

C. P. R. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Education



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ACTIVITIES OF C.P.R. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE FROM APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025

Introduction

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) is a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Education. During the course of the year, C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) conducted several programmes on sustainability education, animal welfare, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) and skill development across 60 districts in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Karnataka, Odisha and Tamil Nadu and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Puducherry.

We have reached out to

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre carried out regular activities and observed important environmental days.

Observing Environmental Days

CPREEC observed important environmental days and brought out posters or info-graphics. Guest lectures were organised on all these days.

- ❖ World Health Day – April 7
- ❖ World Heritage Day – April 18
- ❖ Earth Day – April 22
- ❖ International Day for Biological Diversity – May 22
- ❖ World Environment Day – June 5

S. No.	Stakeholders	Numbers
1	Schools and Colleges	912
2	Students	16,345
3	Nursing Students	58
4	Teachers	1965
5	Teacher Trainees	409
6	SHG Members	141
7	Women	141 + 436
8	Skill development trainees	60
9	Forest Officials	14
10	General Public	4,436

- ❖ International Yoga Day – June 21
- ❖ *Van Mahotsav* – First week of July
- ❖ International Tiger Day – July 29
- ❖ World Elephant Day – August 12
- ❖ World Ozone Day – September 16
- ❖ Wildlife Week – First week of October
- ❖ International Cheetah Day – December 4
- ❖ World Soil Day – December 5
- ❖ World Wetlands Day – February 2
- ❖ World Wildlife Day – March 3
- ❖ International Day of Forests – March 21
- ❖ World Water Day – March 22

EIACP – Resource Partner on Conservation of Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites of India

The Environmental Information, Awareness Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) at CPREEC of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India is the Programme Centre (PC) – Resource Partner (RP) for the thematic area of “Conservation of Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites of India”. The quarterly newsletters *Eco-Heritage.com* was brought out. The site is regularly updated with secondary data on sacred groves, forests, caves, rivers, mountains, etc.

Green Skill Development Programmes

CPREEC conducted two Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) Courses on Coconut Shell Handicrafts at The

Nilgiris and Bamboo Handicrafts at the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. A total of 30 trainees participated in each course.

Sustainability Education in Schools in South India

CPREEC in partnership with the Wipro Foundation, Bengaluru, is executing a Sustainability Education Programme in South India. The programme involves training teachers to innovative projects on sustainability of water, biodiversity and waste management. Group of students are guided by a teacher. The programme is creative in promoting environmental thinking among the school going children (6-12 standard) which is highly connected to the curriculum of the states.

Food and the Environment – Eat Healthy and Go Green

CPREEC with the financial support provided by Karuna Foundation implemented the project in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Odisha. Resource material on **Go Veg – Eat Healthy** in English was translated into Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Odia and distributed to the participants. The film on **Maa ka Doodh** was screened during the training programmes conducted in the above states to various stakeholders. Workshops were conducted for teachers, teacher trainees and women and vegan cooking workshops were also conducted for the stakeholders. Vegan

Festival was conducted at Chennai and Hyderabad which was a thumping success.

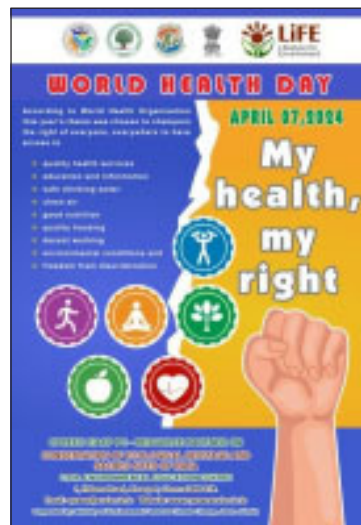
OBSERVING ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS

World Health Day – April 07, 2024

Go Veg Programme

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) implemented the project Go Veg Programmes in schools with the financial support extended by Humane Society International (HSI) India, in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Odisha through its state and field offices. CPREEC prepared the resource material **GO VEG** in English and got it translated into Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Odiya (regional languages) for distribution to teachers and school students during the orientation programmes. CPREEC in collaboration with the State Education Department conducted workshop for teachers.

As part of observing World Health Day-2024, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai created an awareness poster on the theme “My health, my right”.

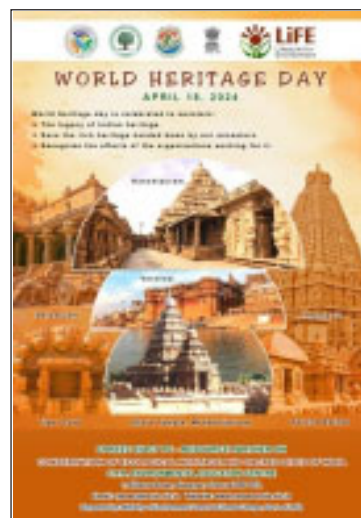


World Heritage Day – April 18, 2024

Tamil Nadu Forest Department

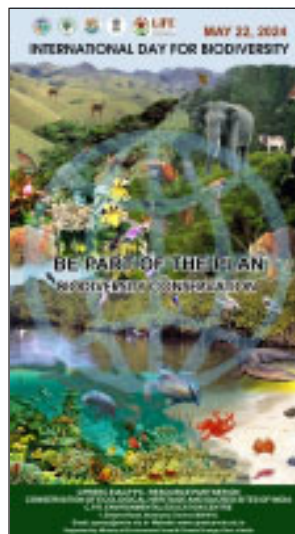
CPREEC implemented the project titled **Creation of Geospatial Database of the Sacred Groves in Tamil Nadu and Documentation of their Biodiversity** for the Tamil Nadu Forest Department. Staff members documented the sacred groves in the state of Tamil Nadu, documenting the floral and faunal wealth and prepared GIS map of the sacred grove sites surveyed. A total of 1,025 sacred groves were surveyed throughout the state of Tamil Nadu. The First Final Draft was submitted to the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

As part of World Heritage Day-2024, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai created an awareness poster.



Earth Day – Special Lecture – April 22, 2024

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai organised a special lecture to raise awareness about the importance of ‘Earth Day’. Dr Sultan Ismail, Member, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission and Governing Body Member, CPREEC delivered a special lecture highlighting its importance. Around 55 teachers attended the lecture.



International Day for Biodiversity – May 22, 2024

As part of International Day for Biodiversity – 2024, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed an awareness poster on the theme BE PART OF THE PLAN.

CPREEC EIACP PC-RP, Ooty Field Office organised an awareness programme on the theme ‘Be Part of the Plan’ at Deva Matha School of Nursing, Kookalthorai, Ooty Taluk on May 22, 2024. A total of 58 students and teachers attended the programme. Awareness Posters on Biodiversity Conservation were distributed to the participants by Mr M Kumaravelu, Field Officer, CPREEC, Ooty in order to sensitize the importance of Biodiversity Conservation.



பல்லுயிர் பாதுகாப்பு குறித்த சுவரொட்டி வெளியீடு

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News Clipping (Dinakaran and Maalai Murasu Coimbatore Edition dated May 24, 2024) pertaining to the Awareness programme organised at CPREEC EIACP PC-RP, Ooty Field Office as part of International Day for Biodiversity.

