



B.N.M. Institute of Technology



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The main awareness programs undertaken by the members of the club every semester include:

- Tree Planting
- Bring Back Sparrows
- Campaigns & Awareness Programs For Forest & Wildlife Protection
- Use of Recycled Papers
- Save The Tiger To Save Water For The Next Generation
- Reduce - Recycle - Reuse - Refuse - Plastic Products
- Use Clay Ganesha - Avoid Chemically Painted Ganesha
- Stop The Crackers - To Avoid Air And Sound Pollution
- Adopt A Stray Dog To Help Control Street Dog Menace
- Encourage Backyard Composting & Promote Organic Farming

BNM FRIENDS OF NATURE CLUB established in 1995 believes that an understanding of nature will give each individual a better perspective of the world as well as himself. The awareness about the present status of the environment has become very important in view of the precarious situation due to pollution, deforestation, Global Warming, Ozone layer depletion, consequent major changes in climatic conditions, erratic monsoon and the consequent floods and Drought would make healthy life on earth next to impossible.

The Nature club believes that nature teaches life's lessons in its own subtle ways and enables our youth to share their responsibilities in maintaining a healthy environment and to take steps to avoid environmental degradation in their individual capacity as well as in a group.

Mission Sustainability Statement:

"At our College we seek to live, work, and play in such a way that we enhance the environmental, economic, and social well-being of our communities, minimize use of natural resources and reduce its impact on our environment. Educate ourselves and others about the duties and responsibilities of citizens to ensure sustainable development for the future generation."

To achieve this we believe one needs to collectively and individually think, act, and interact to encourage change in the students' outlook and to take initiatives and organise campaigns to achieve its objectives.

The Club's VISION is to:

- * Develop service-oriented activities which integrate environmental and social concerns and to take action on such issues.
- * Integrate discussions for sustainable Environment into the curriculum.
- * Reach out to alumni and friends of the College who can act as resources for our endeavors.
- * Provide programs and arrange speakers which will motivate the community in general and the students in particular.
- * Provide a platform for the student members of the club to participate in its Nature awareness and social activities.

The club is led by Sri Narayan Rao R Maanay, secretary BNMIT and has about 450 student members. First and foremost, they are taught about the importance of our environment and its conservation, awareness about their responsibilities and knowledge of the flora and fauna. They are exposed to Environmental Awareness Programs, Tree Planting, Bird Watching field trips & Bi-annual wilderness Camping Trips and team building activities through adventure sports of Para Sailing, rappelling, Trekking, water sports, etc. along with regular audio visual programs and talks with screening of Green Oscar Award winning films & documentaries of Wild Life Conservation and Environment Protection.

Most of the birds are going away from the city as in the name of development; thousands of trees have been cut everyday to broaden the roads. Hence this club has installed a number of NESTING BOXES along with BIRD FEEDERS to give the birds a safe place to live and breed.

The seminar hall is fully equipped with multimedia projection systems for very effective utilization in seminars, workshops, and Nature club activities.

The college has a computerized and fully automated user friendly library having books on Nature Conservation, Environment, & Wildlife.

The club also has its own state of the art Digital Editing studio which is being used to edit the videos shot during the camping trips.

The admission to the nature club is based on the performance of the student in the entrance Test. Here the student is tested for his interest in Wild life Conservation and Environmental Awareness as well as knowledge of Flora and Fauna.

The College is already using 100% of its requirement of manure from its Compost Yard. The College has worked to develop a functioning and manageable recycling program and promote recycling by Conducting National Level Workshops. The campus encourages Rain water harvesting.

A bi-annual excursion of 5 days to places like, BANDIPUR, MUDHUMALAI, MUTHODI (BHADRA), Biligiri Ranga HILLS, NAGARAHOLE, YANA, SHARAVATHY RIVER VALLEY, AVALANCHE near OOTY, etc. is the most awaited event of the year.

Activities such as Moon Light Trekking, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, River Crossing, Gorge walking, Kayaking, Rafting, Jungle safari and stay in Anti Poaching Camps etc are conducted during the trips to help the members in overcoming inhibitions & fear and at the same time enhance team building and interpersonal skills.

The members are also encouraged to do wild life photography & essay writing on the wild life and environment Conservation.

The club introduces the student members to the art of creative, Nature and wildlife photography and to capture the beautiful moments with the able guidance of Prof. Eishwar. N. Maanay, where the members are also taught technology involved in photography at BNMIT's exclusive editing studio to edit the photos and videos with the help of latest technology.

The nature club gives most of the students an opportunity to break free from their daily routine and experience life in the simplicity and splendor of mother Earth.

