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As a joint initiative with an objective to sensitize students towards Nature and its Lifeforms, OIKOS (Eco Club) and Photography Club of BMSIT&M has organized on 28th July 2022 (eve of World Nature Conservation Day), NatShot-II (Nature Macro Photography Competition). The competition was restricted to inputs from BMSIT campus only. On 2nd December 2022, the winners were rewarded by the Chief Guest Shri. Ozwin Dominic Dsouza (Faculty Coordinator - Photography Club of BMSIT&M).

The details of Prize Winners are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Mr. Kushaal Vaani (Civil)
- 3rd Prize: Ms. Boomika KV (Civil)
- 3rd Prize: Mr. Mithun KR (Civil)
- 3rd Prize: Mr. Shashank K (Civil)



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With an objective to sensitize students towards Nature and its Lifeforms, OIKOS has organized on 28th July 2022 (eve of World Nature Conservation Day), NatSketch (Nature Painting Competition). On 2nd December 2022, the winners were rewarded by the Chief Guest Shri Phanindra L.R. (Senior EHS Manager, GE BE Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore).

The details of Prize Winners are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Ms. Shweta Bhat (CSE)
- 2nd Prize: Ms Sahana M Gowda (EEE-Alumni)
- 3rd Prize: Ms. Madhimitha V (AI&ML)



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As part of its outreach and in compliance with the Environmental Policy of OIKOS & BMSIT, "Lake Rejuvenation - Sapling Plantation Drive", was jointly organized by OIKOS in collaboration with ECOR Foundation on 31st July 2022 at Singapura Lake (Survey Number 102, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk), in facilitation by Singapura Lake Walker's Association & BBMP, Govt. of Karnataka. This activity is a feed-forward to, and also in compliance with the norms of AICTE Activity 5 points. More than 60 students undertook this activity.



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On 12th June 2022, OIKOS had won the Environment and Climate Educator Award for 2022 in lieu of Environmental Stewardship exhibited. The honour was bestowed by the Environmental Agency ECOR Foundation. OIKOS is the only winner ~ under Organization category; and Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) ~ under Individual category from India. All other winner's across other categories are based abroad. The moment of achievement was also shared with the BoG scheduled on 17-08-2022, who have applauded the efforts of the Team OIKOS.



ECOR FOUNDATION

Reg. No. 113/IV/2019 Cochin 682034



AWARD CERTIFICATE

OIKOS (Eco Club)

BMS Institute of Technology and Management
Environment and Climate Educator Award (Organization)

2022

"... in recognition of outstanding contribution towards the environment and climate education"



Jishnu Panamoly Ayyappan
Founder and Director
ECOR Foundation

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AWARD CERTIFICATE

Dr Rajesh Gopinath

OIKOS, BMS Institute of Technology and Management
Environment and Climate Educator Award (Individual)

2022

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Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) has engaged a Motivational Session on 17th August 2022, at Acharya Institute of Technology for the 1st year Students upon the concept of "Environmental Stewardship".

Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) has provided his expert services during the Lepidoptera-Odonata-Avian-Mammal Survey at Vaazhachal Forest Division, Kerala from 25th to 28th July 2022. The survey was organized by Travancore Nature History Society in collaboration with the Kerala Forest and Wildlife Department.



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Survey tracks Vazhachal's birds, butterflies, odonates

A recent survey in Chalakudy's Vazhachal woods has left forest officials and nature enthusiasts pleasantly surprised with the rich biodiversity of the region.



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Indolestes gracilis

By Steni Simon
Express News Service

COCHI: A recent survey in Chalakudy's Vazhachal woods has left forest officials and nature enthusiasts pleasantly surprised with the rich biodiversity of the region. Organised by the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) and Vazhachal Forest Division of the Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department, the four-day expedition spotted 138 species of birds, 153 types of butterflies and 58 varieties of odonates.

Headed by TNHS experts Kalesh Sadasivan, Anoop Rajamony and Vinayan P Nair, the team comprised forest personnel and volunteers of NGOs such as BBC Bengaluru, WBA Nilgiris, BSB Trichur, and Green Cap Trichur.

"It is the first step in a series of surveys planned for the region to enumerate the rich faunal diversity of the Vazhachal forests," says Divisional Forest Officer R Lakshmi. Volunteers were thrilled to find a healthy population of the state bird — the Great Indian hornbill. However, the Malabar pied-hornbills were in low numbers, possibly as a result of seasonal migration.