World Environment Day – June 05, 2024

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai designed and released 3 Info-graphics on the theme 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience' as part of World Environment Day.



Awareness Lecture

CPREEC EIACP PC - RP, Chennai organised an awareness lecture on the theme of Mission LiFE and WED 2024 by Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director & EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC at Dr. MGR Home & Higher Secondary School for the Speech and Hearing Impaired, Chennai on June 5, 2024. 78 teachers and teacher trainees participated.



Tree Plantation Programme

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai celebrated “**World Environment Day 2024**” by organizing a tree plantation programme at Dr. MGR Home & Higher Secondary School for the Speech and Hearing Impaired, Ramapuram, Chennai on June 5, 2024. Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director & EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC, initiated the plantation programme and explained the importance of trees in the environment. He distributed the saplings to the Principal and teachers.



Drawing Competition at Vijayawada

As part of World environment Day 2024 celebrations CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Vijayawada Field Office organised a Drawing Competition for students

at Sri M S Reddy Tuition Point, Vijayawada on 05 June, 2024. A total of 85 students participated in the competition.



World Environment Day Rally at Gudalur – June 05, 2024

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Ooty Field Office organised a Rally as part of World Environment Day celebrations at Gudalur, The Nilgiris on **June 5, 2024**. Mr Vasanth Kumar, DSP, Gudalur, Mr. Senthil Kumar, RDO, Gudalur flagged off the Rally. A total of 210 Students from PWITI, TAJ Para Medical College, Rotarians of Gudalur Valley Rotary Club, Women’s group from R. K. trust participated in the Rally.





Students and teachers from The Grove School, Alwarpet, Chennai took the pledge (**selfie point**) of the Mission LiFE Awareness Programme - **Life Style for Environment**.

International Yoga Day Celebration – June 21, 2024

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai celebrated **International Yoga Day – June 21, 2024** under the theme **“Life Style for Environment”** on **“Adopt Healthy Lifestyles”** at The Grove School, Alwarpet, Chennai. A total of 370 students and 40 teachers participated and performed yoga and pranayama.





and teachers. The students actively participated in the plantation drive and took a pledge to take care of the saplings planted in the campus. A total of **162** students and **26** teachers participated.

Celebration of Van Mahotsav / Ek Ped Maa Ka Naam – July 06, 2024

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai celebrated “Van Mahotsav / Ek Ped Maa Ka Naam” by organizing plantation programme on **July 06, 2024** at Dr. M.G.R. Janaki Matriculation School, Virugambakkam, Chennai – 600 093. Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director & EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC, Chennai initiated the plantation programme and explained the importance of trees in the environment. The team distributed **60** numbers of native tree saplings like Spanish cherry, champak, jamun, gooseberry, wild almond, guava, teak and pungam to the school students

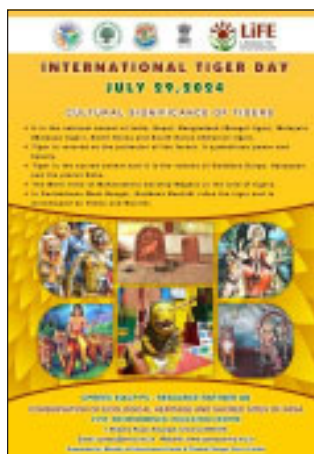
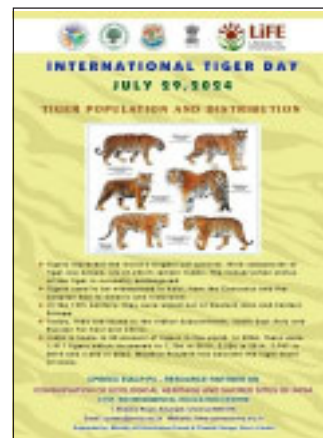


International Tiger Day – July 29, 2024

International Tiger Day is celebrated every year on **July 29th** as a way to raise awareness about this big cat. The main aim of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and support tiger conservation.

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai observed “International Tiger Day - 2024” by releasing 6 awareness posters/info-graphics on

1. Ecological Role of Tigers
2. Tiger Population and Distribution
3. Threats to the Tiger
4. Project Tiger
5. Cultural Significance of Tigers
6. Why Save the Tiger?



International Tiger Day – July 29, 2024

As part of observing International Tiger Day, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Ooty Field Office organised an awareness campaign at P U Middle School, Thekkambatty, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District. A total of 32 students and 5 teachers attended the programme and awareness posters were distributed.



World Elephant Day – August 12, 2024

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed and released an awareness poster to celebrate World Elephant Day on August 12, 2024 at the Saraswathi Kendra Learning Centre for Children, Chennai.



WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

LIFE

12 AUGUST, 2024

World Elephant Day, observed globally on 12th August, is a dedicated observance aimed at raising awareness about the critical challenges confronting elephants and advocating for their protection and conservation.

Scientific Name: *Elephas maximus* (Asian Elephant), *Loxodonta africana* (African Elephant).
Commonly referred to as elephants, Elephas (PH),
Nasalis (Tami).

CHARACTERISTICS:

- Elephants in the National Heritage Animal of India.
- Elephants are considered a "Keystone Species" as they play a critical role in maintaining the balance and health of forest ecosystems.
- The body length of the elephants is 18 to 27 feet and the height is 10 to 14 feet.
- The average weight of a male elephant is about 5000 kgs, and the food requirement is about 200 kgs of vegetation and 100 litres of water per day.
- The Asian elephant usually lives 70 - 80 years in the wild although they can live up to 100 years in captivity.
- The adult male is referred to as a bull, the adult female is cow and the young ones are called calves. A group of elephants are referred as a herd.
- They have the largest brain in the animal kingdom.
- Their memories are very strong and they never forget the people who have treated them.
- The status of the elephant varies in the host habitat as the status of the forests.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITS

- Asia and Africa.
- It is about 80% of the species' global population.
- Karnataka state has the highest number of elephants, followed by Assam and Kerala in India.

IDENTIFICATION STATUS: ENDANGERED

PROJECT ELEPHANT

- Launched in 1982, covering 27 states across India.
- Reported the total of 464 elephants, with a population increase from about 20,000 in 1992 to around 30,000 in 2011.

ORGANIZED BY CPREEC - (Chennai) Field Office
Chennai Office of International Tiger and Elephant Day of India
 CPREEC, Environmental Education Centre
 1, Madhavalingam, Saravali, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu
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Assessment and Monitoring activities of EIACP Centres for Chennai Region

Assessment and Monitoring activities of EIACP Centres for Chennai Region by Ms. Lipika Roy, Deputy Director, EIACP Division was held on **August 22, 2024** at Koodal Hall, Institute for Ocean Management, EIACP PC – RP, Anna University, Chennai.

EIACP Coordinator and EIACP team attended the meeting. Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director and EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC presented the activities carried out by CPREEC, EIACP for the financial years 2022 – 2024.



