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from the **Director's** Desk

I am delighted to announce the successful release of the June issue of ZSI Monthly E-News, representing a significant achievement in our ongoing journey of scientific exploration, discovery, and dissemination. This initiative signifies a new chapter in the Zoological Survey of India's dedication to transparency, outreach. and knowledge sharing. The E-News is designed as a vibrant platform to highlight our accomplishments, showcase ongoing research and exploration, and emphasize the rich diversity of India's fauna. Each edition will act as a window into the relentless efforts of our scientists and researchers nationwide, documenting species, discovering new life forms, and making meaningful contributions to biodiversity conservation. This publication not only showcases our scientific advancements but also demonstrates our commitment to engaging with stakeholders,

academicians, students, and nature enthusiasts. We believe that through such initiatives, the Zoological Survey of India continues to honor its legacy while adapting to the changing demands of contemporary science and society.

It is with great pride and a profound sense of achievement that I announce the successful organization of the Grand Finale of the 110-Hour Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change, which was organized as part of the 110th Foundation Day celebrations of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). This significant event not only represents a historic milestone in our institutional journey but also underscores our steadfast commitment to innovation, youth involvement, and sustainable solutions for the challenges posed by biodiversity and climate change. A total of 105 teams across the country participated in the regional level competition whereas the best of five teams were selected for the Grand Finale

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) commemorated its 110th Foundation Day on 30th June 2025, showcasing a variety of activities that highlight its steadfast commitment to zoology. taxonomy, and wildlife conservation. The ZSI Day celebration took place at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in Newtown, Kolkata. The event was honored by the presence of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, as the chief quest, alongside Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi, IFS, the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the guest of honor. Over 1200 participants attended the 110th ZSI Day celebration, including prominent scientists, Vice-Chancellors from various institutions, professors from colleges and universities, Directors of

National Institutes, conservationists, and members of the general public. The Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav unveiled publications from the Zoological Survey of India and the Botanical Survey of India, including Animal Discoveries-2024 and Plant Discoveries-2024, and presented trophies to the winners of 110-Hour Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change. Two Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were established between ZSI and Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJW School), Indian Army, and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), India. The Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav introduced the Checklist of Indian Fauna Portal 2.0 and the printed version of the Checklist of Indian Fauna 2.0 listing all species across 121 groups found in India. He subsequently inaugurated the Animal Taxonomy Summit-2025 (ATS 2025) and delivered the opening speech. This month, a total of 1532 species of faunal communities have been identified, which includes four new species to science such as one mammal species, one reptile species, one lepidopteran species, and one arachnid species. In addition to these, five species from various faunal communities have been added to the Indian faunal database, comprising one odonate species, one lepidopteran species, one orthopteran species, one arachnid species, and one mammal species.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all the contributors for bringing these achievements. Let us persist in our pursuit of excellence as we advance in our mission to enhance our understanding and protection of the faunal wealth of our nation.

Jai Hind,

Dr. Dhriti Banerjee Director

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Survey tours were conducted to Meghalaya and West Bengal. A total of 551 species of faunal communities belonging to Arachnida, Diptera, Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, Lepidoptera, Mantodea, Mollusca, and Platyhelminthes were identified. A total of two species belonging to Arachnida and Lepidoptera were described new to science. Two genera of Arachnida and Lepidoptera and one species of Orthoptera were recorded for the first time from the country. A total of 52 species of Hemiptera. Hymenoptera, Lepidoptera, Orthoptera, and Platyhelminthes were augmented to National



Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2025

Zoological Collections (NZCs). Identification and Advisory Services were rendered to seven different educational institutions. An awareness rally was conducted on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2025 and International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21st June 2025 at Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah, West Bengal. All officers and staff attended the 110th Foundation Day of the Zoological Survey of India and 110 -Hours Hackathon on 30th June 2025 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal.