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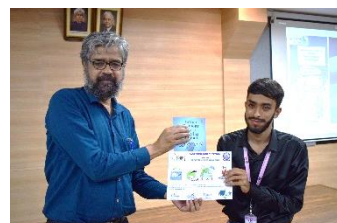
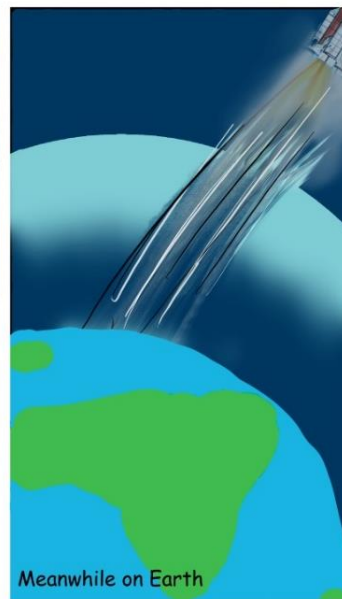
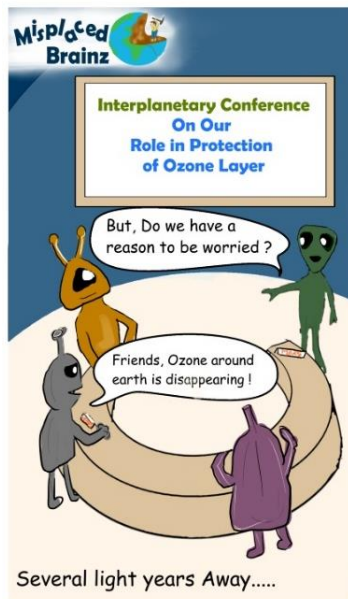
On 16th September 2022 (eve of World Ozone Day), OIKOS has organized NatFun (Nature Cartoon Competition) with theme as Ozone Depletion. On 2nd December 2022, the winners were rewarded by the Guest of Honour & Shri. Vishwanath S (Expert on Urban Water Conservation, Green Environmental Biome, Bengaluru).

The details of Prize Winners are as follows:

1st Prize: Ms. Sahana M. Gowda (EEE-Alumni)

2nd Prize: Ms. Sparsha K (Civil)

3rd Prize: Ms. Boomika KV (Civil) & Mr. Mayank Malhotra (CSE)



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As part of the Environmental Education Outreach by OIKOS, the students were motivated to engage in two activities, namely Model Making and Chart Making. A joint certification initiative by NGO Green Umbrella & OIKOS, the 2 activities catering to 5 points under AICTE Activity has benefited more than 1000 students. On 22nd October, the Models and Charts along with other study accessories were donated to Anganwadis and Govt Schools located in Hubli, Dandeli and Bengaluru. The students were honoured with Certificate of Appreciation by Dr Mala CS (Dean Student Welfare & Advisor - OIKOS) and Dr Annamma Abraham (Institute IC- AICTE Outreach Activities)



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On 6th November 2022, 12 student members (including Alumni) of OIKOS have visited the Wildlife Rescue Centre at Bannerghatta. This visit was organized by Wildlife SoS in reciprocation to the Financial Assistance (collectively INR 20202/-) donated by our OIKOS (Faculty and Student) members directly to them. As it was facilitated by OIKOS as part of CSER initiative of BMSIT, a "Certificate of Appreciation" has been handed over by the NGO for our College, to the students.



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for sponsoring

MILLIE

A rescued bear now living at the
Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre, Bengaluru, India.
Thank you so much for your kindness!


Geeta Seshamani
Co-founder & Secretary


Kartick Satyanarayan
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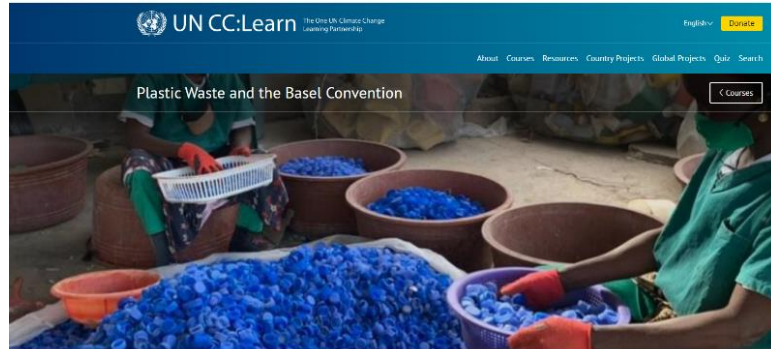
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On 26th November 2022, Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison) has represented OIKOS in the Panel Discussion on Technology and Ecological Sustainability; during the occasion of Tech Transform Fest conducted at BMSIT.



