



ECO -CLUB

2018-2024



ECO-CLUB VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE



COMPOSITION OF ECO-CLUB VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE

- In-Charges / Convenors** : **Dr. Malabika Bhattacharjee [2018-till date]**
Dr. Rajarshi Mitra [2018-2023]
Dr. Asis Kumar Pal [2023-till date]
- Members** : Dr. Ashutosh Mukherjee, Prof. Aakash Shaw, Dr. Trijit Nanda,
Dr. Kakali Sinha Roy, Prof. Shyamali Sarkar & Smt. Mita Basu

MISSION OF ECO-CLUB VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE:

The Eco-Club at Vivekananda College is committed to fostering environmental awareness, sustainability, and conservation among students and the broader college community. Our mission is to inspire and empower individuals to embrace eco-friendly practices and contribute to the protection and preservation of the environment. Through a variety of activities—including workshops, seminars, tree planting drives, and waste management campaigns—we aim to educate students about urgent environmental issues and motivate them to take meaningful action. We seek to instill a sense of environmental responsibility in students, encouraging them to become proactive agents of change both on campus and beyond.

VISION OF ECO-CLUB VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE:

Our vision is to create a vibrant, environmentally-conscious campus that serves as a model for sustainability. We strive to cultivate a culture where environmental stewardship is deeply ingrained in the values of every student, faculty member, and staff at Vivekananda College. By providing opportunities for students to engage in impactful environmental projects, we aim to enhance their understanding of conservation issues and their role in addressing them. Additionally, we are committed to collaborating with local communities and organizations to implement sustainable initiatives and advocate for policies that promote environmental conservation. Through these efforts, we envision a future where our campus is not only greener and more sustainable but also a hub for innovative solutions to environmental challenges. Together, we work towards building a brighter future for our planet, fostering the values of sustainability and environmental responsibility that will resonate with students throughout their lives.

Eco-Club Achievements (2018-2023): A Five-Year Overview

The Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, has been a dynamic force in promoting environmental awareness and sustainability among students and faculty members. Over the last five years, from 2018 to 2023, the club has consistently organized a wide range of activities, from educational workshops and webinars to field trips and hands-on conservation projects. These initiatives have not only enhanced environmental consciousness but have also provided students with practical experience in conservation efforts.

In the academic year 2018-2019, the Eco-Club focused on wildlife conservation and biodiversity studies. Collaborating with organizations like Akhon Aranyok and the Wild Life Crime Control Bureau, the club hosted lectures and nature trips, such as bird-watching at Santragachi Jheel. The year also saw the club undertake a biodiversity assessment study of the Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital, documenting valuable ecological data for future reference. Building on this momentum, 2019-2020 was marked by increased collaboration with external organizations like WWF-India. The club organized several eco-trails and nature trips, providing students with immersive experiences in biodiversity hotspots. A significant achievement was the Eco-Club's involvement in the preparation of the People's Biodiversity Register for Kolkata Municipal Area, under the supervision of KMC and the West Bengal Biodiversity Board. The club also launched the "Plastic-Free Vivekananda College Campus" project under the ECHO-Project Scheme, showcasing their commitment to reducing plastic pollution.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 did not deter the Eco-Club's activities. The 2020-2021 academic year saw the club adapt to the new normal by organizing virtual events, including a National Webinar on turtle conservation and a series of workshops under the Bengal-CAN initiative. The club's students excelled in the Earth Day Commemoration event, winning a presentation competition on the theme of "Plastic-Free Oceans." Additionally, the club inaugurated the Eco-Club Lecture Series, a bi-monthly event aimed at fostering environmental awareness through talks by faculty, alumni, and students.

In 2021-2022, the Eco-Club continued to make its presence felt by participating in significant environmental events, such as the UN International Day for Clean Air and Blue Skies Workshop. The club also maintained its tradition of adopting animals from the Alipore Zoological Garden, reinforcing their commitment to wildlife conservation. Participation in Earth Day celebrations and various competitive events further showcased the club's active engagement in environmental issues.

The most recent academic year, 2022-2023, was marked by several noteworthy achievements. The Eco-Club organized teams to participate in events like the Wildlife Week at Garchumuk

Zoological Park and an exhibition at the Indian Museum, where students showcased their knowledge on topics like the reintroduction of cheetahs in India. The club also formalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the World-Wide Fund for Nature-India, launching a plantation project that saw the planting of diverse tree species on campus. Additionally, the club adopted the Fishing Cat, West Bengal's state animal, further solidifying its role in local wildlife conservation.

Throughout these five years, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to environmental education, conservation, and sustainability. By organizing a diverse array of activities and fostering collaborations with national and international organizations, the club has not only enriched the academic experience of its members but has also made significant contributions to the broader community. As it continues to evolve, the Eco-Club remains a vital platform for nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards.