Display of GSDP Products

CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai **exhibited the GSDP products** (Coconut Shell Handicrafts made by GSDP Trainees) in the 2 days vegan festival on **August 24 and 25, 2024** at The Grove School, Chennai. More than 3000 visitors visited the stall.



Coordinator Meet on September 07, 2024

Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director and EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC participated in the Coordinator Meet organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi



on September 7, 2024 at New Delhi and made a presentation on (1) Improvements/Changes made in CPREEC EIACP – PC – RP post Regional Evaluation held in October 2023, (2) Unique contributions of the Centre that merit its continuation under EIACP.



World Ozone Day – September 16, 2024

As part of observing World Ozone Day 2024, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai brought out an awareness poster at the Saraswathi Kendra Learning Centre for Children, Alwarpet on **September 16, 2024**.

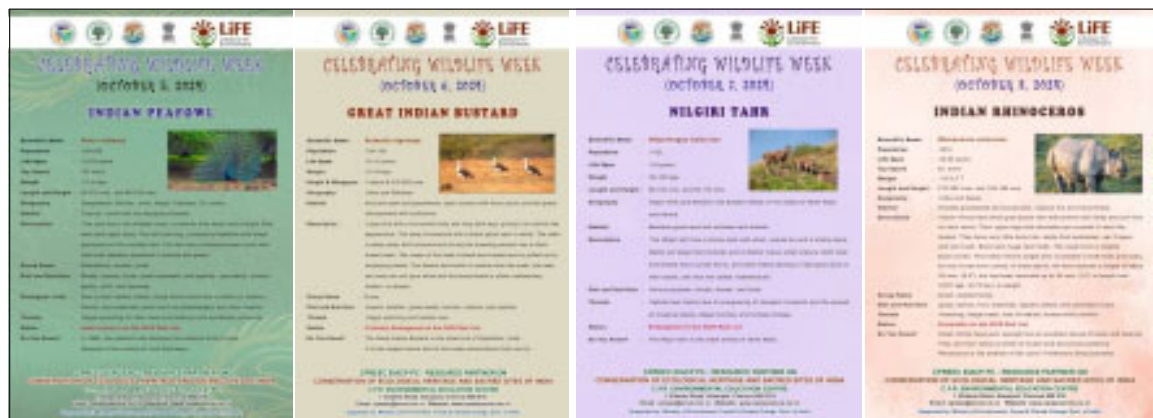
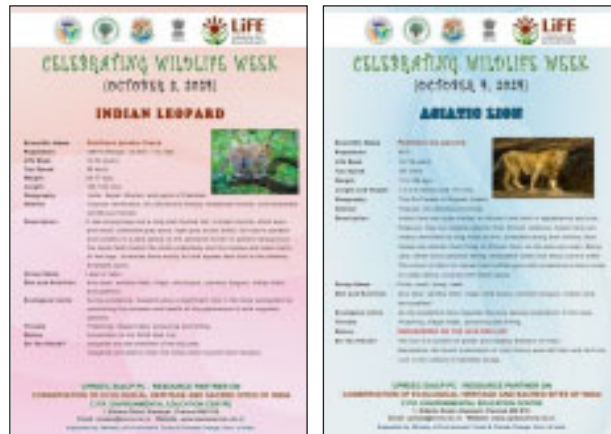
Wildlife Week Celebrations – October 2, 2024 – October 8, 2024

Wildlife week is celebrated every year in the first week of October month with an aim to protect and preserve the country's flora and fauna and to make people understand the importance of wildlife conservation. As part of “Wildlife Week (02nd – 08th October, 2024) Celebrations”, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed awareness posters on

❖ **Royal Bengal Tiger**
(Day 1 - 02/10/2024),



- ❖ **Indian Leopard**
(Day 2 - 03/10/2024),
- ❖ **Asiatic Lion**
(Day 3 - 04/10/2024),
- ❖ **Indian Peafowl**
(Day 4 - 05/10/2024),
- ❖ **Great Indian Bustard**
(Day 5 - 06/10/2024),
- ❖ **Nilgiri Tahr**
(Day 6 - 07/10/2024), and
- ❖ **Indian Rhinoceros**
(Day 7 - 08/10/2024)



CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Ooty Field Office celebrated Wildlife Week and organised an awareness programme under the theme Wildlife on October 07, 2024 at Hill Fort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Keircombai, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris. Totally, 80 students, 6 teachers and 12 Forest Officials attended the programme and awareness posters were distributed.



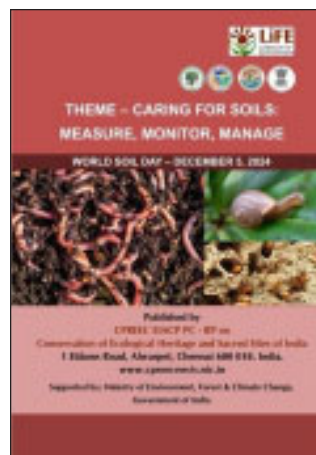
International Cheetah Day – December 4, 2024

Every year, **International Cheetah Day** is celebrated on **December 4th**, to raise awareness about the importance of protecting and conserving the cheetah species globally. Cheetahs are incredibly fast and absolutely gorgeous beasts. People from all over the world celebrate these majestic creatures and encourage efforts to preserve their habitat and ensure their survival for future generations. CPREEC brought out an awareness poster.



World Soil Day – December 5, 2024

World Soil Day is held annually on December 5th as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate the sustainable management of soil resources. As part of celebrating the World Soil Day, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed and released a booklet on the theme, ‘**Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage**’.



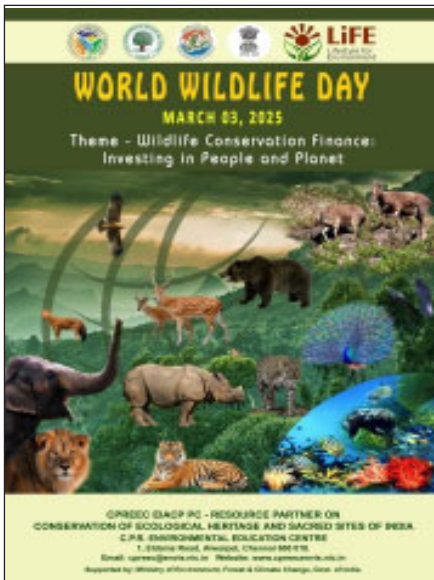
World Wetlands Day – February 2, 2025

Every year, World Wetlands Day is celebrated on February 2nd, to raise awareness among all sections of the society about values and functions of wetlands, utilization of their resources and their environmental importance. As part of observing World Wetland Day-2025, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed an awareness poster on the theme – **Protecting wetlands for our common future.**



World Wildlife Day – March 3, 2025

World Wildlife Day (WWD) is observed every year on 3rd March to celebrate wild animals and plants. Every year, we recognize the unique roles and contributions of wildlife to people and the planet. As part of World Wildlife Day-2025, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed an awareness poster on the theme – **Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet.**



As part of **World Wildlife Day 2025**, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Ooty Field Office organised an awareness programme at **St. Antony’s Middle School, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris**. Mr. Selvaraj, Forest Range Sites Officer, Mr. Ramadass, Organic Farmers Association, Mr. S.K. Bojan, Nakkubetta Association, Kotagiri, Mr. M. Kumaravelu, CPREEC Ooty Field Officer, and a total of **195 students and 15 teachers** attended the programme and awareness posters were distributed.



