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As part of its outreach, OIKOS (Eco Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) has honoured Shri Rahul Bavaji (Founder-Green Umbrella, NGO, Dandeli) with Green Crusader's Award on 30th October 2021 at Panchavati, Kumbaravada, Uttara Kannada District, Dandeli, Karnataka. The award was bestowed to reciprocate his valuable efforts towards Wildlife Conservation and Environmental Protection. The felicitation was done in presence of Shri Shantaram Siddhi, MLC, Dandeli. Other dignitaries present during the occasion were Dr TV Ramachandra, IISc and OIKOS Advisor Shri Amithsen Upadheye.



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OIKOS (Eco Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) has organized a Nature Trek for the BMSIT&M faculty at Makalidurga on 7th November 2021. The objective was to introduce the participants about surrounding natural landscapes around BMSIT&M; and as well to sensitize them w.r.t. the identification and importance of resident peri-urban Flora and Fauna.



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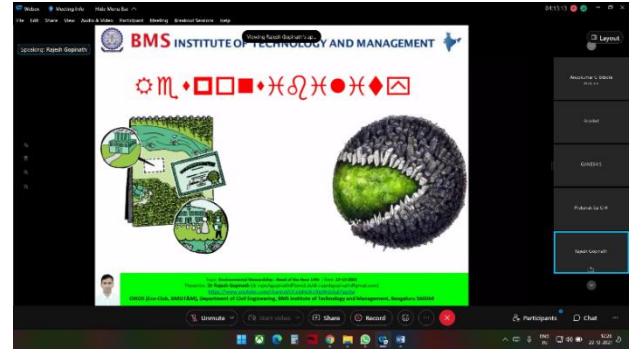
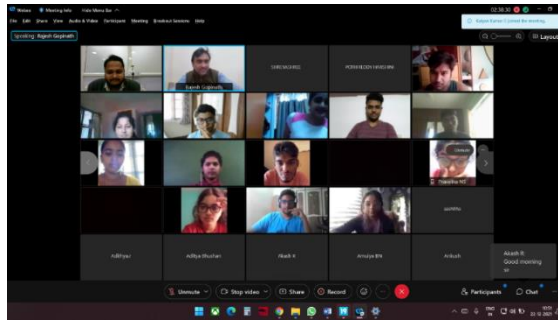
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As part of its outreach, Dr Rajesh Gopinath, Key Liaison, OIKOS (Eco Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) has provided his services as an expert in the Bird and Butterfly Survey, jointly organized by Salem Nature Club and Tamil Nadu Forest Department on 18th and 19th December 2021.



Dr Rajesh Gopinath, Key Liaison, OIKOS (Eco Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) has addressed all 1st year student (2022 batch) viz. Online Mode on 22nd December 2021 upon the topic "Environmental Stewardship: Need of the Hour Universal Human Value". The orientation was focused upon how human values can be enriched by imbibing stewardship in all, for Environmental Protection.



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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 November-December 2021. As part of this exercise, about 1000+ students (including Faculty) had submitted e-wastes. In addition, to facilitate 12.5 AICTE Activity points under the parameter of Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan, information and instructions was disseminated to students of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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 50 hours exercise of collection of E-wastes. A detailed checklist was maintained from and by each student. Overall, about 1000+ kg of E-waste was collected from the entire exercise; which had been handed over on 29th December 2021 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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OIKOS as part of its vision strives to motivate student members to continue knowledge gaining beyond curriculum viz diverse forums including MOOC offered by UN.

In this context, several of our student members have participated in the National Webinar on "Ozone for Life: 36 Years of Ozone Layer Protection" organized by Green Club of Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India on 16th September 2021 on the Occasion of "World Ozone Day".

Notably, OIKOS also was instrumental in recommending MOOC on "Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy", an online non-credit course authorized by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and offered through Coursera. The course was mandated as addendum, for all 3rd year students engaged in studying the course 18CIV59 (Environmental Studies). More than 1060 students have successfully completed the course, wherein almost all these students are also members of OIKOS. Also, in this direction, another MOOC on "Global Environmental Management", an online non-credit course authorized by Technical University of Denmark (DTU) and offered through Coursera was mandated as addendum, for final year students engaged in studying the course 18CV753 (Environmental Protection and Management). About 150 students have successfully completed the course, wherein almost all these students are also members of OIKOS.



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