Continuing its tradition of lifelong learning, more than 100+ OIKOS Student Members have completed MOOC on Plastic Waste and the Basel Convention, an Online non-credit course authorized by UN Climate Change Learning Partnership, offered through UNITED NATIONS during November 2022.



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On the eve of National Pollution Control Day (2nd December 2022); OIKOS (Eco-Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) has honored Shri. Vishwanath S (Expert on Urban Water Conservation, Green Environmental Biome, Bengaluru) with **Green Crusader's Award** in acknowledgement to his Tremendous Contribution towards Conservation of Water Resources in Urban Environment. On this occasion he has interacted with all students and faculty and sensitized upon the concept of Integrated Urban Water Management. He has addressed the aspects of traditional sources of rainwater conservation, bye-laws and potential of treated sewage utilization as an alternative to address water crisis. He has enlightened upon the feasibility of economic rejuvenation by resolving water conservation. He has enhanced upon the importance played by Mannu Vaddar Community in recharging ground water from the past centuries.



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Keeping in honour the tradition at OIKOS, the Annual Farewell Function was organized for the Final year Student Coordinators/Members of 2019 Batch on 2nd December 2022. The recipients were honoured by the office bearers of OIKOS.



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Shri Phanindra L.R. (Senior EHS Manager, GE BE Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore) has delivered an Awareness and Expert Session on "Environmental Aspect Impact Studies" for the members of OIKOS on 2nd December 2022.



To commemorate the occasion of World Soil Day, OIKOS (Eco Club, BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru) has organized a campus-wide E-waste Awareness and Collection Drive, on 9th December 2022. The objective of the activity was to sensitize all students and faculty about the perils of unethical e-waste dumping in the soil, and encourage its disposal only to authorized recyclers who manage it in a scientific and Environmentally Sound Manner. About 500 kg of e-waste was handed over to E-parisara Pvt. Ltd. on this occasion.



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Dr Rajesh Gopinath (Key Liaison-OIKOS & Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering) has provided his expert outreach services during the Lepidoptera-Odonata-Avian-Mammal Survey at Agastyavanam (Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division, Kerala) from 27th to 30th December 2022. The survey was organized by Travancore Nature History Society in collaboration with the Kerala Forest and Wildlife Department.



Survey reaffirms biodiversity richness of Kerala's capital

The Hindu Bureau THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

An invertebrate survey undertaken in the Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division has reaffirmed the relevance of the region as a biodiversity hotspot. The four-day exercise to survey the invertebrates of Neyyar and Peppara wildlife sanctuaries and the Agasthyavanam Biological Park with emphasis on arachnids was jointly conducted by the Forest Department and the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS).

Around 50 delegates in-

cluding arachnologists and enthusiasts from various institutions, including Kerala University, Kerala Agricultural University and Christ College, Irinjalkuda, participated in the exercise.

As many as 186 spider species, 191 butterfly species, 129 bird species, 41 odonate species, 45 ant species, 12 mantid species, and four cicada species were documented during the survey. The Neyyar wildlife sanctuary is home to 133 species of spiders, 182 species of butterflies, 70 species of birds, and 35 species of odonates, while



Notable findings: Black and orange flycatcher and Poecilotheria

the Peppara wildlife sanctuary recorded 83 spider species, 126 butterfly species, 115 bird species, and 20 odonate species.

Many interesting species, including tarantulas

like *Haploclastus* and *Poecilotheria* species, were among those that were documented. The researchers who documented spider diversity have called for undertaking

specific assessments of arboreal and litter spiders as a follow-up to the survey.

Butterfly diversity

The butterfly diversity of the Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division was updated with species such as Common say and Palmi fritillary which were hitherto unseen in the Agasthyavanam region. Other notable records were Red-disc bushbrown, White hedge blue, Hampson's hedge blue, Rosy oakblue and Painted courtiesan.

Odonates' diversity was less compared to the monsoon season. However, the

survey recorded endemic species such as *Euphaea cardinals* and *Euphaea fraseri*. The notable findings among birds included Ceylon frogmouth, great Indian hornbill, blue-throated blue flycatcher, Wayanad laughing thrush, blanford's laughing thrush, Ashambu sholakali, black and orange flycatcher and square-tailed bulbul.

Thiruvananthapuram wildlife warden I.S. Suresh Babu said the data generated from the survey will be added to the management plan of the Neyyar and Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary.

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