



Celebrating Biodiversity on 22 May 2022

This **International Day for Biological Diversity**, we are celebrating all life on earth, from microorganisms, to plant and animal life.

Climate change is devastating ecosystems worldwide and playing a role in the alarming loss of biodiversity across the planet.

At Grameena Vikas Samithi (GVS), we know that healthy ecosystems and biodiversity are vital in ensuring a high quality of life and food and water security for communities worldwide.

On this occasion GVS has organised Bird Walk to the Summer Camp students of Sri Aurobindo Vidyalaya, managed by Tirupati Branch of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry-an international organisation.

On 24 May 2022 at 8.00 AM the bird watching session was conducted as a part of International Day for Biological Diversity.

25 participants including teachers have visited Nagaravanam (City Forest-a reserved forest) of Seshachalam Hill Ranges of Eastern Ghats. The students and others had a great and memorable experience of sighting birds, enjoyed/thrilled in the bird walk.

The Birdman, Mr.K.Karthi, M.Sc., (Ornithology), a Wildlife Photographer, Wildlife Researcher. Presently, he is Wildlife Consultant to the Wildlife Management Division of Forest Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh State, India. He explained to the students regarding birds and their habitats/nesting behavior, and how to identify the birds.

In this walk Mr.C.N.Sankar, Teacher, Aha School, Auroville (The City of Dawn-a Universal Town to realise human unity) near Pondicherry. Academically, he is an Automobile Engineer communicated with the students. He is the organizer of the Summer Camp as well.

Later the participants divided in to two groups as 1.Peacock and 2.Sparrow. Peacock Group led by Mr.K.Karthik and Sparrow Group by Mr.Prudhvi.

The other participants are:

Mr. Arun Jagadeka Vikram, Chartered Accountant, Nellore/Tirupati, and Mr.R.S.Chandra Sekhar, Centre for Sustainable Development, Kuppam, Chittoor District, Ms.K.Shoba, and Ms.T.Madhuri, Teachers of the school and Mr.Prudhvi, Assistant to the Birdman were in the group.

The students have spotted 12 species of birds viz.,

1. Jungle babbler
 2. White rumped shama
 3. Black headed oriole
 4. Red vented bulbul
 5. Red whiskered bulbul
 6. Blue faced malkoha
 7. Asian paradise flycatcher, male and female
 8. Purple sunbird
 9. Copper smith barbet
 10. Oriental magpie Robin male
 11. White browed bulbul and
 12. White spotted fantail.
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Photographs of the birds

1. Jungle babbler



2. White rumped shama



[3. Black headed oriole](#)



[4. Red vented bulbul](#)



[5. Red whiskered bulbul](#)

6. Blue faced malkoha



7. Asian paradise fly catcher male and female

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[9. Copper smith barbet](#)



[10. Oriental magpie Robin male](#)



[11. White borrowed bulbul](#)



[12. White spotted fantail](#)

Birdwalk Vignettes



Soon after introduction session at amphitheatre in Nagaravanam(City Forest):Left: Mr. Sanker,Auroville, Right:Mr.R.S.Chandra Sekhar, CSD, Mr.LSNReddy,GVS and Mr.Prudhvi,Software Engineer.In the middle of the group, Mr. K.K.Karthik

















Peacock Group Photo on Watch Tower

Place: Tirupati

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Date: 31.5.2022

Name and Signature of the President of the Organisation

(L.SURYA NARAYANA REDDY)