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As part of CSER activity of OIKOS (BMSIT&M), and for the Compliance with Smart & Green Campus requisites as per AICTE; E-waste Awareness and Collection drive was carried out during October-December 2019. As part of this exercise, about 120 faculty and student OIKOS members had submitted e-wastes. In addition, to facilitate the AICTE Activity points under the parameter of Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan, information and instructions was disseminated to students of 1st year and second year across college, wherein they were briefed upon types of E-wastes, its impacts on Environment when disposed, and need for sustainable management, and E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016. They were then instructed to cascade the same to their local community and other stakeholders, and carry out 20 hours exercise of collection of e-wastes. A detailed checklist was maintained from and by each student. Overall, about 650kg of E-waste was collected from the entire exercise; which had been handed over on **3rd January 2020** in presence of office-bearers to New Delhi based Govt. Recognized Authorized Recyclers "Namo eWaste Management Ltd". In gratitude, the company has issued Letter of Appreciation to the Institute and each OIKOS member.



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As an outreach activity of OIKOS, Student and Staff members from Dept of Civil Engineering were involved in Plastic Clean-up Drive at Melkote during their Extensive Survey Camp on 23-24 Jan 2020. This is the 2nd time OIKOS is initiating the off-campus Shramdaan and evolving as an Environmental Steward to be emulated by other colleges.



As an outreach activity of OIKOS, Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc Prof. Dept. of CV) has participated in the Kaiga Bird Meet 2020 held at Kaiga, on 11-12th January 2020. The Birds Survey was organized by Nuclear Power Corporation India Ltd. As a part of this exercise he was involved in the collaborative effort of recording 155 species including 2 lifers for Kaiga.

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Student members Khurajam Dennis (CV), Hikmat Pradhan (CV), Prabin Regmi (CV), Aishwarya (CSE) under guidance of Staff members Dr. Rajesh Gopinath (CV) and Dr Anupama (AIML) have won 2nd prize for their Environmental Project "Design and Development of a sensor Based Prototype for Urban Floods Early Warning System", at Sristhi 2020, National Level Technical Competition on 10-11 Feb 2020 at Siantgits Engg College, Kerala.



Environmental Movie "A Civil Action" was screened for the benevolence of members on 6th March 2020. The concept of Environmental Stewardship was showcased to sensitize all members to highlight the issue of Hazardous Waste Management. Student members were able to comprehend the significance of Principles of Environmental Management from the exercise.



Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has participated in the 2-days Online Conference on "Environmental pollutants and Cancer", organized by School of Life Science, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Kangra, on 21st May 2020.

Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has participated in the One day webinar on 'Importance of Environment Consciousness and Sustainability in Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions' on 29th May 2020, jointly organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Department of Biochemistry, T. K. M. College of Arts and Science, Kollam, Kerala.

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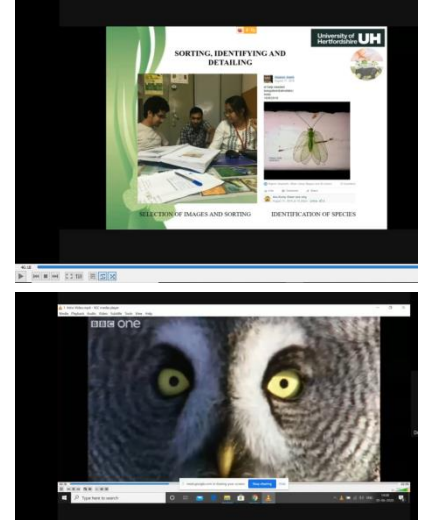
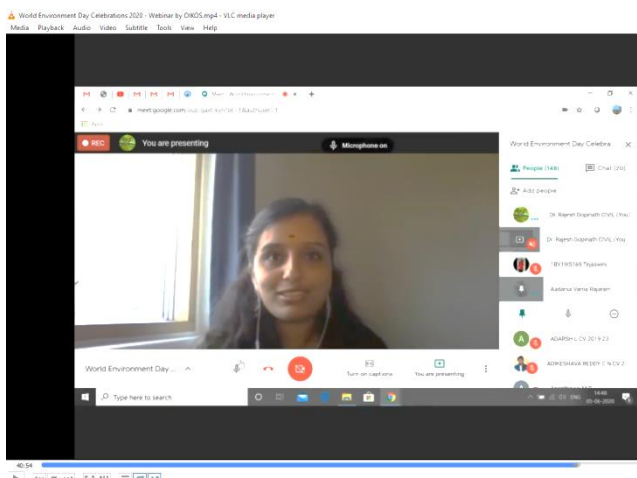
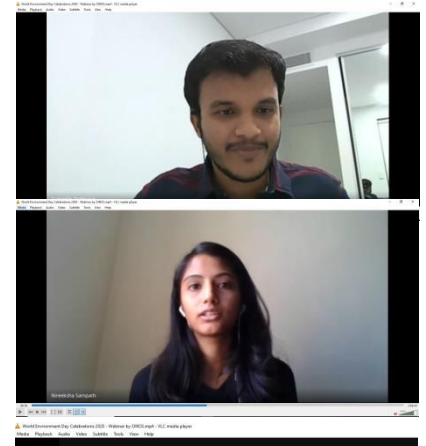
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Despite and with the COVID-19 lockdown in place, OIKOS continued to be the most active students club in college, with large number of student participation in varied qualitative activities.