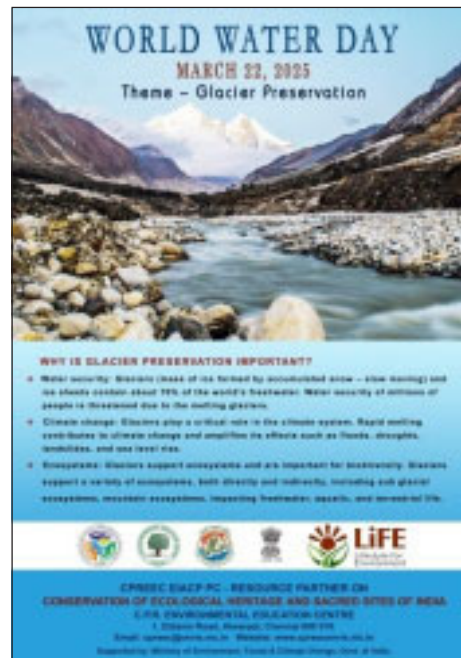
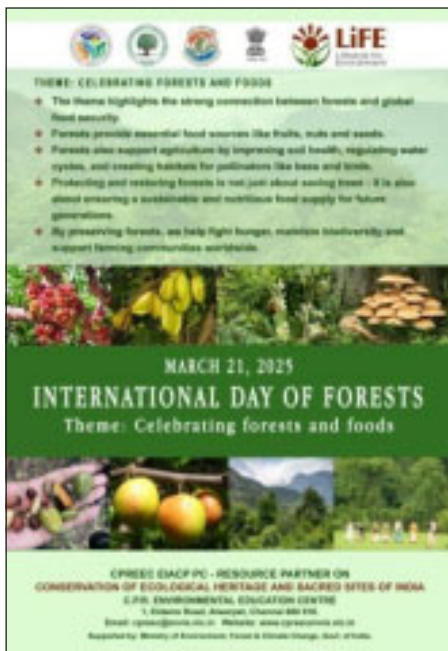
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International Day of Forest – March 21, 2025

Every year on March 21, the world celebrates the International Day of Forests to celebrate to protect them. Every year a new theme is chosen by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests. The theme for this year is “Forests and Food,” which emphasizes the deep connection between forests and global food security. As part of observing International Day of Forest-2025, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP,

Chennai developed an awareness poster on the theme – **Celebrating forests and foods.**

A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and



World Water Day – March 22, 2025

World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater on 22 March every year since 1993. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis.

sanitation for all by 2030. Every year, UN-Water — the UN’s coordination mechanism on water and sanitation — sets the theme for World Water Day. The theme for this year is “Glacier Preservation,” As part of observing World Water Day-2025, CPREEC EIACP PC – RP, Chennai developed an awareness poster on the theme – **Glacier Preservation.**

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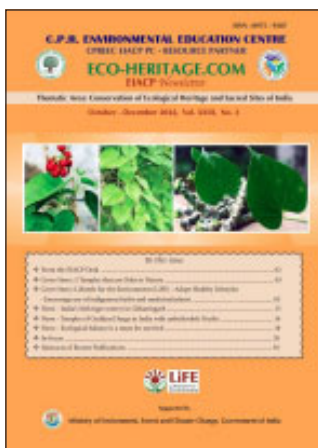
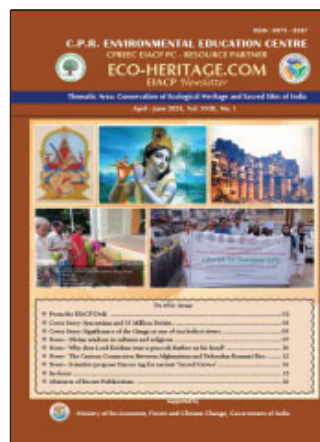
S. No.	Date	Venue	Target group	Numbers
1.	29.08.2024	K. Arumuga Nadar Girls Higher Secondary School, Washermanpet, Chennai 600 021	Students Teachers	308 7
2.	10.09.2024	Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya Girls' Higher Secondary School, Usman Road, T. Nagar, Chennai 600 017	Students Teachers	496 7
3.	12.09.2024	Gnanodaya High School, Venkatapuram, Singaperumalkoil Kancheepuram 603 204	Students Teachers	110 13
4.	23.10.2024	Government Hobart Higher Secondary School, Royapettah, Chennai 600 014	Students Teachers	168 4
5.	24.10.2024	Avvai Home TVR Girls Higher Secondary School, Adyar, Chennai 600 020	Students Teachers	195 4
6.	05.11.2024	Indira Nagar Women's Association, Indira Nagar, Adyar, Chennai 600 020	Self-help group women Members of Women's Association	38 7
7.	02.12.2024	Rani Meyyammai Girls Higher Secondary School, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai 600 028	Students Teachers	55 4

8.	15.02.2025	Sri Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya Girls Higher Secondary School, Burkit Road, T Nagar, Chennai 600 017	Students Teachers	135 6
9.	18.02.2025	Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar Girls' Higher Secondary School, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004	Students Teachers	168 7
		Total		1,732

EIACP Newsletter

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- ❖ April to June 2024, Vol. XXIII, Issue No. 1.
- ❖ July to September 2024, Vol. XXIII, Issue No. 2
- ❖ October to December 2024, Vol. XXIII, Issue No. 3
- ❖ January to March 2025, Vol. XXIII, Issue No. 4



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- ❖ **Upcoming events uploaded:** 14
- ❖ **Social media latest news uploaded/updated:**
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 - ☐ Twitter –167 Posts,
 - ☐ Instagram –164 Posts
- ❖ **Photo Gallery:** 141

Visitor Summary

- ❖ Total number of visits – 1709259
- ❖ Number of unique visitors – 101197

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GREEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (GSDP)

CPREEC carried out two Green Skill Development Programmes – Certificate courses on Coconut Shell handicrafts at The Nilgiris and Bamboo crafts at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Both the courses commenced on **December 20, 2024**. The **GSDP Courses Micro-Entrepreneur NTFP (Non Timber Forest Produce): Plant Origin: Coconut shell and fibre handicrafts** was conducted at Uppatti, Pandalur, The Nilgiris and the **Micro-Entrepreneur NTFP (Non Timber Forest Produce): Plant Origin: Bamboo Handicrafts** was conducted at Sri Vijayapuram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

GSDP Course on Coconut Shell and Fibre Handicrafts

This course was conducted at Uppatti Village, Pandalur, The Nilgiris from December 20, 2024 to February 25, 2025. The course was inaugurated on **December 20, 2024**. Shri. Senthilkumar, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gudalur, The Nilgiris, inaugurated the course and urged the trainees to make use of this opportunity to enhance their skill in Coconut shell craft, in turn this would help to generate additional income to

their family. Mr. F. Robert, President, Rotary Club, Gudalur Valley, Gudalur and Ms. Vijayakumari, R.K Trust, Gudalur felicitated. Mr. M. Kumaravelu, Project Officer, CPREEC, Ooty gave a brief introduction of Green Skilled Development Programme and asked the participants to utilize the training to enhance their livelihood. A total of 30 trainees benefitted.

