

Goa University
School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology
Report on Circle of Life Competitions
5th December 2025

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Circle of Life – Nature club launch
2. Date and Time	5 th December 2025
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Zoology
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	—
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	—
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	6 faculty
8. Number of Student attended / participated	72 students of MSc. Zoology
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	--
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	<p>The event Circle of Life was organised to launch the Nature Club and promote environmental awareness among students. The objectives were to:</p> <p>Foster appreciation for nature and encourage responsible environmental behaviour.</p> <p>Engage students in creative and conservation-focused activities.</p> <p>Introduce the aims of the Nature Club,</p>

	<p>including promoting sustainability, integrating traditional ecological knowledge, and building leadership and teamwork.</p> <p>Encourage active participation in discussions, outreach, and future conservation initiatives.</p>
<p>11. Description of the Program/activity/event</p>	<p>The Circle of Life event marked the enthusiastic commencement of the Nature Club, bringing together Part I and Part II Zoology students along with research scholars. The event featured a vibrant series of competitions and activities aimed at fostering creativity, scientific appreciation, and environmental awareness.</p> <p>A large number of entries were received across all competitions, reflecting the keen interest and active participation of the students. The activities included- Macrophotography Competition</p> <p>Participants showcased their skills in capturing intricate details of flora and fauna. The winners were</p> <p>1st Place: Sagar Naik 2nd Place: Ankush Sahani 3rd Place: Joel Fernandes 4th Place: Anush Naik 5th Place: Om Kurpaskar 6th Place: Braydon Dias</p> <p>Aquarium Tank Painting Competition</p> <p>Students creatively expressed themes related to aquatic life and ecosystem aesthetics.</p> <p>1st Place: Vandita Kambli 2nd Place: Atharva Naik</p> <p>Logo Designing Competition</p> <p>Participants designed logos that symbolised biodiversity, sustainability, and the vision of the Nature Club. The Winner was Ms. Mannat Seth</p> <p>Short Film Competition</p> <p>Short films highlighting conservation messages and environmental storytelling were presented.</p> <p>1st Place: Ankush Sahani 2nd Place: Sarita Naik</p> <p>Quiz Competition</p>

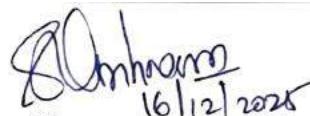
	A team-based quiz tested students' knowledge of zoology, ecology, and natural history. Winners: Om Kurpaskar and Mannat Seth
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	<p>The event concluded with an interactive session highlighting the mission of the newly launched Nature Club and encouraging students to participate actively in upcoming initiatives.</p> <p>Enhanced creativity, scientific observation, and teamwork skills through competitions.</p> <p>Strong student participation, reflecting high engagement and interest.</p> <p>Established a foundation for future Nature Club activities and outreach.</p> <p>Encouraged leadership, responsibility, and community-oriented environmental action.</p>
13. Enclosures with report	Brochure, photos, attendance attached.

Signature: 

Name of coordinator: Dr. Punit Peain

Designation: Asst. Professor

Date: 12/12/25


16/12/2025

Signature

Dean/Director/Head

Seal of the School/Directorate/University

DR. S. KRISHNAN
Senior Professor of Botany & Dean
School of Biological Sciences &
Biotechnology
Goa University, Taleigao Plateau
Goa - 403206



Circle Of Life

NATURE CLUB LAUNCH

Organised by Zoology, School of Biological Sciences and
Biotechnology, Goa University



DECEMBER 5TH, 2025

About Nature's Club

The Nature Club aims to instill in students and the public an appreciation of nature and a sense of responsibility towards the environment. The club aims to expose all its stakeholders to current crucial environmental issues, involving themselves and others in active discussions and programs of action.

It hopes to involve students in activities that are conservational in nature, such as clean-up drives, nature walks, and recycling campaigns, among others, aiming at assisting in molding an environmentally conscious culture.

The club plans to collaborate with local environmental organizations, municipal bodies, and NGOs to expand outreach opportunities and improve the educational experience.

It also places great emphasis on the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems and traditional ecological wisdom into learning, relating modern conservation practices to time-tested, sustainable ones.

The Nature Club promotes leadership, teamwork, and a responsible attitude among the students through these activities. Members are encouraged to express creativity and awareness through projects that consist of symbolism on biodiversity, zoology, ecosystem, harmony with nature, conservation, IKS-inspired motifs, sustainability, community action, and student involvement.

It seeks to bridge gaps in knowledge-action-tradition so as to empower students to become proactive custodians of the environment.

Rules & Regulations

- Open to all students, Teaching and Non -teaching staff of Zoology Discipline.
- One participant can enroll in multiple Competitions.
- Registration closes on 3rd December 2025.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- Use of vulgar language is not allowed throughout the events.
- Judges' decisions will be final and binding.