North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya

A total of 64 species of faunal communities belonging to Hemiptera, Orthoptera, Odonata, Araneae, Mollusca, Amphibia, and Pisces were identified. A chiropteran species, *Myotis himalaicus* Ruedi, Chakravarty, Saikia & Csorba, 2025, was described as new to science and one chiropteran species, *Tadarida insignis* (Blyth, 1862), was reported for the first time from India. Scientists of the centre rendered Identification and Advisory service to three institutions. Tree plantation drives were conducted at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, NEPA, Barapani and Risa Colony Forest, Shillong on the occasion of World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga respectively. A Hindi workshop was also organized in the office auditorium on use of E-Tools for Hindi on 30th June 2025. A total of 15 students of Diphu Govt. College, Assam visited the Museum of the centre on 6th June 2025.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2025

Western Regional Centre, Pune, Maharashtra

A survey tour was conducted to Raigad district, Maharashtra from 24th to 27th June 2025. A total of 66 species of faunal communities belonging to Araneae, Crustacea, Coleoptera, Diptera, Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, Blattodea, Mollusca, Odonata, and Pisces were identified. Identification and advisory services was rendered to Vanparikshetra Adhikari (Rohayo) Solapur, Maharashtra and ten manuscripts were reviewed by the scientists of the centre during this month. A total of ten DNA barcodes submitted to NCBI. A total of 87 QR codes were generated for the identified specimens of different faunal groups. Level-2 competition on 110-Hours Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation & Climate Change was organized by the centre on 9th June 2025. A total of 550 visitors visited the museum of the centre. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2025



Level-2 competition on 110-Hours Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation & Climate Change

Central Zone Regional Centre, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

A total of 84 species of faunal communities including Orthoptera, Lepidoptera, Hemiptera, Mantodea, Decapoda, and Amphibia were identified. Identification and Advisory Services were rendered to three different institutions. A total of 152 visitors including students from various educational institutions visited the museum of the centre. World Biodiversity Day, World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre during this month.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga



Celebration of World Environment Day

Desert Regional Centre, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

A total of 85 species of faunal communities belonging to Gastropoda, Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, Lepidoptera, and Coleoptera were identified. Identification and Advisory Services were rendered to BGSB University, Rajouri (J&K). A total of 95 visitors including students of Lachoo Memeorial College of Science and Technology, Jodhpur visited the museum of the centre. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



Plantation drive during world Environment Day, 2025

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Celebration of International Yoga Day, 2025

Southern Regional Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

A total of 156 species of faunal communities belonging to Ephemeroptera, Hemiptera, Lepidoptera, Odonata, Psocoptera, Crustacea, Mollusca, Fishes, Amphibia, Reptilia, and Zooplankton were identified. A dragonfly species, Cyclogomphus gynostylus Fraser, 1926 was recorded for the first time in India. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2025

Gangetic Plains Regional Centre, Patna, Bihar

A total of 68 species of faunal communities belonging to Protozoa, Insecta, Mollusca, and Pisces were identified during this month. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre on 5th and 21st June 2025 respectively. A total of 17 manuscripts were reviewed by the scientists of the centre. Prize distribution ceremony for the winners of the ZSI Hackathon 2025 (Level 1) was organized on 5th June 2025.



Public awareness rally conducted by ZSI, GPRC, Patna on 3rd June 2025



Prize distribution ceremony to the winners of Hackathon 2025

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High Altitude Regional Centre, Solan, Himachal **Pradesh**

A total of 79 species of faunal communities belonging to Lepidoptera, Trichoptera, Neuroptera, Orthoptera, Hemiptera, and Pisces were identified. A Ph. D. thesis was reviewed by the scientists of the centre. A total of 09 visitors visited the museum of the centre. Swachhta Pakhwada under the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution" was organized at 14 different locations of Solan district from 1st to 15th June 2025. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



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Glimpses of Swachhta Pakhwada

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Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijay Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Two long-term surveys conducted to Great Nicobar Island during 1st to 30th June 2025; North & Middle Andaman during 18th to 26th June 2025; one survey to Narcondam Island during 1st and 2nd June 2025 to study the Marine and Terrestrial faunal diversity. Three days local survey to Burmanallah, Marina Park, Bada balu, Brichgunj to study the terrestrial fauna and Marine Fauna. A total of 188 species of faunal communities belonging to Aves, Mammalia, Lepidoptera, Odonata, Decapoda, Fishes, Octocorallia, Echinodermata, Mollusca, Platyhelminthes, and Reptilia were identified. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre. Mission LiFE awareness programs were conducted at different locations in South Andaman from 10th to 15th June 2025.

Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2025

Environmental Awareness Rally - World Environment Day 2025

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Narcondam Hornbil



Sunderban Regional Centre, **Canning, West Bengal**

A total of 41 species of faunal communities belonging to Crustacea, Mollusca, and Pisces were identified during this month. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



Emperor Angelfish - Pomacanthus imperator (Bloch, 1787)



Celebration of International Day of Yoga

Freshwater Biology Regional Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana

A survey tour was conducted to Krishna River Basin from 20th to 30th June 2025. A total of 64 species of faunal communities belonging to Fishes, Aquatic Coleoptera, Aquatic Hemiptera, Branchipoda, and Mollusca were identified during this month. One reptile species, described as new to science. A total of 11 DNA sequences were submitted to NCBI. World Environment Day and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre. Mission LiFE and Swachchta Hi Seva Special Campaigns 4.0 were conducted to generate awareness among people.



Pericrocotus cinnamomeus (Linnaeus, 1766)



Petrochelidon fluvicola (Blyth, 1855)

Western Ghats Regional Centre, Kozhikode, Kerala

A total of 120 species of faunal communities belonging to Testate Amoeba, Coleoptera, Hymenoptera, Lepidoptera, Arachnida, Dermaptera, and Pisces were identified. One Identification and advisory service was rendered to Centre for Marine Living Resources & Ecology (CMLRE), Cochin and one manuscript was reviewed by the scientists of the centre. A total of 96 visitors visited the museum of the centre. An awareness program on the critically endangered plant Hopea erosa, which was recently declared as the district tree of Kozhikode district, was conducted for the high school students of Balussery Higher Secondary School. World Environment Day, Swatchatha Pakwada and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



Plantation Drive on the International Yoga Day



Celebration of International Yoga Day, 2025

Estuarine Biology Regional Centre, Gopalpur-On-Sea, Odisha

A total of 131 species of different faunal communities were identified. A total of two DNA barcodes were uploaded in the NCBI. A beach cleanup campaign was organized by the centre at Gopalpur-on-Sea on 2nd June 2025, in connection with the World Environment Day theme, *'Beat Plastic Pollution'*. International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21st June 2025 echoing the message of *"Yoga for One Earth, One Health"*. A training workshop on *"Marine Wildlife, Conservation, Rules and Regulations"* was organized jointly by the centre and Indian Coast Guard Station, Gopalpur-on-Sea on 17th and 18th June 2025.



Beach cleaning By EBRC staff



Training programme for Coast guards

Marine Aquarium And Regional Centre, Digha, West Bengal

Local survey tour was conducted to Hospital Ghat, Mohana, and Udaypur, West Bengal on 14th and 24th June 2025. A total of 38 species of faunal communities belonging to Mollusca, and Nematoda were identified. One manuscript was reviewed by the scientists of the centre. A total of 14908 visitors visited the museum of the centre. World Environment Day, Swachhata Pakhwada and International Day of Yoga were celebrated at the centre.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2025



Celebration of World Environment Day, 2025

New Discoveries New Species



Myotis himalaicus Ruedi, Chakravarty, Saikia & Csorba, 2025



Riopa deccanensis Bhupathi et. al., 2025





Spartaeus karigiri Caleb, Sudhin, Sen & Kadam, 2025

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Tadarida insignis (Blyth, 1862)



Cyclogomphus gynostylus Fraser, 1926

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Meetings Attended

1. Dr. Dhriti Baneriee, Director, ZSI attended a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Vikram University at Uijain regarding the Rajbhasha Sammelan on 4th June 2025; was invited to attend a one-day event celebrating World Environment Day (WED) 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, organized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on 5th June 2025; encouraged to organize an 'Awareness Rally' to raise awareness and action amongst common people for environmental protection from New Alipore campus. engaging participants with banners and placards focused on the theme "Ending global plastic pollution" and felicitated the best three slogan award winners on 5th June 2025; was invited by the Member Secretary of the National Biodiversity Authority to participate in the third meeting of the Expert Committee on Digital Sequence Information (DSI) in Bengaluru on 6th and 7th June 2025 under the light of Target No.13 of Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted in CoP-15; attended the 2nd level competition of the ZSI 110 Hours Hackathon at WRC. Pune on 9th June 2025: attended an online meeting to discuss about the setting up of 'Long-Term Monitoring Plots' in the jurisdiction of ZSI's regional centres on 12th June 2025; delivered the

