



WHAT'S BUZZING AT THE DEPARTMENT...

CAMPUS BIRD TRAIL

The Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC), Department of Zoology, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao Goa organized a bird trail for the Second-Year students of the club on 07th September, 2023 from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. The trail was led by Ms. Filomena Pereira (Faculty Co-ordinator) and Mr. Om Kurpaskar (Student Co-ordinator) of the club. The objective of the trail was to document birds in campus and develop empathy amidst the students towards wildlife and environment. A total of 22 participants benefited from the bird trail. 18 species of birds were reported in the College campus. The final list at the end of the trail was submitted on e-bird platform as a citizen science contribution. Other elements of nature like butterflies were also

DECOUPAGE WORKSHOP

Department of Zoology organised a Decoupage Workshop as part of the Skill Enhancement Course- 'Waste Management Techniques' on 7th September 2023 in the Zoology laboratory (A202). The workshop was conducted by Assistant Professor, Ms. Shalma Mascarenhas with the objective to introduce students to creative ways in which simple household items/wastes could be turned into works of art. A total of 28 students participated in the workshop and learned the technique to upcycle waste.



WASTE to ART' EXHIBITION

Department of Zoology organised a 'Waste to Art' exhibition as part of SEC-Waste Management Techniques on 30th September 2023. The objective of the activity was to develop the ability to think creatively and inculcate the habit of reusing and recycling waste materials. The exhibition displayed objects of art made from various waste materials. The students also prepared handmade posters through which they spread awareness about the need of proper waste management techniques



"THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH, EXCEPT THE LIMITS YOU PLACE ON YOUR OWN THINKING"

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**EDITORIAL:**

There's no time! Isn't this our most common excuse for not completing our work on time and adhering to deadlines? Don't worry you're not alone in this! We all face the problem of balancing various tasks in our lives. The solution to this universal dilemma is TIME MANAGEMENT. Time Management is nothing strenuous. Effective management of time will help us gain more control over work and progress by increasing efficiency, improve our balance in life, and help us cope with unexpected and unforeseen problems. It will also help prioritize tasks, reduce pressures, and provides the satisfaction of getting work done. Time Management is a skill that can be learnt through planning, prioritizing, and reviewing.

Don't forget to carve out some 'ME TIME' as well. This will help you unplug and unwind, and always stand you in good stead for a well-organised and efficient life, which doesn't leave you feeling depleted and working all hours.

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

—Winston Churchill

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Mr. Om Kurpaskar (S.Y.B.Sc.) and Ms. Linoshka Dias (T.Y.B.Sc.) of the Chowgule's Birders Club, Department of Zoology, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao Goa participated in the bird trails of "Goa Bird Atlas Initiative" by Arranya Environment Research Organisation and 24 other organizations.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Second-year students of the Department of Zoology, Aaron Dsouza and Om Kurpaskar, participated in the state level quiz competition organized by the forest department during the 72nd National Wildlife Week celebration. The students won the first place in the quiz with a huge lead in the competition, thereby defending their title as the reigning quiz champions of the state.

**TALK ON EGRETS OF GOA**

Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC), Department of Zoology, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao Goa organized a talk on "Egrets of Goa" on 15th September 2023 at 12.35 pm. The resource person was Mr. Om Kurpaskar, student co-ordinator of the club. He introduced the students to and highlighted its characteristics and adaptations. He also explained the various species of Egrets found in Goa and how to differentiate among these species. A total of 50 students attended and benefited from the talk.

FACULTY PARTICIPATION

Ms. Filomena Pereira and Ms. Shalma Mascarenhas of the Department of Zoology, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao Goa participated in the 'Two-Day Workshop on 'Digital Education: Conceptualisation, Design & Development of MOOCs' conducted by the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) and Goa State Higher Education Council in collaboration with Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi. The workshop was held on 12th & 13th October 2023, with eminent resource people from various disciplines. The objectives of the workshop were, to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of digital education, its significance and its impact on traditional education systems.





NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATION

National Wildlife Week is celebrated from 2nd to 8th of October every year, with a view to preserve the fauna and flora of India and arouse public consciousness in favour of wildlife conservation. The theme for this year was "Partnership for Wildlife Conservation." The Department of Zoology of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, commemorated the Wildlife Week by organizing a week-long event. The event commenced with an inaugural function, attended by the College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta G. Sankhalkar and Academic Dean Ms. Meghana Devli. The inaugural function was followed with the screening of an Oscar winning documentary 'The Elephant Whisperers.' The week-long events consisted of various competitions namely 'Miniature Making Competition,' 'Online Meme Making Competition' and 'Canvas Painting Competition,' all of which received a good participation response from the students. The last day of the week-long event included two seminars delivered by two eminent personalities, Dr. Manoj-Sumati R Borkar on the topic 'Recent trends in Wildlife Biology' and Mr. Parag Rangnekar, on the topic 'Virtual Nature Trail.' The seminars were attended by faculty and students from various institutes and was also graced by the presence of the Academic Dean Ms. Meghana Devli. The event concluded with the valedictory function attended by the Vice Principal Mr. Kumaresh V.C., where certificates were distributed to the winners and participants of the various competitions organized during the week.



CBC Activity- Lecture on "Kingfishers of Goa"

As a part of the Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC) activity, the Department of Zoology held a talk on "Kingfishers of Goa" on 13th October 2023 in the Zoology lab. Ms. Neeha Sinai Borker, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, delivered the lecture emphasizing on the types of kingfishers found in Goa, their critical role in maintaining the food web, excellent hunting strategies, and threats posed to this bird, followed by a short quiz at the end of the session. A total of 55 students attended and benefitted from the talk.

FIELD TRIP AT COTIGAO WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Department of Zoology organized an over-night field trip for 22 students of T.Y B.Sc. to Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary on 9th and 10th September 2023 as a part of practical component of the course 'Ecology and Ethology'. The objective of the field trip was to observe animals in their natural habitat and understand the functioning of a wildlife sanctuary. The field trip began by a guided visit to the Galgibaga turtle nesting site. The forest officials explained the various measures taken to protect the Olive Ridley turtles. At Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary, the students had an enriching experience on visiting the butterfly park, aquarium and museum at the Eco-Tourism zone. Mr. Anant Velip, RFO briefed the students on the sanctuary and their role in the protection of wildlife. The talk concluded with an interactive session with the students.



The students also participated in a guided nature trail followed by a night trail and a bird walk. The highlights of the trip were sightings of a mating pair of Malabar gliding frogs, Indian Violet Earth Tiger Tarantula, Hump-nosed pit viper as well as different species of spiders, geckos, moths, butterflies and birds. The students were accompanied by Assistant Professors Ms. Mithali Halarnkar, Ms. Filomena Pereira, Ms. Shalma Mascarenhas, Ms. Anthea Baracho, Ms. Neeha Sinai Borker and Mr. Shekhar Gaude (MTS).



DID YOU KNOW?????

Crickets have ears on their front legs...



FIELD TRIP AT BONDLA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Department of Zoology organized a field trip for 43 students of F.Y.B.Sc. at Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa. The objective of the educational field trip was exposing the students to nature and making them competent to know the animals around. It is also an effort to make them environmentally conscious individuals. The field trip started with a nature trail in the sanctuary led by Mr. Omkar Dharwadkar and Mr. Ashish. The students witnessed various organisms during the trail and was followed by an explanation on “Apiculture” by Forest Officials. A talk on “Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary” was given by ACF and Zoo Manager of Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, Mr. Paresh Porob.



BIRD TRAIL

The Chowgule Birder's Club (CBC), Department of Zoology, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Margao Goa organized a bird trail for the interested students of the club on 21st October, 2023 from 7.15 a.m. onwards at the Maina-Curtorim wetland. The objective of the trail was to document wetland associated avifauna and its adaptations. A total of 13 participants benefitted from the bird trail. 46 species of birds were reported and the final list was submitted on e-bird platform. The highlight of the bird trail was White Breasted Waterhen with its young ones.

FIELD TRIP TO BENAULIM AND MAJORDA BEACH

Department of Zoology organized a field trip for 22 students of T.Y B.Sc. to Benaulim and Majorda beach on 19th October 2023 as a part of the practical component of the courses 'Fish Preservation and Processing' and 'Ecology and Ethology'. The objectives of the field trip were to observe fishing activities and gears used by local fishermen and study Molluscan diversity using random quadrant sampling method. At Majorda beach students surveyed molluscan diversity by using random quadrant sampling technique and identified the molluscan species observed within laid quadrants. The students were accompanied by Assistant Professors Ms. Shalma Mascarenhas, Ms. Anthea Baracho and Mr. Shekhar Gaude (MTS).



“The most important thing in your life is to live your life with integrity and to not give into peer pressure to try to be something that you're not.”

—Ellen DeGeneres

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