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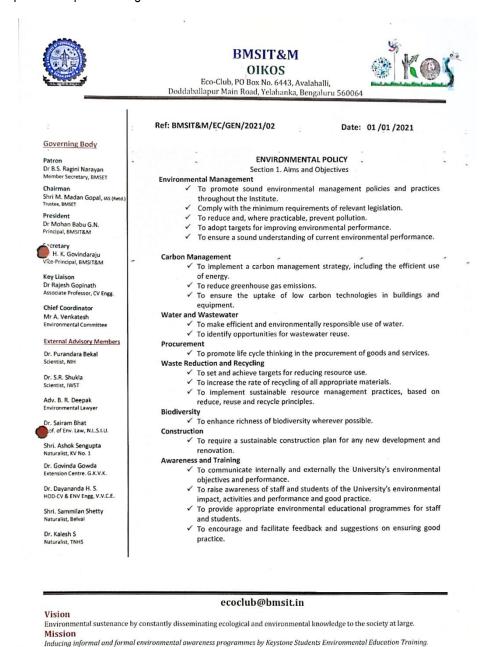
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Welcoming 2021 in the right Earnest, OIKOS was instrumental in drafting of the Environmental Policy for BMSIT. The document was ratified on 1st January 2021. This was one of the major requisites sought by UGC in March 2021 w.r.t. it's Framework for Eco-Friendly and Sustainable Campus Development in Higher Educational Institutions.



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Despite and with the COVID-19 lockdown in place, OIKOS continued to be the most active Institutional Club in college, with vast participation in varied qualitative activities.

Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Department of Civil Engineering, BMS Institute of Technology and Management) has participated in the International Webinar on "Biomimicry and Sustainable Development" held on 4th January 2021 organized by Department of Environmental Science, School of Earth Sciences, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur (MS) India.

As part of Outreach of OIKOS, Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Associate Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering & Key Liaison-OIKOS) was a Resource Person via ZOOM with Expert Talk on "Urban Warming: Need for Climate Sustainability in Smart Cities", on 11th January 2021; during the Refresher Course in "Environmental Science / Education; sponsored by UGC, Human Resource Development Center (HRDC) at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune from 5th January 2021 to 18th January 2021.







As part of an outreach activity of OIKOS, Student Member's Ms Yajnaa and Ms Yaksha have participated in the Clean-up Drive at the Bannerghatta Biological Park, on 22nd January 2021. The drive was organised by "Saahasa, Nothing is waste" Foundation. In this experiential process, the student members have also learnt about segregation of waste and its importance as the need of the hour. These 2 members along with other volunteers were instrumental in educating the visitors and vendors about the segregation of waste. This activity was in compliance with Environmental Policy of BMSIT&M, and its Swachcha Bharat Abhiyaan framework submitted to VTU.

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Dr. Rajesh Gopinath (Assoc. Professor and Key Liaison-OIKOS) have participated in the One Day International Webinar on "Biomimicry and Sustainable Development" organized by Department of Environmental Science, School of Earth Sciences, P.A.H. Solapur University, Solapur (MS) India on Monday, 4th January 2021. Further Ms Sai Rachana (Student Member) & Dr. Rajesh Gopinath (Assoc. Professor and Key Liaison-OIKOS) have participated in the One Day International Webinar on "Wetland Systems" organized by Department of Environmental Science, School of Earth Sciences, P.A.H. Solapur University, Solapur (MS) India on Monday, 2nd February 2021.





Mr Nishantha KS (Student Member) has participated in the One Day National Seminar on "Water Resources Management using Geospatial Technology", organized by Department of Geography, Rajarshi Shahu Mahavidyalaya, Latur on 18th February 2021.

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In the lockdown, OIKOS was again at the forefront of Online Learning with successful completion of several relevant qualitative MOOCs. Sample screenshot has been showcased further w.r.t. an Online Course undertaken with United Nations during April 2021.





Ms Rithika and Ms Alekhya (Student Members) have actively participated in the 4-weeks "Lake Management and Rejuvenation" course organized by Bangalore University's 'Water Institute' in collaboration with ATREE, Biome and Friends of Lake-FOL, from 13.03.2021 to 10.04.2021. They were trained and sensitized upon lake-catchment hydrology, protocols for lake rejuvenation and maintenance, basics of lake design, basics of integrated water resource management etc.