The major and satisfying achievement of the "Nature club" as well as the other units like cultural forum "Kala Bhageerathi", the Sports association as well as the other associations is that the participants have an outstanding record in their Academics improving from first class to First class with Distinctions and more. This has virtually quashed the common belief that students are distracted from their studies by taking part in extracurricular activities as felt by many parents.

BNM believes that the students in this age group are bubbling with energy and need to relax as they cannot be studying all the time. If they are not engaged in these productive activities to use their spare time and spend their energy, there is every possibility that they would use the same for unapproved activities.

BNM friends of Nature Club Bi-Annual Camping Trips



Nature Club Members at the peak of Himavad Gopalswamy Temple, Gundlupet, Mysuru



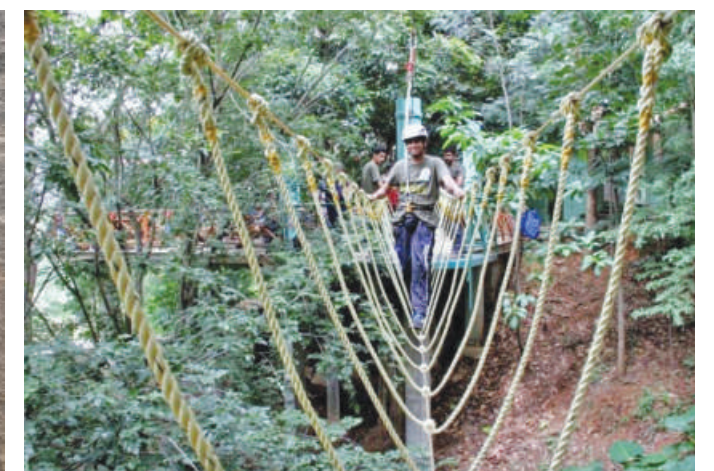
Nature Club Members at Avalanche near Ooty



Trekking Team at Bandipur Tiger Reserve



Rappelling at Avalanche camp



Burma Bridge Crossing



Team Building & Adventure Activities



Instruction to do kayaking, building confidence among the students



White water Rafting at Kali River, Dandeli



Trekking in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve



Dodda Sampige Mara, Biligiri Ranganatha Tiger Reserve



Misty Morning at Gopalaswamy Temple range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve



Trekking to Anti-Poaching camp at Bandipur

Walkathon organized for wild life protection & conservation.



SRISHTI SAMBHRAMA

The Earth Mother festival - an insight in to our Natural Heritage



BNM Institute of Technology and Heritage, a non profit organisation, celebrated an annual event

SRISHTI SAMBHRAMA, The Earth Mother festival. This festival presents an insight into our Natural Heritage. Each year we focus on one aspect of Mother Nature and this year the focus is on “Sacred Earth”.

The previous year's subjects were Sacred Trees in 2012, Sacred Animals in 2013, Sacred Mountains in 2014, Sacred Water in 2015, Sacred Earth in 2016, Sacred Flowers in 2017, Sacred Earth in 2018 and Earth Our only Home in 2019. In 2020, a virtual global celebration was conducted during wild-life week from 1st to 4th of October 2020. In 2023, the event was conducted on 7th February 2023. This year's Theme was “Sacred Cows”

The festival included screening of documentaries and inter-active talks with renowned scholars, scientists and environmentalists and inter-collegiate Quiz competition.

Every year people with an excellent achievement in the field of conservation of the environment & protection of wildlife and conservation of water and have displayed an outstanding level of motivation, enthusiasm and leadership qualities with a relentless effort to realize their responsibility as an Earth Warrior, who have gone beyond their call of duty are recognized and honored with the title “**PRAKRUTHI MITHRA**” with a citation.

The objective of the event is to bring an understanding of the relation between us and our environment and the impact the imbalance in Nature will have on mankind. We are also delving into our traditional knowledge systems to bring out the wisdom of our ancients in relation to environment and ecology. We hope to create awareness in our society and a sense of responsibility at the individual level towards a healthy environment and the imminent need for it.



Srishti Sambhrama the Earth Mother festival was inaugurated by His Excellency Sri. Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, Governor of KARNATAKA by lighting the lamp and he also opened an Exhibition of Indian flora and fauna by 12 of the top international photographers and wild life film makers coming under one roof for the first time, screening of extra ordinary films on wildlife, interactive sessions with conservationists, naturalists and artists and an intercollegiate Debate & Quiz contest.



Smt. Tulsi Gowda – Green Warrior

Smt. Tulsi Gowda has walked on the foot prints of Saalu Marada Thimmakka and gone a step ahead. She belongs to Honnali Village, Ankola taluk of Karwar District. She has single handedly planted more than one lakh saplings over the last several decades and nurtured them. Recognizing her passion for plants, the department of forest, Government of Karnataka employed her to look after the departmental nurseries, which she has carried out with great zeal.