Keynote Address at the 14th Annual Day Celebration of Kolkata Nivedita Shakti at The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, where the theme was "Stepping into the 15th year: Committed to the Service of Nation through Science and Technology" on 12th June 2025; was invited by the National Biodiversity Authority (an autonomous and statutory body under MoEF&CC) to attend the 'First meeting of the Expert Committee on Normally Traded as Commodities (Fresh water, Brackish water and Marine Biological Resources)' on 16th June 2025 in Hyderabad: was invited to attend the 144th meeting of the Governing Body, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) at Regional Science Centre, Tirupati, by the Secretary of NCSM, (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) on 16th June 2025; was invited to attend the National Workshop on 'Climate Risk Assessment for Effective Wetland Management' hosted by Wetlands International South Asia in Gopalpur, Odisha on 16th and 17th June 2025; participated in the Raibhasha Parliamentary Committee Meeting for MoEF&CC offices at Hotel Tai, Rishikesh on 18th June 2025; was invited to the 33rd meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) - an autonomous institute of MoEF&CC at its Headquarters in Almora, Uttarakhand on 23rd June 2025: was invited in the 114th meeting of the Technical Committee of Central Zoo Authority, as a member, on 24th June 2025 in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) and the Chairperson of Technical Committee. where key topics of deliberation were- a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 113th Meeting of the Technical Committee held on April 16, 2025; b) Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 113th Meeting of the Technical Committee and c) Recommendation of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing in its 117th Meeting held on 20th June, 2025; was invited to attend the meeting of the Working Group of MoEF&CC constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC (Impact Assessmeny Division) for the second National Meet 2025 (themed on "Leveraging Space Technology and Applications for Viksit Bharat 2047" by the Department of Space (DoS) with the participation of all Ministries/ Departments/Organizations) on 25th June, 2025; held a press conference at Kolkata Press Club on 26th June. 2025 to share details of the upcoming Foundation Day celebrations consisting of inauguration of Animal Taxonomy Summit-2025, grand finale of 110-Hour Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change, Workshop on Documentation of Traditional Knowledge Systems in Wildlife Conservation and

Plant-based Animal Health Management and strategic MoU signing, highlighted that the celebration of the 110th Foundation Day of ZSI would commence on 30th June 2025 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata under the gracious presence of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change as the chief guest, also informed that the day would witness the release of the iconic "Animal Discoveries - 2024" along with other publications including "Plant Discoveries - 2024": "Abstract Book: Animal Taxonomic Summit 2025 (English and Hindi)"; "Records of the Zoological Survey of India (Special Issue: ATS 2025)"; "Faunal Diversity Eastern Ghats"; "Faunal Diversity Reports of Chilika Lake"; "Aquatic Biodiversity Hotspots in the Northeastern Region of India (GIZ)"; "Standardization of Scientific Freshwater Fish Sampling Methods (GIZ)"; "Morphology, Molecular Taxonomy and Bionomics of Forensic Flies (Insecta: Diptera) across the different geoclimatic regions of West Bengal" and "The Fauna of India- Hymenoptera: Vespidae (Solitary wasps)". Also, of immense significance would be the release of Version 2.0 of the "Checklist of Fauna of India" listing 105,244 species and subspecies across 121 taxon-wise checklists - from Protists to Mammals: was invited by the Director General of NCSM to attend the inauguration of Rajamahendravaram Science Centre. Andhra Pradesh. On the same day, Dr. Banerjee was also invited to the 4th Meeting of the High-Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) of NIRANTAR (National Institute of Research and Application of Natural Resources to Transform Adapt and Build Resilience), chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of EF&CC, at IGNFA, Dehradun on 26th June, 2025; delivered the welcome address of the Grand Finale of 110 Hours Hackathon at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre on 30th June, 2025 in presence of the dignitaries including Hon'ble Union Minister and other senior officials from the Ministry and five national-level finalists; delivered the welcome address at the "National Workshop on Documentation of Traditional Knowledge Systems in Wildlife Conservation and Plant-based Animal Health Management" and participated in the presentations and open-house discussions that followed on 30th June, 2025; felicitated the Hon'ble Minister, dignitaries, officials, delivered the welcome address and also involved in different key activities including the release of key ZSI publications; presentation of trophies to the winners of Hackathon; exchange of MoUs with CIJW School-Indian Army and IUCN; and launch of the Checklist of Indian Fauna (Version 2.0) on 30th June, 2025.