The internal activities organized by OIKOS primarily included organization of **International Webinar** on the occasion of **World Environment Day** on 5th June 2020. The theme was based as "Celebrating Environmental Stewardship with Peer Experience Sharing". The online presentation from 1:45-3:15 pm, was via Google Meet and included 3 speakers. Er Supreeth DP (**University of Technology Sydney, Australia**) presented about "Eco Clubs & Environmental Conservation"; Er Aadarsa VR Ram (**University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom**) presented about "Inventorisation of Institutional Flora and Fauna"; and Er Nireeksha Sampath (Avid Traveler and Nature Blogger) presented about "Nature Trails". There were close to 200 participants including faculty and students. The recorded version is available in the OIKOS YouTube channel inaugurated on 5th June 2020.

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb84HFNJ--PtRWHjytuUJ0Q>

Webinar recorded-uploaded Link: <https://youtu.be/vdcNbSQq8rI>



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Article "In pursuit of Life" by Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc. Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has appeared in the online Periodical "CERD Green Chronicles-Issue 1, Volume 1", (Published by CERD Foundation, Anantrnag, Jammu and Kashmir), on 5th June 2020, during the occasion of World Environment Day.

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As an avid Lover of nature, I have frequented several explorations and treks across the forests of nation ranging from north-east to south of India; in the pursuit of exploring life... wildlife that exists without disturbance beyond the realms of urbanized world. From Arunachal (NE-IND) to Gungee (SE-IND), I have often been bewildered by the diversity of species that co-exists. As a conservationist, all these explorations have been met with several memorable experiences and sightings. The solitude sometimes within these jungles has always been the ultimate solace. The objective across each of these treks have been varied, ranging from deputation by Forest Dept for conducting a census, to a nature walk with experts and members of eco-club. The outcome however remained the same, sensitization and awareness creation. While each trek started with expectations, not all would end with it. Hence the golden rule was always set, "Do not have expectations". "Remember we are not here to see wildlife, but to observe them within their pristine spaces with zero disturbances".

Infact, often on these treks, way back, all of us would be bulkier and heavier as each of us would be decamping the human-left trash along the trails. Most sightings are always the unexpected, such as the argument between two Common Hoopoe's or the hard work of *Oecophylla Smaragdina* transporting a Moth Caterpillar to its nest several metres away. Both the sightings conveyed a simple message... survival of fittest requires diligence and precision for all lifeforms, small or big. The argument between Common Hoopoe's hooked for a good half an hour as they brushed and battled their way for foraging, and finally the bird which persisted and resisted diligently won. Similar efforts were witnessed in the predatory efforts of *Oecophylla Smaragdina* which had paralysed a Moth Caterpillar, but not before it had put a fight to evade the predator. Life has always been brimming in the forest, and all we need is the attitude to appreciate whatever we see, whatever we observe.