The objective of the course was:

- To create awareness about the importance of coconut shell products towards sustainable socio economic development.
- To create human resources on different coconut shell handicraft trade.
- To generate sustainable employment through backward and forward integration of coconut shell based enterprise development thereby increasing the income of the households of the youths
- To capacitate the artisans and craftsmen for self-employment
- To add value on coconut shell and fibre handicraft through production of different value added products
- To create awareness among the youth about the importance and

usefulness of coconut shell and fibre handicraft beyond traditional uses for all practical purposes.

CPREEC provided coconut shells, grinding wheels, polishing tools, cutters, drillers, etc. The participants were divided into groups of 6 and each group was guided by a resource person starting with introduction about the craft, handling machineries, bringing shapes for utensils, artefacts and finally to finished products. The GSDP trainees were taken on an exposure/ field visit to Sargaalaya Kerala Arts &

Crafts Village at Iringal, Kerala. Senior Official of Sargaalaya Kerala Arts & Crafts interacted with trainees. Dinamalar Television covered the course and a wide publicity to the course.

The Valedictory function was held on **February 25, 2025** at Uppatti, Pandalur, The Nilgiris. Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director and EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC, Chennai presided over the valedictory function. He distributed the Course Completion Certificates and tools to the GSDP trainees.





GSDP Course on Bamboo Handicrafts

This course was conducted at Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands from December 20, 2024 to February 27, 2025. The course was inaugurated on **December 20, 2024** at Prothrapur, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Smt. Radhika and Shri. Vetri Velu, Ward Councillors, Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council inaugurated the

course. Shri. A. Gopal, Project Officer, CPREEC, Sri Vijaya Puram gave a brief introduction about the importance of Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) of the Ministry. Chief guests appealed to the trainees to make optimum use of the course modules to hone their green handicraft making skill which is a gift for youth in the nature-rich Andaman and Nicobar Islands area. 30 trainees attended the course and benefitted.

The objective of the course was

- To create awareness about the importance of Bamboo towards sustainable socio - economic development.
- To create human resources on different bamboo trade.
- To generate sustainable employment through backward & forward integration of bamboo based enterprise development thereby increasing the income of the households of the youths
- To capacitate the artisans and craftsmen for self-employment
- To add value on bamboo through production of different value added products
- To create awareness among the youth about the importance and usefulness of bamboo beyond traditional uses for all practical purposes.

Shri. Ameesh, Resource Person, Andaman and Nicobar State cooperative Bank Ltd interacted with GSDP trainees on the available scheme for micro entrepreneur and support.

Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) Channel, Andaman & Nicobar Islands covered the course and gave a wide publicity to the course.

The valedictory function was organised on **March 4, 2025**. Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, CCF (WL, R&WP), Department of Environment and Forest, A&N Administration was the Chief Guest and Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director and EIACP Coordinator, CPREEC, Chennai presided over the function. All the trainees were registered with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises MSME - UDYAM registration.





THE ECHO OF INDIA-SRI VLAYA PURAM
Thursday, March 6, 2025

Valedictory function of green skill development prog on Bamboo Crafts Training held

SRI VLAYA PURAM, MAR 5—/ The CPRE Environmental Education Centre (CPREC), under the Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building, and Livelihood Programme (EIACP-RP), successfully concluded the two-month Certificate Course on Micro-Entrepreneur-NTFP (Non-Timber Forest Produce) Plant Origin: Bamboo Crafts. Sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the program aimed at equipping trainees with sustainable livelihood skills in bamboo craftsmanship.

The valedictory function was held at the Auditorium of TGCE, Sri Vijaya Puram, graced by esteemed dignitaries, trainers, and trainees. The event commenced with a welcome song by GSDP trainees, setting the tone for the occasion. Dr. P. Sathakur, Director & ELACP Coordinator, CPREC, Chennai, delivered the Welcome Address, emphasizing the role of skill-based environmental education in fostering entrepreneurship and sustainability. This was followed by an overview of the course by Shri A. Gopal, Project Officer, CPREC, ANI, who elaborated on its objectives, impact, and achievements.

Trainees shared their experiences, highlighting the valuable skills acquired and their plans for entrepreneurial ventures in bamboo crafts. The awarding of Course Completion Certificates, Udyam registration certificates (MSME), and Tool Kits was a moment of pride, with Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, presenting them to the successful participants.

The Guest of Honour, Shri Avinash Kumar Singh, Superintending Engineer, SVPSC, commended the initiative for its role in promoting eco-friendly skill development.

The Chief Guest, Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, underscored the significance of non-timber forest produce and the economic opportunities in bamboo craftsmanship. Other distinguished guests included Mrs. Kavita Udai Kumar, Ward Councillor, Dr. Manjulata Rao, Principal, TGCE, Shri Kumaravela, Assistant Director, Ministry of Textiles, and Shri Anoop Kumar, Entrepreneur.

A major highlight of the event was the Bamboo Craft Exhibition, where an impressive array of handcrafted bamboo artifacts created by trainees was displayed. The exhibition was well received by dignitaries and visitors, providing a platform to explore market linkages and future collaborations.

The function concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri A. Gopal, Project Officer, CPREC, ANI, expressing gratitude to all stakeholders for their contributions. The successful completion of the training marks a significant step towards empowering individuals with green skills, promoting environmental sustainability, and nurturing self-reliant bamboo-based entrepreneurship.



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SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

CPREEC in partnership with the Wipro Foundation, Bengaluru, is executing a Sustainability Education Programme in south India. The programme involves innovative project submissions on sustainability of water, biodiversity and waste management by groups of students guided by a teacher. The programme is creative in promoting environmental thinking among the school going children (6-12 standard) which is highly connected to the curriculum of the states. CPREEC organised workshops for Teachers as detailed below:

S.No.	Date	State	Venue	No. of Teachers
DIRECT WORKSHOPS				
1	11.07.2024	Goa	Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, South Goa	50
2	23.07.2024	Tamil Nadu	CPREEC Convention Centre, Chennai	49
3	24.07.2024	Tamil Nadu	CPREEC Convention Centre, Chennai	34
4	26.07.2024	Puducherry	State Training Centre DIET Campus, Puducherry	115
5	02.08.2024	Tamil Nadu	CPREEC Convention Centre, Chennai	27
6	17.08.2024	Tamil Nadu	The Grove School, Chennai	45
7	20.08.2024	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	GMSS Hall, Aberdeen, South Andaman, Port Blair	52
8	21.08.2024	Telangana	Government Model Aliya High School, Hyderabad	53
9	22.08.2024	Karnataka	Model Primary Girls School, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural	47