- 2. Dr. C. Raghunathan, Scientist-F, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata, served as a Member in the interview committee for the recruitment of different scientific posts in GNI project held on 2nd June 2025 at Port Blair: attended the 2nd level of Hackathon on biodiversity conservation held at WRC-ZSI. Pune on 9th June 2025 and delivered a brief lecture on biodiversity and climate change; served as a Chairman for evaluation of service of photographer under establishment matter held on 11th June 2025; attended the NIRANTAR meeting on 17th June 2025 organized by MoEFCC on virtual mode; attended the meeting on Harit Yoga 2025 preparation chaired by Hon'ble Minister of MoEFCC on 18th June 2025; served as an Organizing Secretary in Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change organized by ZSI on 30th June 2025; served as an Organizing Secretary in Animal Taxonomy Summit 2025 organized by ZSI on 30th June 2025
- 3. Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Scientist- F, ZSI/ANRC, Sri Vijav Puram, attended meeting and delivered the proposed workshop under the Great Nicobar Projects under the Chairmanship of PCCF 7th June 2025; attended meeting with officials of US Consulate General, Chennai on 11th June 2025 in connection with the visit of US Consulate General to Port Blair in the month of November 2025: attended meeting with Prof. S. Kannan, Chairman, Energy, Environmental Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 16th June 2025 in connection with the proposed activities with MKU and ZSI as a part of MoU; attended meeting with the District Collector, Ramanathapuram in connection with the allotment of land for MBRC at Ramanathapuram district on 18th June, 2025: attended meeting with the officials of Fisherman communities and PRI. Rameswaram in connection with the seaweed cultivation on 18th June 2025; attended meeting of the Airfield monitoring committee on 25th June 2025 at Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation, A & N Administration; attended meeting with Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration in connection with the proposed training workshop sponsored by MoEF&CC under Forestry & Training (Other Stakeholders) on 26th June, 2025; attended meeting under the Chairmanship of PCCF in connection with the facilitation of research institution at Great Nicobar Island on 27th June 2025.
- Dr. K. A. Subramanian, Scientist F, ZSI/SRC, Chennai, attended Ph.D. Research Advisory Committee meeting, Dept. of Zoology, Sikkim University, Gangtok; attended Ph.D. Research Advisory Committee meeting, IISER, Pune.

- Dr. V.D. Hegde, Scientist-F, ZSI/WGRC, Kozhikode, attended an online meeting with MoEF & CC, New Delhi on 13th June 2025 regarding Discussion on Swacchata Pakhwada 2025.
- 6. Dr. Indu Sharma, Scientist-F, ZSI/DRC, Jodhpure, participated in the 15th State Wildlife Board Meeting on 23rd June 2025 through online mode, chaired by Honourable Chief Minister Sh. Bhajan Lal Sharma and other delegates organized by Ms. Shikha Mehra PCCF&CWLW, Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- 7. Dr. Avtar Kaur Sidhu, Scientist-F, ZSI/HARC, Solan, attended online meeting on ATS 2025 & 110 Hrs Hackathon with DZSI and technical Committee on 11th June 2025; attended online meeting to discuss the setting up of 'Long Term Monitoring Plots' in the jurisdiction of regional centers of ZSI with HQs Kolkata on 12th June 2025; attended NARAKAS meeting on Hindi Rajbhasha as HOO of ZSI, Solan at Mushroom Research Centre on 19th June 2025.
- 8. Dr. Basudev Tripathy, Scientist-E, ZSI/WRC, Pune, attended meeting and field visit related to project "Impact assessment on the fauna around the proposed Shree Jagannath International Airport (SJIA) at Puri, with special reference to dolphin, sea turtles & migratory birds of Chilika" from 1st to 4th June 2025.
- Dr. Souvik Sen, Scientist E, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata, attended a review meeting of NIRANTAR institutes under the chairmanship of DIGF (RT), MoEF&CC on 17th June 2025; attended a VC meeting under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Union Minister, EF &CC on 18th June 2025.
- Dr. P. S. Bhatnagar, Scientist-E, ZSI/CZRC, Jabalpur attended 20th Young Scientist Congress-2025, as an expert, organized by Sant Gahira Vishwavidyalaya, Sarguja Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh on 27th June 2025.
- 11. Dr. Aparna S. Kalawate, Scientist-E, ZSI/WRC, Pune, attended an online meeting on Tiger beetle conservation organized by David Pearson, USA on 15th June 2025; attended a meeting along with Dr. Rita Deb, Assistant Zoologist regarding the International Yoga Day celebration organized by the MoEFCC under the chairmanship of Honorable Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Singh Yadav, HMEFCC on 18th June 2025.
- 12. Dr. J.S. Yogesh Kumar, Scientist- E, ZSI/SbRC, Canning, attended the meeting regarding Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 along with Dr. Prabhakar Rai, Scientist- C, hosted by MoEFCC on 13th June 2025; attended online meeting along with Dr. Prabhakar Rai, Scientist- C, regarding "Migration from NPS to UPS" under chairmanship of Deputy Controller of Accounts on 17th June 2025.

