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TRAINING CUM ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR INTERNS OF CEtC HORNBILL FOUNDATION

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On July 18, 2024, a training cum orientation program was successfully conducted for the interns of the CEtC Hornbill Foundation at the Ecology and Taxonomy Lab, Department of Botany. The program was jointly organized by the CEtC Hornbill Foundation and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of MES Asmabi College, reflecting a collaborative effort to enhance the skills and knowledge of budding researchers in the field of ecology and conservation. The training aimed to provide the interns with an immersive learning experience, focusing on eco restoration activities and hornbill conservation—key areas of interest for the CEtC Hornbill Foundation. The event also served as a platform for interns to present their reviews and ideas on topics aligned with their research interests.

INTERN PRESENTATIONS

The interns showcased their reviews on various fields of ecological and conservation research, demonstrating their enthusiasm and dedication to addressing pressing environmental issues. Key topics included:

- Eco restoration Activities:
- Hornbill Conservation:



1. **Ecorestoration Activities:**

- Methods for restoring degraded forest habitats.
- Innovative approaches to riparian plant propagation.
- Community-based initiatives for sustainable ecosystem management.

2. **Hornbill Conservation:**

- Habitat preferences and nesting behavior of hornbill species in Kerala.
- Strategies to mitigate threats from habitat loss.
- The role of indigenous knowledge in hornbill conservation efforts.

The presentations sparked engaging discussions among the participants, providing opportunities for knowledge exchange and constructive feedback.



ORIENTATION SESSION BY DR. AMITHA BACHAN K H

Dr. Amitha Bachan K H conducted an insightful orientation session. He shared valuable suggestions and inputs tailored to the interns' research interests, emphasizing the importance of:

- Developing a multidisciplinary approach to conservation.
- Strengthening collaborations with local communities and stakeholders.
- Utilizing scientific methods and tools for data collection and analysis.
- Bridging gaps between theoretical research and practical implementation.

Dr. Bachan's guidance was well-received by the interns, who expressed their commitment to refining their projects based on his recommendations.





Interns:

- Athira VS
- Aswin Krishna Bjulal
- Ashwati Biju

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

- 1.The program successfully met its objectives of fostering a deeper understanding of ecological research and conservation among the interns. Key outcomes included:
- 2.Enhanced clarity and direction for ongoing research projects.
- 3.Identification of innovative strategies to tackle challenges in ecorestoration and hornbill conservation.
- 4.Strengthened confidence among interns to pursue impactful research.
- 5.The collaborative efforts of the CEtC Hornbill Foundation and IQAC MES Asmabi College were instrumental in creating a supportive environment for the interns to learn and grow.



CONCLUSION

The training cum orientation program on July 18, 2024, was a significant step towards building the capacity of young researchers in ecology and conservation. It underscored the importance of knowledge sharing and mentorship in fostering impactful research and practical solutions for environmental challenges. The success of this initiative highlights the potential for future collaborations and continued efforts in the field of conservation.



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