leaders in environmental conservation. Throughout the walk, slogans were raised and awareness was spread on saving lakes, preventing pollution, and promoting sustainable practices.



Team OIKOS is pleased to share that BMSIT&M has won the Best Eco Innovative Social Initiative Bhumi Campus Awards 2025, on 13-12-2025 at Chennai. The OIKOS driven projects EQCMS and SKYPULSE were instrumental in winning the honours.



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