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LIGHT TO KNOWLEDGE

ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

On

Importance of Insects in Sustainable Ecological Balance

25/11/2025

Organised by

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

In

CO-ORDINATION WITH IQAC

Venue

COLLEGE SEMINAR HALL

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About Our Speakers



Dr. Sarath Pullyottum Kavil is a Marie Curie Post doctoral researcher at Department of Geological Sciences (IGV), Stockholm University. He primarily focusing on marine and terrestrial biogeochemistry. He is also working on submarine groundwater discharge in Arctic settings and marine silicate alterations.



Dr. Seena Narayanan Karimbunkara is a Senior Research Associate at the Insect Biosystematics and Conservation Laboratory at ATREE, Bangalore. She has discovered ten new species of dung beetles and has also worked on restoration projects looking at the diversity of insects in the grasslands of grazing commons and also on the aquatic macroinvertebrates in restored lakes.



Dr Shameer K.S. is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland. He has developed the first food web depiction of the plant-herbivore-parasitoids community in coconut and date palm plantations. His approach using trophic web analysis to predict pest management consequences of crop biodiversity helps in crop diversification, biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture.



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Dear Sir/Madam

We proudly announce that the Department of Zoology is organizing a one-day International Seminar on “**Importance of Insects in Sustainable Ecological Balance**” on November 25, 2025 at the College Seminar Hall. The Principal, Head of the Department and members of the Organizing Committee invite you to participate in the seminar and make it a grand success.

With warm regards,

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Programme

10.00 am

Welcome

Presidential Address

Inauguration & Keynote Address

Felicitation

Vote of Thanks

: Inaugural Session

: Dr. K.M. Gopinathan

Head of the Department of Zoology
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: Mrs. Saranya Vijayan

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: Dr. Sarpras M

Convenor

Tea break

Technical Session - I

11.00 am

Introduction of resource person: Dr. Sarpras M

Faculty Member, Department of Zoology

Presentation

: Dr. Sarath Pullyottum Kavil

Marie Curie Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Geological Sciences
Stockholm University, Sweden.

“Climate change and its effects on Ecosystems”

Introduction of resource person: Mrs. Seena Balachandran

Faculty Member, Department of Zoology

Presentation

: Dr. Seena Narayanan

Senior Research Associate
Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and
the Environment (ATREE), Bangalore.

“In to the world of Insects”

Interaction with Students

Lunch Break

Technical Session – II

2.30 pm

Introduction of resource person: Mrs. Nisha KV

Faculty Member, Department of Zoology

Presentation

: Dr. Shameer KS

Postdoctoral Researcher
University of Helsinki, Finland

**“Ecological communities, intercropping and trophic webs:
analysis and interpretation for agroecosystems”**

Interaction with Students

Summing up

: Mr. Abhishek Buxi

Faculty Member
Department of Zoology