- 13. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Scientist E, ZSI/MARC, Digha, attended and participated Swachhata Pakhwada online meeting organised by MoFECC, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 1st June 2025; attended an online meeting on Swachhta Pakhwada organised by MoFECC, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 13th June 2025; attended a meeting for observance of International Yoga Day 2025, organised by MoFECC, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 21st June 2025.
- Dr. N. Marimuthu, Scientist-E, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata, attended an online meeting, as a Technical Advisory committee member, Mangrove Cell, SPMU Maharashtra, on current progress on Coral restoration under the GCF ECRICC project in Maharashtra and provided suggestions on their restoration model on 27th June 2025.
- 20. Dr. Muhamed Jafer Palot, Scientist-C, ZSI/WGRC, project in Maharashtra and provided suggestions on Kozhikode, participated in the National Seminar on 'Bird Monitoring through Citizen Science - A decade of 15. Dr. P. C. Pathania, Scientist-E, ZSI/HARC, Solan, attended Transformation' on 14th and 15th June 2025 at the Central an online one-day seminar on 'Marine Biodiversity and Auditorium, Kerala Agricultural University, Mannuthy, Sustainable Development' on 3rd June 2025, which Thrissur, organised by Indian Bird Conservation featured lectures by Dr. Ramakrishna (Former Director) Network and Kerala Forest Department: attended an Dr. T. Ganesh (Associate Professor, Pondicherry online meeting in connection with the progress of University), and Dr. P.S. Easa (Former Director, KFRI, Celebration of Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 on 13th June Kerala) organised by ANRC, ZSI, Port Blair (Andaman and 2025, convened by the Additional Director, Ministry of Nicobar Islands). Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi,
- 16. Mrs. Jennifer Lyngdoh, Scientist-E, ZSI/NERC, Shillong, attended discussion meeting regarding Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 chaired by Ms. Rina Khanna, Adviser, MoEF&CC on 13th June 2025; attended a meeting regarding the observation of the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025 Chaired by the Hon"ble Minister MoEF&CC on 18th June 2025; attended a meeting to review the Status of outstanding Audit paras, chaired by Ms. Nameeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, on 20th June, 2025; attended the Hindi Half-Yearly meeting of NARAKAS at Assam Rifles, Shillong, organized by the DG, Assam Rifles, Shillong on 23rd June 2025.
- 17. Dr. Rahul Joshi, Scientist- D, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata, attended online meeting on 2nd June 2025 with BHEI regarding attended preparation of Hindi Inspection at Dehardun; attended Parliamentary Committee meeting on Official language at Rishikesh on 18th June 2025 regarding inspection of NRC Dehradun.
- Dr. Tamal Mondal, Scientist- D, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata attended meetings in relation to ATS 2025 and Hackathon during June 2025; attended a meeting related to establishment of Long Term Permanent Monitoring Plots on 12th June 2025; attended a meeting in connection with the organization of Harit Yoga on 18th June 2025 under the Chairmanship of HMMoEFCC & HMSMoEFCC;

participated in World Environment Day rally on 5th June 2025; participated in the celebration of Harit Yoga as part of 11th International Yoga Day on 21st June 2025 at Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden; attended 110th ZSI Day celebration at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre on 30th June 2025.

 Dr. S.S. Talmale, Scientist-C, ZSI/WRC, Pune, attended auction committee meeting as outside Gazetted Officer member at Quality Control Cell, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, food & Public Distribution, Kendriya Sadan, Pune on 12th June 2025.