10	23.08.2024	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Seminar Hall, DEO, Rangat, Middle Andaman	42
11	24.08.2024	Andhra Pradesh	Nandyal District, Andhra Pradesh	63
12	27.08.2024	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Seminar Hall, DEO, Diglipur, North & Middle Andaman	58
13	27.08.2024	Karnataka	Block Resource Centre, Yelahanka, Bengaluru Urban	45
ONLINE WORKSHOPS				
1	07.08.2024	Telangana	Renga Reddy, Medchal, Malkajgiri, Bhuvanagiri and Suryapet Districts	56
2	19.08.2024	Andhra Pradesh	MJPAPBCWREI- Residential Schools	120
3	23.08.2024	Tamil Nadu & Goa	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Goa	27
4	27.08.2024	Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	Hybrid ONLINE Workshop	28
5	28.08.2024	Tamil Nadu-	The Nilgiris District	23
6	30.08.2024	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Little Andaman and Nicobar Islands	27
7	02.09.2024	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Nicobar, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	42
8	04.09.2024	Andhra Pradesh	State Level Workshop.	88
9	06.09.2024	Puducherry	Mahe, Yanam and Karaikal Districts	14
Total				1105 Teachers

• Workshops 22 • States 7 • Districts 58



Workshop for Teachers at Chennai



Workshop for Teachers at Puducherry

Resource Materials

The earthian resource materials in printed form were distributed to the participants of the onsite workshops directly. The online workshop attendees were also given on specific request in addition to the soft copies of resource manuals circulated to them. On request from the teams of earthian, multiple copies of resource materials were sent through post/courier to the teachers/schools directly with activity

sheets. The help of coordinating agencies was also sought to distribute thematic manuals through cluster points.

The vernacular versions (Tamil, Telugu and Kannada) of thematic manuals (Water, Biodiversity and Waste) available with CPREEC were also circulated as soft copies through various sharing channels. On specific instances, the vernacular versions of thematic manuals were printed and distributed.

Earthian Project Facilitation Activities

CPREEC designed and rolled out many follow-up activities to strengthen 'project-based learning' in schools of seven states. Special thematic interactions on biodiversity, water and waste management were organised to support guide teachers and students on the conceptual base and real field level application for conservation. Both online and offline methods are employed to reach the students and teachers.

Earthian Experts were invited to give guide talks, special exploratory talks on biodiversity (Insects, birds) water (rain water harvesting, water pollution and conservation) and waste management (composting, vermicomposting, waste management by communities). Open houses were organised to nudge the working teams further to and to clarify the activity base. The project facilitation events were organised at various levels- including school level, cluster level, state level and multi-state interactions.



Project Submissions**Earthian National Entry**

S. No.	State / Union Territory	Districts Covered	Shortlisted Projects	Total projects received
1	Goa South	Goa South	7	37
2	Tamilnadu	Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Thanjavur, Erode & Udagamandalam	18	142
3	Puducherry	Pondicherry, Karaikal	10	47
4	Andhra Pradesh	Representatives of 26 Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Guntur (AP)	18	80
5	Telangana	Hyderabad, Rengareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri & Suryapet	12	38
6	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	South, Middle, North Andaman & Nicobar Islands	16	111
7	Karnataka	Chikabellapur, Belagavi, Tumakuru & Mangaluru	3	16
	Total		84	471

National Awards for CPREEC Network Schools

In the 14th edition of Earthian, CPREEC network states could get only 2 national winners and 4 national shortlisted teams from 84 shortlisted projects. The national winners were awarded in



National Earthian Awards Event on February 22, 2025 at Azim Premji University, Bengaluru.

1. A P Model School, Mahanandhi, Nandyal District, Andhra Pradesh
2. MJPAPBCWR Girls School, Kalikiri, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh

CPREEC printed and distributed Regional Recognition Certificates to the team members and mementos for the school. In an effort to infuse sustainability components in the programs, this year's memento highlighted the IUCN Threatened species, "Nicobar Megapode" printed on canvas.



Regional Recognition Events

Goa

The environmental sustainability education efforts and its impacts vary based on the interest and attitude of teaching and student community. The Earthian teams need to be recognized for their effort in project based learning. The regional winner teams shared their project work and learning for the larger audience in the events organised. The platform of Regional Recognition consolidated the state level efforts of school teams and the collaborating governmental agencies involved.



Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CPREEC has also organised many small supporting events and meets with the district/ state administrations to highlight the Earthian program, in addition to the major 8 regional events. Some of the regional events were hybrid and integrated.



Telangana

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FOOD AND THE ENVIRONMENT – EAT HEALTHY AND GO GREEN

CPREEC with the financial support provided by Karuna Foundation implemented the project in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Odisha. Resource material on **Go Veg – Eat Healthy** in English, was translated into Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Odia and distributed to the participants. The film on **Maa ka Doodh** was screened during the training programmes conducted in the above states to various stakeholders.

The Project Officers of CPREEC gave a brief introduction to the workshop and

gave an overview of the project. **Invited resource persons spoke on the ill effects of dairy farming on the environment leading to environmental hazards, cruel practices involved in dairy farming, use of hormones and antibiotics in animal husbandry and its influence on the health of human beings.**

The Resource Persons highlighted the importance of healthy food habits and its relevance to human life, benefits of practicing vegan diet and consuming plant based diet and avoiding animal-based diet including milk and milk products.

Training Programmes

S. No.	Date	Venue	Target	No. of persons
1.	01.04.2024	Benabharatee Vidyamandir, Bharatpur, Bhubaneswar, Dist-Khordha, Odisha	Women	67
2.	02.04.2024	Government Higher Primary School, Arehahalli, Belur taluk Hassan District, Karnataka	Teachers	56

3.	29.05.2024	Sri T V Venkata -swamy College of Education, Madhugiri, Tumakuru, Karnataka	Teacher Trainees	78
4.	24.06.2024	PVP Sidhartha Engineering College PVP College Campus, Kanuru, Krishna District Andhra Pradesh	Teacher Trainees	27
5.	23.07.2024	Zilla Parishad High School, Mulapadu, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh	Teachers	36
6.	24.07.2024	UppattiPandhalur TalukThe Nilgiris	Women	55
7.	24.07.2024	K.S.R. Zilla Parishad High School, Patamatalanka, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh	Teachers	40
8.	23.11.2024	Shreyas Community Hall, Chalivayal, Gudalur Taluk, The Nilgiris	Women group	48
9.	24.11.2024	Balakrushna Bidyaniketan, Jiginipur, Nichintakoili, Salepur, Cuttack, Odisha	Teachers	111
10.	13.12.2024	MCC Community College, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris	Women trainees	40
11.	05.01.2025	Tangi Sahi, Po-Fasioda, Tahasil – Bolagarh, District – Khordha, Odisha	Women	95
12.	01.02.2025	Jnana Divige Convent, Hagare, Belur Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka	Teachers	56