Predation By Oecophylla Smaragdina Upon A Moth Caterpillar

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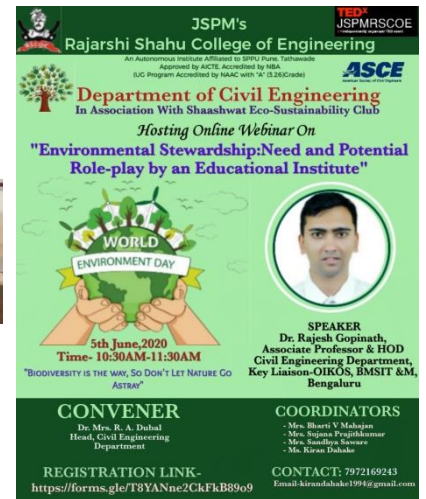
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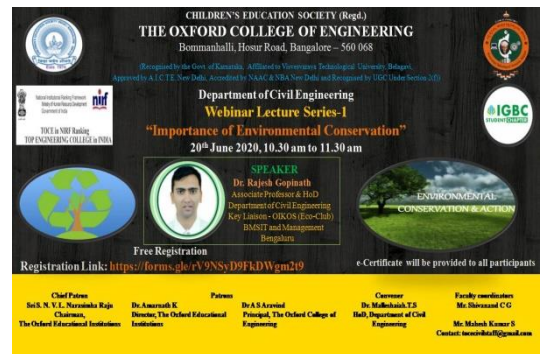
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As an outreach activity of OIKOS, Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc. Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has delivered a Webinar via Google Meet on "Urbanisation and its Contribution to Climate Change", on 2nd June 2020; organised by "Environmental Sciences Association, PG & Research Department of Environmental Sciences, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirapalli; towards the World Environment Day Celebration. The recorded version is available in the OIKOS YouTube channel, with the recorded-uploaded Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VKloyHhNm&t=57s>



As an outreach activity of OIKOS, Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc. Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has delivered a Webinar via CISCO WEBEX on "Environmental Stewardship: Need and Potential Role-play by an Educational Institution", on 5th June 2020; organised by "Shaashwat Eco-Sustainability Club, JSPM's Rajarshi College of Engineering, Pune"; towards the World Environment Day Celebration. The recorded version is available in the OIKOS YouTube channel, with the recorded-uploaded Link: <https://youtu.be/FjqsMH8MtBE>

As an outreach activity of OIKOS, Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc. Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has delivered a Webinar via GOGLE MEET on "Importance of Environmental Conservation", on 20th June 2020; organised by "Department of Civil Engineering, The Oxford College of Engineering, Bengaluru"; as part of Expert Lecture Webinar Series-I. The recorded version is available in the OIKOS YouTube channel, with the recorded-uploaded Link: <https://youtu.be/cJugzsS3rms>



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Student Members have participated in Essay Writing competition organized by Environment & Biodiversity Conservation Society (ENBIOS), Institute of Environmental Studies, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, on 5th June 2020.

During the lockdown, the enthusiasm of student members was exemplary in undertaking various National Level e-quizzes offered by other agencies and institutions. Details are as Tabulated:

#	Date	Title of Quiz	# of Member Participants	Organiser
1	22/05/2020	International Biological Diversity Day Quiz Competition	25	A.V.V.M Sri Pushpam College, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
2	24/05/2020	Awareness of COVID-19	20	Youth Red Cross, SSS First Grade College, Belagavi
3	27/05/2020	World Environment Day 2020 Quiz Contest	01	Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Nagarjuna College Of Engineering And Technology, Bangalore
4	02/06/2020	Environmental Engineering Awareness Amidst Covid-19	25	M.H. Saboo Siddik College of Engineering, Mumbai
5	05/06/2020	Environmental Issues and Covid-19	08	Society of Biological Sciences & Rural Development, Prayagraj (UP) & Society for Agriculture & Allied Research, Firozabad (UP)
6	05/06/2020	World Environment Day	08	Kalsekar Technical Campus, School of Engineering & Technology, Mumbai
7	05/06/2020	Climate Change and Biodiversity	08	SS Khanna's Girls PG College, Prayagraj
8	08/06/2020	Environmental Quiz	05	Eco Club, Dept of Geography, Govt First Grade College, Hirekerur
9	10/06/2020	Environmental Studies	04	Parasakthi College for Women, Tamil Nadu
10	10/06/2020	World Environment Day	38	Jagadamba First Grade Arts & Science College, Bijapur
11	11/06/2020	The Impact of Locust Swarms on Agriculture	06	Raja Doraisingam Govt. Arts College, Tamil Nadu
12	18/06/2020	E – Quiz on Geographic Information System	02	PG Department of Geology, Thiru. A. Govindasamy Government
13	09/06/2020	"Awareness on Environment and Biodiversity"	01	VVIETechnology, Mysore & KSPCB, Mysore
14	18/06/2020	Know Your Environment	05	Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan (PG) College, Baghpatt

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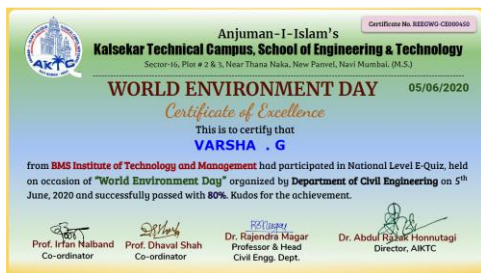
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Snapshots of the National Level e-quizzes on the facets/themes of Environment (offered by other agencies and institutions) accomplished by student members are randomly presented herewith.