She has confronted poachers and put out forest fires too. She has had no formal schooling but has set a fitting example for all Green warriors to follow.

His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka has honoured her with the prestigious “**PRAKRITI MITRA**” award in recognition of her services towards the environment on this Friday, the 26th September, 2014 at BNMIT Campus.



Smt. Saalu Marada Thimmakka Planting Saplings at BNMIT Campus

Best Moments of Nature Club Activities



BNM Friends of Nature Club in Media

ADVENTURE STREAK

Danger lurking under water

Deccan Herald

Ignoring safety measures while holidaying near water bodies can have fatal repercussions

With Christmas and semester vacations around the corner, youngsters in the City are chalking out exciting and adventurous holiday plans. They have plenty of recreational activities like hiking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, kayaking, camping and fishing to choose from. In the State, there are many coastal areas and places like Shimoga, Karwar and Chikmagalur that youngsters like going to. Even the neighbouring states of Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala have a lot of scope for adventure tourism.

However, every year, a lot of deaths are reported from such places too. A number of times, these deaths occur due to the negligence of the victims. Many youngsters get carried away by the beauty of a picturesque spot and tend to overlook safety issues. "Of late, the idea of holidays has shifted to quality-of-life experiences and sports-related trips. Every year, I too go on recreational trips with my friends to waterfalls, beaches, mountains and hill stations. We engage in adventure sports. But we never cross our limits and always take the help of local guides who are experts in rescue operations. When I hear about cases of drowning, I feel very sad," says Anirudh Kallur, a software engineer.

While some youngsters visit such places taking all the necessary precautions, many go on a holiday with no prior knowledge of the spot they are going to and the dangers involved. "Beaches, falls and



WELL-PREPARED People vacationing near water bodies need to make sure that they are equipped with the proper safety gear.

mountains appear picturesque but once you get there, the rocks might be slippery and the water might suddenly go deep. So one should take utmost care. I think some youngsters are unable to control their excitement and start showing off their heroic skills in front of others and this results in a tragedy. Also, when youngsters go on such trips with their friends, they should keep their local guardians informed about their activities. In many tourist spots, the au-

thorities have put instructions warning people not to climb the retaining wall, metal railings or go beyond a certain point. Most youngsters fail to heed warnings about safety concerns, which should not be the case," says Prathyay Bhandarkar, another software professional who loves nature and adventure.

So if you are planning to go on any sort of adventure trip, make sure that all your team members are committed to follow safety instructions and

equipped with appropriate safety gear. "As part of the 'BNM Nature Club', every year we go on excursions with nearly 60 students. Before taking students to the spot, we examine the place. We make it mandatory for all the students to wear life jackets and use airtight tubes during water sports. We encourage students to go for river rafting, kayaking and diving. But we make sure at least two local guides are present for supervision. If we say 'no' to a particular activity, a student has to obey. A person might be a good swimmer but he or she may not be trained to deal with sudden rainstorms and deadly whirlpools which are common in natural water bodies. So it is better to contact clubs which are dedicated to such activities and take part in trips organised by them," says Shesha Prasad, a



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EARTH DAY



Students of BNMIT form a human chain to raise awareness.

All for a cause

Celebrating the 'World Earth Day' in a unique way, at least 200 students and 40 staff members of BNMIT College pushed 35 bikes backwards. The reason behind such a move was to make Bangaloreans aware about the carbon emissions from vehicles and protect our fragile planet from pollution.

It was a rare sight wherein students, who are generally fond of speed and bikes, were instead seen pushing these two-wheelers backwards. One student was seated on the bike while a group of four to five students helped him push it backwards. Students from all the departments of the college actively participated in this one-of-a-kind movement.

BNMIT, along with 'Centre for Social Markets', 'Sanctuary Asia', 'Earth Day Network' came together for an action-charged movement of spreading awareness that the vehicles are responsible for rise in the carbon emissions and the City's climate change.

It was a big moment for us because no other college has organised such an event before. I hope this movement makes people aware about the pollution which vehicles are causing."

TEJAS AHOBALA

With the slogan 'Burn fat, not fuel', the rally began from the BNMIT College and covered Banashankari Post Office as well as supportive gesture. But do these students think that their hard work will pay? Sujay D.S, a final-year student said, "We need a proper platform to inform people about the pollution. Slowly people will start caring about nature."

At the end of the day, the students pledged that they would keep the promise that they had made about saving

the earth.

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Dr. Kamal Bawa, Founder President, ATREE being shown around the Wild Life Photography Exhibition by Sri.T.N.A Perumal, Doyen of Wild Life Photography. Also seen Sri. Narayan Rao R Maanay, Secretary, BNMIT.

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