13.	03.02.2025	Government High School Morigeri, Hagaribommanahalli Taluk, Vijayanagar District Karnataka	Teachers	55
14.	04.02.2025	Government Higher Primary School, K.G.S. Chapparadahalli Hosapete Taluk, Vijayanagar District Karnataka	Teachers	43
15.	02.03.2025	Saraswati Sishu Vidyamandir, Nirakarpur, Dist-Khordha, Odisha	Teachers	70
16.	07.03.2025	Bharati College, Bharati Nagara, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District	Teacher Trainees	49
17.	08.03.2025	Vajrakaya Paramedical College, Maddur, Mandya District, Karnataka	Teachers & women	55
18.	08.03.2025	Thanapally Village, Dist-Khordha, Odisha	Women	55
19.	18.03.2025	Zilla Parishad High School, Mallavolu, Gudur Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh	Teachers	26
20.	27.03.2025	Government Teachers Training Institute (GTTI), Chikkanahalli, Sira Taluk, Tumakuru District, Karnataka	Teacher Trainees	43
	Total			1105



Workshop for Teachers held at K.S.R. Zilla Parishad High School, Patamatalanka, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh



Workshop held at Uppatti, Pandalur Taluk, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu



Participants viewing *Maa Ka Doodh* film during the workshop for Teachers held at Zilla Parishad High School, Mulapadu, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh



Workshop for teachers held at Jnana Divige Convent, Hagare, Belur Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka



Teacher trainees viewing Maa ka Doodh during the workshop held at Government Teachers Training Institute (GTTI), Chikkanahalli, Sira Taluk, Tumakuru District, Karnataka



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VEGAN COOKING WORKSHOPS

S. No.	Date	Venue	Target	No. of persons
1.	22.05.2024	Sree Siddaganga College of Education, Sree Shivakumara Swamiji Road. (B.H Road) Tumakuru -572102 Karnataka	Teacher Trainees	94
2.	08.06.2024	DWACRA Meeting Hall Ramavarappadu, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh	Women	34
3.	10.07.2024	Meeting Hall, Sree Ganesha Temple, Huliyar, Chikkanayakanahalli Tk, Tumakuru District, Karnataka	SHG Women	55
4.	23.07.2024	Gudalur, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	Nursing Students	58
5.	22.12.2024	Arundoya Nagar Nagarika Parishad Sabha Gruha, Cuttack, Odisha.	Men & Women	45
6.	05.03.2025	Vivekanda Sikshyakendra, Saliasahi, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Women	53
7.	09.03.2025	Mani Temple Premises Khan Nagar, Cuttack, Odisha	Women	52
	Total			391



Vegan Cooking Workshop for Women held at DWACRA Meeting Hall, Ramavarappadu, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh



Vegan Cooking Workshop for Nursing Students held at Gudalur, The Nilgiris



Vegan Cooking Workshop held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha

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VEGAN FESTIVALS

CHENNAI

To highlight the importance of **Veganism**, CPREEC had organised the third **Vegan Festival – Let's Go Green** at The Grove School, 1 Eldams Road, Alwarpet, Chennai - 600 018 on **August 24 and 25, 2024**. An advertisement was given in The Times of India on August 23 & 24, 2024. A few students of The Grove School were made to inaugurate the exhibition as the future is on the young people who will bring about a change in the society. Dr. P. Sudhakar interacted with the school students and explained in detail the importance of veganism, healthy eating habits, the cruelties faced by farm animals, etc.

The festival was a grand success. The vegan exhibitors were happy as they could establish contacts and reach a wider cross section of like-minded people. The brands on display were

- ❖ Ajantha KTK Products
- ❖ Cooper Products (India)
- ❖ C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) EIACP – PC – RP
- ❖ Earthen Hue
- ❖ Earth Story
- ❖ Ekolyfe Cafe & Store
- ❖ JK Eco Ventures



- ❖ Kynda Koffee & Flambe Amigos
- ❖ Geetaz'
- ❖ Mukil Traders
- ❖ Only Earth
- ❖ Protivore



- ❖ Raw Earth
- ❖ Soy Vita
- ❖ Taaze'
- ❖ The Nut Project
- ❖ Vijay Sweets
- ❖ Zero Meat Food



There were workshops on Vegan Cooking, Yoga, Pottery, Fabric Painting, Vegan Fashion, etc. Movie **Maa Ka Doodh** was also screened.

Brands on display were

1. Hello Tempeh
2. One Good by Nourishyou
3. Bwise365 by Aishwarya
4. Shailender
5. Yathiraja Natural Products
6. Simi's World
7. Soyvita
8. Vibrant living
9. Future of Fast Food, Weekend cafe
10. Nourirr bites by Mahitha
11. Frostie ice cream
12. Ghar ki Bakery
13. SEED
14. Vegans of Telangana

HYDERABAD, TELANGANA

Further to the resounding success of the First Vegan Festival held on July 22 & 23, 2023 at Hyderabad, CPREEC, Chennai in collaboration with Vibrant Living, Hyderabad organised the Second VEGAN FESTIVAL at Hyderabad on **September 28 and 29, 2024** at First Floor, MPCC Building, State Gallery of Art, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana. Vegans of Telangana and VISVA Sustainable Foundation joined us in organizing the festival.

Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Smt. Amala Akkineni, Shri. Aravind Krishna, Ms. Shobhita Rana and Shri. Shashi Kiran Tikka participated in the inauguration ceremony and addressed the gathering on Saturday, September 28, 2024. They shared their Vegan Journey after the inauguration with the participants.

40+ VENDORS
15+ EVENTS

HYDERABAD VEGAN FESTIVAL
Food. Fitness. Sustainability

2ND EDITION 28TH & 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024
at MPCC Building, State Gallery of Art, 1st Floor, Madhapur, Hyderabad

Event & Workshop Schedule
Food, Fitness, Shopping, Inspire! So much fun day!

Saturday, 28th - Open	Sunday, 29th - Open
10:00 to 12:00pm: Welcome/Greeting & Prayer, Devotional, Inauguration with Sansad/State Emblem, Lighting, Laxmi/Krishna (Madhika Sansa, Sudhakar Talwar)	10:00 to 10:30am: Yoga Workshop by Sankhya Moha and Anur Kishan
10:30 to 11:00am: Yoga Performance by Sankhya Moha	10:30 to 11:00am: Green Movement Strategy by Mahesh
11:00 to 12:00pm: Mindfulness/Workshop using Bhakti and/Or Bhakti by PDDM	11:00 to 11:30am: Environmental Workshop by Shikhar
12:00 to 12:30pm: Address by Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS and Shri. Shashi Kiran Tikka	12:00 to 12:30pm: The Local Vegan Movement: Organizing for Thrive, Thrust, Management by Totia Pan, Anurag
12:30 to 1:00pm: Vegan/Plant Based with Panna Masala by PDDM	12:30 to 1:00pm: Yoga Performance by Anurag
1:00 to 1:30pm: Tea by Sankhya Moha	1:00 to 1:30pm: Green Home Upgrade / Greenwarden: Startups with the Women and Children
1:30 to 2:00pm: Lunch & Shopping/Workshop by Nourishyou	1:30 to 2:00pm: Meet & Inspire by Shikhar
2:00 to 2:30pm: Fitness: Mindfulness by Shikhar Singh	2:00 to 2:30pm: Good morning to Sustainable Devana

FREE ENTRY
For Directions & Queries: 809 609 1111
www.veganfestival.in

Meet and connect with like-minded folks, activists and brands.
Over 40+ unique Exhibitors and Vendors from Foods to Lifestyle Products.