- Dr. Sandeep Kushwaha, Scientist-C, ZSI/CZRC, Jabalpur, attended meeting with Vice Chancellor, Vikram University, Ujjain on 03rd June 2025; attended Rajbansha karyashala on 4th June 2025 at Vikram University, Ujjain.
- 22. Dr. Prabhakar Rai, Scientist- C, ZSI/SbRC, Canning, attended online meeting regarding International Yoga Day celebration hosted by MoEFCC on 18th June 2025.
- 23. All women officers and staff of ZSI/CZRC, Jabalpur attended the Women's Workplace Sexual harassment committee meeting held on 24th June 2025 at Jabalpur.

Trainings Organized

 ZSI/ANRC, Sri Vijaya Puram, oraganised Capacity Building Workshop on Biodiversity of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands at RGT Public Vidyalaya on the theme "Connecting Students to Nature through Creative and Fun Learning" to 50 students representing various schools, from Classes V to IX, on 20th June 2025; organised two Capacity Building Programmes on 19th and 21st June 2025, in collaboration with MAA Foundation and Mahila Mandal to 35 students of Class V to Class XII and 10 teachers on 19th June 2025 and to 20 students of Class VII to Class XI attended on 21st June 2025; organised two day Capacity Building Programme on "Sustainable Fishing Practices: Balancing

Conservation and Livelihoods" during 23rd and 24th June 2025 in collaboration with the Directorate of Fisheries, was conducted at Junglighat and Panighat, South Andaman.

- 2. ZSI/SRC, Chennai, organized one-month internship training programme for 55 students from various colleges affiliated with the University of Madras, Chennai, and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul; organized a training programme jointly with ZSI/MBRC, Chennai on "Data Insights with Python and R Tools".
- 3. ZSI/MARC, Digha, organized two-days hands on training programme on "Identification of Mollusca" for Ph.D. Research Scholars of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University, Ranchi and Sidu Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka on 23rd and 24th June 2025; organized oneday seminar entitled "Ending Plastic Pollution" on the commemoration of World Environment Day 2025 for 40 students Ramnagar College on 5th June 2025.

Trainings Attended

- 1. Dr. Basudev Tripathy, Scientist-E, ZSI/WRC, Pune, along with Dr. Rita Deb, Assistant Zoologist, attended a training on process the NPS to UPS conversion organized by Ministry of Finance, PFMS Division on 6th and 17th June 2025.
- 2. Dr. Prabhakar Rai, Scientist- C, ZSI/SbRC, Canning, participated online training on "Rollout of UPS in EIS mode" the program hosted by PFARD on 16th June 2025.
- 3. Dr. Aditya Kapil Valiveti, Scientist-C, ZSI/MARC, Digha, attended and participated one e-learning session entitled "Restoring Aquatic Ecosystem to Improve Human Health and Well-being" conducted by US-EPA, Healthy and Resilient Communities Research Webinar Series on 10th June 2025.
- Officers and staff of CZRC, Jabalpur attended the Two Days Rajbasha Scientific Workshop on 31st May and 1st June 2025.

Lectures Delivered

- 1. Dr. V.D. Hegde, Scientist-F, ZSI/WGRC, Kozhikode, delivered the keynote address during the yoga day celebration conducted in collaboration with the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 2. Dr. Basudev Tripathy, Scientist-E, ZSI/WRC, Pune, delivered talk on "A half Century turtle conservation in Odisha- where are we? - An analysis of economic greed and ecological loss" as guest speaker in the Webinar

UTOPIA season 7 (steps towards a utopic World) on 21st June, 2025.