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During the lockdown, the enthusiasm of faculty & student members was exemplary in attending various webinars offered by other agencies and institutions. Details are as showcased.

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1	27/05/2020	World Environment Day	02	Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Nagarjuna College Of Engineering And Technology, Bangalore
2	05/06/2020	Environmental Stewardship	01	Shaashwat, Eco Sustainability Club, Department of Civil Engineering, Pune
3	13/06/2020	Role of Ponds in Environmental Conservation	01	Abhav Foundation, Uttarakhand
4	16/06/2020	"Biodiversity; Documentation, Conservation & TK"	03	Abhav Foundation, Uttarakhand



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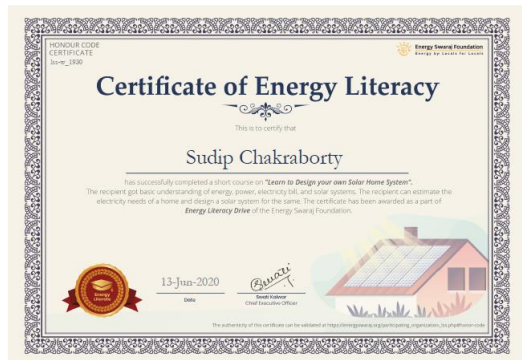
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In the lockdown, OIKOS was again at the forefront of Online Learning with successful completion of several relevant qualitative MOOCs. Details are as tabulated.

#	Title of MOOC	# of Member Participants	Organiser
1	Climate Change International Legal Regime	07	United Nations
2	1-week Certificate Course on Basics of Organic Farming	03	Department of Botany Athalye; Dadasaheb Pitre Science College, Devrukh
3	Ecology: Ecosystem Dynamics and Conservation	25	American Museum of Natural History & Howard Hughes Medical Institute
4	Gender and Environment	03	United Nations
5	Learn to Design your own Solar Home System	05	Energy Swaraj Foundation



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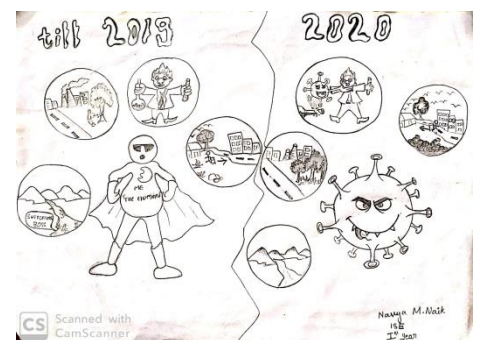
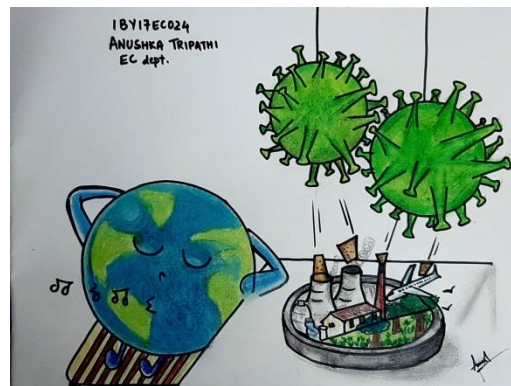
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During the initial phases of Lockdown due to advent of COVID-19, OIKOS as a means to sensitize and create awareness among its member fraternity about perils of Coronavirus and direct/inadvertent consequences on Environment; had organized a Cartoon Competition; with theme as Covid-19 & Environment. **The result was encouraging, with Akshaya, Madhumita and Sanif winning the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively, based on results declared by external judges.**



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Student Member Ms **Nikhita Srinivas** (2nd sem CSE/inset) has won 2nd prize in Nature Photography Competition with cash prize of INR 750, organized by Institute of Environmental Studies, Kurukshetra University. The prize-winning pic was of wingless grasshopper on milkweed host plant of blue tiger, on 5th June 2020.



Student Member Ms **Anushka Tripathi** (6th sem ECE/inset) has won 1st prize in World Environment Day Quiz with cash prize of INR 1500, organized by ISERD on 5th June 2020.



More than 21 Student Members were also successful in accomplishing the Entry Level of the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge, organized by UNEP, CEE, WWF-India and Million Sparks Foundation. Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc. Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering) was successful in accomplishing the next stage i.e., Leaders Level. The activity was conducted during the month of June 2020.



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