15. Visva Sustainable Foundation and Eco Friendly body essential products by Raja Rajeshwari.
16. Alt Co Baking
17. Safe Bee
18. Bharani Eco friendly vegan groceries
19. Plant Yum
20. UbuntuVerse
21. Vegan chocolates by parinnaya and The Lovin Oven by Arundathi
22. Wah casuals
23. Pranahitha products - Vegan butter
24. Macrame stall by Vidya
25. Vyshnavi and Tasneem (dates with gut) food stall
26. Vikas Food stall (Thinte Ikkade Thinandhi)
27. Soma Sundhar-upcycled Sustainable Products
28. Millies Vegan Kitchen
29. Oat A Latte by Richa
30. Grama Bazaar
31. Vegan meat by Meenakshi Enterprises
32. Sacred Space stall by Nayantara
33. Sustainable bamboo products by Amrutha
34. RR Clay World by Sreeja
35. The Good Binge
36. ShaMini Foods by Sirisha
37. N Cold pressed by Krithika
38. Sobana Eco Basket



City's vegan fest tempts taste buds

MRITIKA BANERJEE | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 28

Everything from butter-milk to biryani went vegan at the State Art Gallery, Madhapur, on Saturday, where the second edition of the Hyderabad Vegan Festival was inaugurated with much fanfare.

The event was attended by about 2,000 people, some accompanied by their pets, enjoying not just the food but also exploring vegan fashion and sustainable living.

"The criteria for veganism include humanism, without humanism, there is no veganism," said organiser Venkat Ratnam, who has been advocating veganism as a part of the work of the C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre. The event was supported by the activist group Vegan for Telangana. The festival is aimed at creating awareness about the environmental effect of livestock farming, which contributes 10 per cent of global greenhouse gas



Vegan food enthusiasts taste the food at stalls during the Vegan Food Festival held for two days at State Art Gallery in Madhapur on Saturday.

- R. PAVAN

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emissions. A standout stall was Vibrant Living, headed by holistic nutritionist Sridevi Jasti, who began this venture in India 15 years ago when vegans, distinct from vegetarians, was

almost unheard of. "I just wanted people to eat more vegetables," Jasti explained. Her stall offered interesting dishes such as Kokum Butter-milk made fives coconut milk, burrata with millet crackers, and millet juwa, which almost melted in the mouth. Jasti, also one of the event's speakers, touched on various aspects of healthy living, including fasting, which has gained prominence recently. According to her, fast-

ing can be done for long periods if done correctly. She also spoke about how body types do not define health. "Being skinny doesn't mean you are eating right or are physically fit. Do not judge people by their weight and shape," she said.

Another stall was set up by a philosophy student Arundhati Kuppala. Once a non-vegetarian, she was inspired to change her lifestyle after witnessing animal cruelty firsthand. A vegan for four years, Arundhati aims to make vegan food affordable and cater to sweet cravings in a healthy vegan way.

"I try to make my bakery items healthy and as protein-rich as possible," she said. Her dishes included curries and pumpkin muffins and vegan chocolate biscuits.

Peanut curd was also a popular item at the festival. A stall by a group of young friends from the vegan community who met at Sudhana Forest, Aarvika, offered vegan smoothie bowls and shakes.

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నమస్తే తెలంగాణ

మానవతా వాదమే పరమ సత్యం: అక్కినేని అమల

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GO VEG PROGRAMME

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) implemented the project Go Veg Programmes in schools with the financial support extended by Humane Society International (HSI) India, in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Odisha through its state and field offices.

CPREEC prepared the resource material **GO VEG** in English and got it translated into Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Odiya (regional languages) for distribution to teachers and school students during the orientation programmes.

CPREEC in collaboration with the State Education Department conducted workshop for teachers.



Workshop for teachers held at Khan Nagar Government High School, Khapuria, Cuttack District, Odisha

Workshop for Teachers

S. No.	Venue	No. of persons
1.	Y V Rao Siddhartha College of Education, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh	65
2.	Khan Nagar Government High School, Khapuria, Cuttack District, Odisha	47
	Total	112

Orientation programme for students

The orientation programme for school students were conducted in coordination with the concerned State Education Department. Prior permission was obtained to conduct the orientation programme for students. The Project Officers explained in detail the importance of kindness to animals, goodness of plant based diet and the health benefits derived

therefrom and the cruelties faced by farm animals. He also discussed the environmental impacts on meat production and the ill effects of consuming meat using PowerPoint presentations. The resource kits were distributed to the students and a drawing competition was organised for the students asking them to draw their imagination towards Kindness to Animals.



Orientation programme for the students of T V R Girls' Higher Secondary School, Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu



Orientation programme for the students of St. Anthony's Middle School, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu

Details of the programmes conducted ...

State	No. of Schools	No. of Students
Tamil Nadu		
Chennai	6	1299
The Nilgiris	11	1251
Karnataka	9	2500
Andhra Pradesh	15	2583
Odisha	13	2500
Total	54	10133



Orientation programme at Maruthi Public School, Tumakuru, Karnataka



Orientation programme for the students of KBC Zilla Parishad High School, Patamata, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh



Students of Binapani Sishumandir, Bolgarh, Khordha District, Odisha with the Resource Material

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TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

CPREEC implemented the project titled **Creation of Geospatial Database of the Sacred Groves in Tamil Nadu and Documentation of their Biodiversity** for the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

Staff members documented the sacred groves in the state of Tamil Nadu, documenting the floral and faunal wealth and prepared GIS map of the sacred grove sites surveyed. A total of 1,025 sacred groves were surveyed throughout the state of Tamil Nadu.

The First Final Draft was submitted to the Tamil Nadu Forest Department. The project was conceived and implemented by Dr. P. Sudhakar as Principal Investigator, Dr. A. Pushparaj as Senior Research Fellow, Mr. S. Sathish as Junior Research Fellow and Mr. R.P. Rakkannan as the Field Assistant and completed the project.



Cities Combating Plastics Entering the Marine Environment (CCP-ME), Port Blair

CPREEC Andaman Field Office implemented the project Cities Combating Plastics Entering the Marine Environment (CCP – ME) in Port Blair with the financial support of GIZ, New Delhi Office.

The closing ceremony – *Swachhata Utsav* – Celebrating the Journey of CleanUpPortBlair since 2021 was held at Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on July 24, 2024.

Senior Officials from GIZ, New Delhi, Officials of the Port Blair Municipal

Corporation, Dr. P. Sudhakar and Shri. A. Gopal of CPREEC participated.

Dr. P. Sudhakar made a presentation of the various activities carried out by CPREEC under Cities Combating Plastics Entering the Marine Environment (CCP-ME), Port Blair.

Panel Discussion on Biodiversity Conservation

Dr. P. Sudhakar participated in a Panel Discussion on **Biodiversity Conservation** during the launch workshop of the United National Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) Centre for Business Leadership on Nature Restoration held at Chennai on **July 31, 2024.**