List of Events

- *Logo Designing*
- *Macro-Photography*
- *Short-film*
- *Aquarium Tank Painting*
- *Quiz*

Logo Designing

THEME: Nature In Balance

- Designs must be original, not plagiarised or AI-generated.
- Submit initial entries in high-resolution JPEG, PNG, or PDF; winners must provide editable vector files (SVG).
- Logos should be high-resolution (300 DPI), visually clean, and recognizable at any size.
- Provide a brief explanation of the idea and symbolism behind the design.
- Avoid watermarks, signatures, or personal marks on the logo.
- Logos must work across digital and print media, in color and black & white.
- Use clear, legible fonts; avoid gradients or half-tones where possible.
- Ensure designs do not violate copyright; submitting your entries transfers all rights to the organizers.
- Logos must reflect the objectives and spirit of the Nature Club, using simple, meaningful, scalable elements for posters, T-shirts, certificates, and digital media.
- Use nature-themed, harmonious colors; avoid overly complex or inappropriate content.

Macro-photography

THEME: The Little Things That Matter

- Images must be submitted in .jpeg, .png, .psd, or.tiff format.
- Images should not have watermarks, names, or borders visible on the photo to ensure anonymous judging.
- Images should be submitted with the highest quality with regard to file size, bit depth, and resolution.
- AI generated images are not permitted.
- Images that have won any place or recognition previously in any active or ongoing photomicrography competition, are not eligible.
- The Submission must not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent, discriminatory, obscene, hateful, tortious, defamatory, slanderous or libelous, or contain material that is otherwise unlawful, in violation of or contrary to any applicable laws or regulations.
- Entrants must be able to supply the original, unedited high-resolution or RAW files if requested for verification of authenticity.
- Each participant can submit upto 3 entries.

Short-film

THEME: Nature - Our Silent Teacher

- Duration: 2-3 minutes (including credits).
- Format: MP4 (HD preferred).
- Language: Any; subtitles mandatory (if not in English).
- Films must be original, created by the participants.
- Individual or group participation (maximum 3-4 members).
- Use of copyrighted music, clips, or images is not permitted.
- Content must be ethical; no harm, stress, or disturbance to animals or habitats.

Aquarium Tank Painting

THEME: Life Underwater

- Transparent tanks of standard size will be provided.
- Tanks will be cleaned and kept ready prior to the competition.
- The painting has to be done on the outer side of the glass tank.
- Participants must bring their own painting materials (acrylic or glass paints preferred).
- Only non-toxic paints allowed; no spray paints or chemicals.
- Competition is open to all students.
- Follow the given theme.
- Artwork must be original.
- Time limit: 2 hours.
- Judging based on creativity, scientific relevance, neatness, and overall impact.
- Keep the workspace clean; damaging tanks or violating rules leads to disqualification.

Quiz

THEME: Echoes of the Wild

- Only team entries are allowed, and team shall consist of two persons.
- The decision of the quiz-master will be final and will not be subject to any change.
- The participants shall not be allowed to use mobile or other electronic instruments during the quiz.
- The questions shall be in the form of multiple choice, true/false statement, specific answer question etc.

Contact & Registration

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/wEjFXYuiMlxudZuw8>

For queries contact:

Faculty Co-ordinator:

Dr. Preeti Pereira (9823594202)