- 3. Dr. P. S. Bhatnagar, Scientist-E, ZSI/CZRC, Jabalpur, delivered a lecture in Vijayashree group of institution on combating plastic pollution under World Environment Day on 4th June 2025.
- 4. Dr. Anil Mohapatra, Scientist-E, ZSI/EBRC, Gopalpur, delivered two lectures on "Wildlife, Laws and Regulations" and "Conservation and management of marine fauna of India with reference to Wildlife Protection Act, 2022" in the training programme for Coast guards on Marine Wildlife, Conservation, Rules and Regulations on 17th June 2025.
- 5. Dr. J.S. Yogesh Kumar, Scientist E, ZSI/SbRC, Canning, delivered a lecture entitled "Coral reef ecosystem in India: treats. Conservation and restoration" on 3rd June, 2025, hosted by Sathyabama University under World Environment Day 2025: delivered a lecture entitled "Importance of Coral Reef Ecosystem in Marine *Biodiversity*" on 11th June 2025, hosted by Department of Marine Biotechnology, AMET University, Chennai under World Ocean Day 2025.
- 6. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Scientist E, ZSI/MARC, Digha, delivered the introduction remarks under theme of on "Ending Plastic Pollution," organized by ZSI, MARC, Digha on 5th June 2025.
- 7. Dr. P. C. Pathania, Scientist-E, ZSI/HARC, Solan, delivered an Invited Lecture on the topic "Insect Biodiversity in Crisis: Ecosystem Roles and the Urgent Need for their *Conservation*" in the 12th HSCA International Conference on Sustainable Materials and Bio-Resource integration: Bridging Technology & Traditional Knowledge at HFRI, Shimla on dated 14th June 2025
- 8 Dr. N. Marimuthu, Scientist-E, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata, delivered a lecture entitled, "Validation methods involved in coral reef habitat management" to the young researchers (10 members from various research institutes) at OMCAR Palk Bay Centre, OMCAR Foundation, Velivayal, Pattukkottai 614701, Thanjavur, Tamail Nadu on 14th June 2025.
- 9. Dr. Rahul Joshi, Scientist- D, ZSI/HQ, Kolkata, delivered a lecture in Hindi on "भारत से शलभों (शलकपंखी) की वविधिता: एक झलक" in Hindi workshop organized by Geological Survey of India on 23rd June 2025.
- 10. Dr. Muhamed Jafer Palot, Scientist-C, ZSI/WGRC, Kozhikode, delivered a key note address - 'Biodiversity and environmental degradation in Kerala- A simple *Overview* in the meeting of Environmental Sustainability

- Rotary Action Group (ERSAG Meet-2025) of Rotary 13. Shri Sreejith S. Kumar, Assistant Zoologist, ZSI/WGRC, International - Kozhikode district on 5th June 2025 at Kozhikode, was invited as the chief quest for the World Taj Gateway Hotel, Kozhikode in connection with the Environment Day programme and delivered a talk on celebration of World Environment Day. 'Guardians of Nature: Kozhikode's Official District Biota: Exploring the role of designated species in conservation 11. Dr. Sandeep Kushwaha, Scientist-C, ZSI/CZRC, Jabalpur, and community identity' for the Zoology students of St. delivered a lecture at the Grenadiers Regiment Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur, on 23rd June Jabalpur (Motto: Sarvada Shaktishali) for renovation of 2025. preservation of tiger skins on 10th June 2025.
- 14. Dr. Ashis Kumar Das, Project Scientist-I, Mr. Sandeep 12. Dr. V. M. Sathish Kumar, Scientist-C, ZSI/GPRC, Patna, Kumar Mohapatra, SRF and Ms. Smrutirekha Acharya, delivered a lecture on "Bevond Reduce, Reuse & SRF, ZSI/EBRC, Gopalpur, delivered lectures on "Olive Recycle: From Pollution to Solution - Reimagining a Ridley sea turtle conservation in Odisha", "Coastal Birds Plastic-Free Planet!" An introductory talk about the and their Conservation" and "Bio fouling" respectively ZSI Hackathon, Taxonomy and World Environment Day on 17th June 2025 in the training programme for Coast 2025 theme (WED-2025), held at the ZSI, GPRC, Patna guards on "Marine Wildlife, Conservation, Rules and on 05th June 2025; delivered a lecture on "Yoga Unites. Regulations". One Earth, One Health" on the occasion of International Yoga Day at ZSI, GPRC, Patna on 20th June 2025.

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Celebration of 110th Foundation Day of ZSI



Welcome Address by Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, ZSI on 110th Foundation Day of ZSI



Inauguration Address by Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav, MoEFCC on 110th Foundation Day of ZSI



Address by Shri S.K. Awasthi, IFS, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC on 110th Foundation Day of ZSI



Address by Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav, MoEFCC during Grand Finale of 110 Hours of Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation & Climate Change



Distribution of 1st Prize by Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav, MoEFCC during Grand Finale of 110 Hours of Hackathon on Biodiversity Conservation & Climate Change





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