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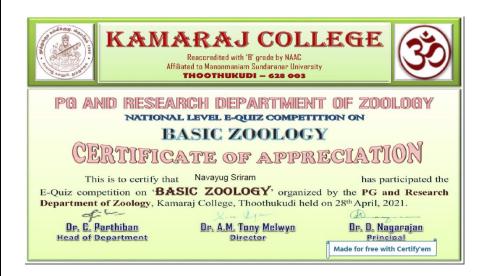
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In the lockdown, student members of OIKOS were yet again at the forefront of participating in Online Quizzes. Details and Sample screenshots have been showcased further.

	#	Date	Theme of Quiz	# of Member Participants	Organiser
	1	03/03/2021	World Wildlife Day	26	VHNS Nadar College, Tamil Nadu
Ī	2	22/04/2021	World Earth Day	08	Kamraj College, Tamil Nadu
Ī	3	28/04/2021	Basic Zoology	09	SSK Girls Degree College, Pragyaraj





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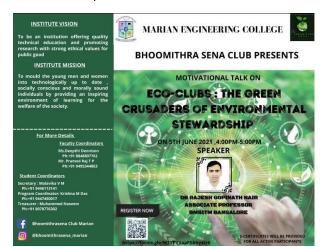
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On the Eve of World Environment Day (5th June 2020), Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering) has delivered a Motivational Talk via Google Meet on "Eco-Clubs: The Green Crusaders of Environmental Stewardship"; organised by Bhoomitrasena Club, Marian Engineering College, Kerala.

On this day, Dr Rajesh Gopinath had also delivered another Motivational Talk via Google Meet on "Environmental Sensitization and Stewardship: Need of the Hour", organised by Department of Civil Engineering, Vel Tech High Tech Dr Rangarajan Dr Sakunthala Engineering College, Chennai.

On the Eve of World Environment Day, Dr Rajesh Gopinath had also presided as the Chief Guest in World Environment Day Celebrations; organised by the Federation of International Students Associations Bangalore (FISA-B) and Indian Council for Cultural relations (ICCR) viz the Online Platform. He spoke about Relevance of World Environment Day; via Google Meet





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On the occasion of World Environment Day (5th June 2021); OIKOS had floated an Online Environmental Awareness Quiz upon the Theme "**How much do you know about World Environment Day**", to enhance Environmental Sensitization across all types of Stakeholders in India. The quiz was attempted by more than 2500 participant from across India.



On the occasion of World Environment Day (5th June 2021); OIKOS members were also active participants in the various Quizzes floated by other agencies. The undertaking has significantly enhanced their knowledge upon the existing issues of environment around the world.



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The Theme for World Environment Day 2021 was Ecosystem Restoration. In this direction, OIKOS (Eco-Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) had encouraged every individual to plant and nurture a sapling belonging to a native species. This Noble act would be benevolent to several species of Birds, Mammals and Insects. The Green Campus of BMSIT&M is an excellent example of efforts to protect the Natural Environment and sustain it.



As part of World Environment Day Celebrations; OIKOS had organized "Native Species Sapling Drive", with an effort to enhance Greenery all around. More than **133 saplings** were planted and nurtured across India, spanning over **12 states**; including Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Some of the Saplings planted also included Jackfruit, Mango, Guava. Neem etc.





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Ms Chaitanya M (Student Member) has participated in in 'World Environment Day Essay Competition 2021' held in celebration of Environmental Awareness Week from 5th to 12th June 2021, organized by Department of Botany, SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce



Dr. Rajesh Gopinath and Ms Raksha (Student Member) have participated in the One Day National Webinar on "River Rejuvenation", organized by Department of Civil Engineering, V.I.T., Bengaluru on 13th June 2021.



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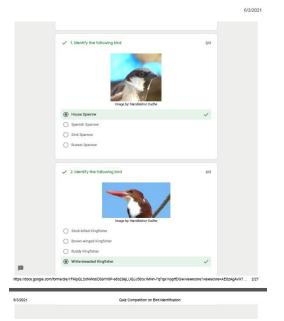
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In pursuant of the exercise of developing the Bio-diversity inventory of BMSIT's Green Campus, the contributory student members were encouraged to undertake Online Quiz Competition on 'Bird Identification', conducted by the ENVIS Resource Partner on Avian Ecology at Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS-ENVIS), on the occasion of World Environment Day (June 05, 2021).







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