Organising members

Dr. Minal Desai Shirodkar

Dr. Nitin Sawant

Dr. Avelyno D'Costa

Dr. Shanti Dessai

Ms. Gandhita Kundaikar

Dr. Shamshad Shaikh

Activity: Circle of life - Nature club launch

Date: 5/12/2025

Sr. No.	Name	Discipline/School	Signature
1.	Shradha Pethlyer	Zoology	Shradha Pethlyer
2.	Himanshu Kerkar	Zoology	Himanshu Kerkar
3.	Anisha De Souza	Zoology	Anisha De Souza
4.	Saloni Rainginkar	Zoology	Saloni Rainginkar
5.	Rhea Martinis	Zoology	Rhea Martinis
6.	Samaai Sare	Zoology	Samaai Sare
7.	Velika Desai	Zoology	Velika Desai
8.	Tabassum Bepari	Zoology	Tabassum Bepari
9.	Sanjana Nair	Zoology	Sanjana Nair
10.	Shejali Vaigankar	Zoology	Shejali Vaigankar
11.	Haveshad Vaigankar	Zoology	Haveshad Vaigankar
12.	Shefali Vaigankar	Zoology	Shefali Vaigankar
13.	Sakshi Sharma	Zoology	Sakshi Sharma
14.	Vaishnavi Bharti	Zoology	Vaishnavi Bharti
15.	Pratiputra Saif	Zoology	Pratiputra Saif
16.	Shreya Khoyivikar	Zoology	Shreya Khoyivikar
17.	Virdi Vaigankar	Zoology	Virdi Vaigankar
18.	Sakshi Sharma	Zoology	Sakshi Sharma
19.	Santosh Rebello	Zoology	Santosh Rebello
20.	Ambish C. Gaonkar	Zoology	Ambish C. Gaonkar
21.	Princia Cristinha	Zoology	Princia Cristinha
22.	Shubby Fernandes	Zoology	Shubby Fernandes
23.	Juelia Vienna Pereira	Zoology	Juelia Vienna Pereira
24.	Akash Ashok Patil	Zoology	Akash Ashok Patil
25.	Colpurna C. Mandlekar	Zoology	Colpurna C. Mandlekar
26.	Siddhi Chari	Zoology	Siddhi Chari
27.	Astrid Dias	Zoology	Astrid Dias
28.	Pooja Gawade	Zoology	Pooja Gawade
29.	Manali Punalekar	Zoology	Manali Punalekar
30.	Anshul Sinari	Zoology	Anshul Sinari
31.	Amruth Naik	Zoology	Amruth Naik
32.	Om Kurpalkar	Zoology	Om Kurpalkar
33.	Monnat Seth	Zoology	Monnat Seth
34.	Jessica Furtado	Zoology	Jessica Furtado
35.	Deepasha Naik	Zoology	Deepasha Naik
36.	Drisha Fernandes	Zoology	Drisha Fernandes
37.	Veena Narsule	Zoology	Veena Narsule
38.	Khushi Sadekar	Zoology	Khushi Sadekar
39.	Shrawani Satardekar	Zoology	Shrawani Satardekar

Activity: Circle of Life - Nature Club Launch

Date: 5/12/2025

Sr. No.	Name	Discipline/School	Signature
40	Atharva Anand Naik	Zoology	<i>Naik</i>
41	Joel J. Fernandes	Zoology	<i>Fernandes</i>
42	Vandita S. Kombli	Zoology	<i>Kombli</i>
43	Antush Sahani	Zoology	<i>Sahani</i>
44	Amisha P. Halaankar	Zoology	<i>Halaankar</i>
45	Shivam Kossambe	Zoology	<i>Kossambe</i>
46	Satyajit Shukla	Zoology	<i>Shukla</i>
47	Ashira Fernandes	Zoology	<i>Fernandes</i>
48	Shafali Vaigankar	Zoology	<i>Vaigankar</i>
49	Shakema Ahammed		<i>Ahammed</i>
50	Tanya Chodankar		<i>Chodankar</i>
51	Pranavshri Kurkar		<i>Kurkar</i>
52	Nausheen Vaigankar		<i>Vaigankar</i>
53	Rupesh G. Dattode	Zoology	<i>Dattode</i>
54	Shivam Raot	Zoology	<i>Raot</i>
55	Shalesh Gaonkar	Zoology	<i>Gaonkar</i>
56	Geeta B. Angadi	"	<i>Angadi</i>
57	Gazia Luis	"	<i>Luis</i>
58	Pankaj Gaonkar	Zoology	<i>Gaonkar</i>
59	Sahil Velip	Zoology	<i>Velip</i>
60	Mangesh Gaonkar	Zoology	<i>Gaonkar</i>
61	Prabhath. H. Cetti	Zoology	<i>Cetti</i>
62	Samruddhi Phadke	"	<i>Phadke</i>
63	Manali Pethkar	"	<i>Pethkar</i>
64	Shradha A. Pethkar	Zoology	<i>Pethkar</i>
65	Ramya Shree. Shantiprasad	"	<i>Shantiprasad</i>
66	Tobsum Bepari	"	<i>Bepari</i>
67	Lunashka Maria Dias	"	<i>Dias</i>
68	Rhea Marshi	"	<i>Marshi</i>
69	Saloni Paingankar	"	<i>Paingankar</i>
70	Uema Shaikh	MSc Zoology (Part I)	<i>Shaikh</i>
71	Velka Dasa	MSc Zoology (Part II)	<i>Dasa</i>
72	Ms. Gandhita V. Kundakar	Zoology (Faculty)	<i>Kundakar</i>
73	Dr. Avelyn D'Costa	Zoology (Faculty)	<i>D'Costa</i>
74	Dr. Shanti N. Desai	"	<i>Desai</i>
75	Dr. Shamshad Shaikh	Zoology Faculty	<i>Shaikh</i>
76	Dr. Minu Shrivastava	"	<i>Shrivastava</i>
77	Dr. Prachi Patel	Zoology Faculty	<i>Patel</i>