**Plantation ceremony in the College Premises.
organised
ECO-CLUB**

Achievements of **ECO-CLUB** Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur (2018-2023)

2018-2019

1. Tiger Day Observation:

- Collaborated with Akhon Aranyok to observe Tiger Day on 30th August 2018. The event included a lecture by Dr. Tanmoy Chowdhury on the current tiger scenario, followed by a film screening.

2. Special Lecture Session:

- Organized on 28th September 2018, featuring Sri Agni Mitra, Regional Deputy Director, Eastern Region, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Topics included "Wildlife of India: Why and What to Conserve" and "Wildlife Crime Scenario in India."

3. Nature Trip for Bird Watching:

- Conducted a nature trip to Santragachi Jheel on 9th December 2018. The observed data was documented and analyzed for future reference.

4. Biodiversity Assessment Study:

- Initiated a biodiversity assessment study at Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital. The first phase was conducted on 16th February 2019, followed by a second phase on 13th April 2019. Preliminary reports were submitted to the Cancer Hospital.

PHOTOGRAPHS [2018-2019]



On **28.09.18**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College hosted a Special Lecture by **Sri Agni Mitra**, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB, Ministry of Environment. He discussed "Wildlife of India: Why and What to Conserve" and the "Wildlife Crime Scenario in India."



On **9th December 2018**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, in collaboration with the Department of Zoology, organized a Nature Trip to Santragachi Jheel for bird watching.



On **16th February 2019**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College conducted the 1st phase of a Biodiversity Assessment Study at Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital. A second phase survey followed on 13th April 2019. The study has been documented, and a preliminary report was submitted to the Cancer Hospital.

2019-2020

1. Plantation Ceremony:

- Organized a plantation ceremony on 14th August 2019 in collaboration with NSS Unit of Vivekananda College.

2. Environmental Conservation Workshop:

- Participated in the "ECHO – Building Environment Conservation Heroes, ECHO FORUM, Kolkata" workshop organized by WWF-India on 13th November 2019.

3. Air Quality Management Mission:

- Faculty members participated in the "West Bengal Air Quality Management Mission" program organized by West Bengal Pollution Control Board at Paribesh Bhavan on 5th December 2019.

4. Interactive Session with WWF India:

- On 21st December 2019, organized an interactive session with Dr. Kuldeep Roy, Assistant Manager, WWF India, covering topics like skill development for outdoor field activities and engagement with organizations like WWF India.

5. WWF Volunteers Platform:

- Provided a platform for students to work as WWF volunteers by signing a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with WWF-India.

6. Eco-Trails:

- Organized several nature trips, including:
 - Bird Watching at Santragachi Jheel on 29th December 2019.
 - Eco-Trail to Purbasthali, East Burdwan on 15th January 2020.
 - Eco-Trail to Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary on 16th February 2020.
 - Joint Eco-Trail with WWF India at Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata on 15th March 2020.

7. People's Biodiversity Register (PBR):

- Participated in the preparation of PBR of Kolkata Municipal Area under the supervision of KMC and West Bengal Biodiversity Board. Attended a central meeting on 17th February 2020 at KMC.

8. Biodiversity Check-List Study:

- Completed the Biodiversity Check-List Study of Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre and Research Institute, Thakurpukur, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science, Vivekananda College, on 16th March 2020.

9. WWF-India Youth Volunteering Program ECHO:

- Registered with WWF-India for implementing the youth volunteering program ECHO.

10. Plastic-Free Campus Project:

- Proposed and sanctioned a project titled "Plastic Free- Vivekananda College Campus" under the ECHO-Project Scheme by WWF-Volunteers Program.

11. World Environment Day Commemoration:

- During the lockdown, students of Zoology, along with Eco-Club and ECHO-WWF, commemorated World Environment Day on 5th June 2020 by creating a 9-minute environmental awareness video titled "Beating Plastic Pollution."

PHOTOGRAPHS [2019-2020]



On **14th August 2019**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, organized a Plantation Ceremony on the college premises.



On **13th November 2019**, students from the Department of Biological Sciences, under the wing of the Eco-Club, participated in a workshop titled “ECHO – Building Environment Conservation Heroes, ECHO FORUM, Kolkata,” organized by WWF-India.



On **21st December 2019**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College organized an Interactive Session where **Dr. Kuldeep Roy, Assistant Manager at WWF India**, delivered talks on engaging with organizations like WWF India and developing skills for outdoor field activities.



ECO-TRAIL: Santragachi Jheel, Howrah -29th December, 2019



ECO-TRAIL: Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary, Kolkata-16th February, 2020



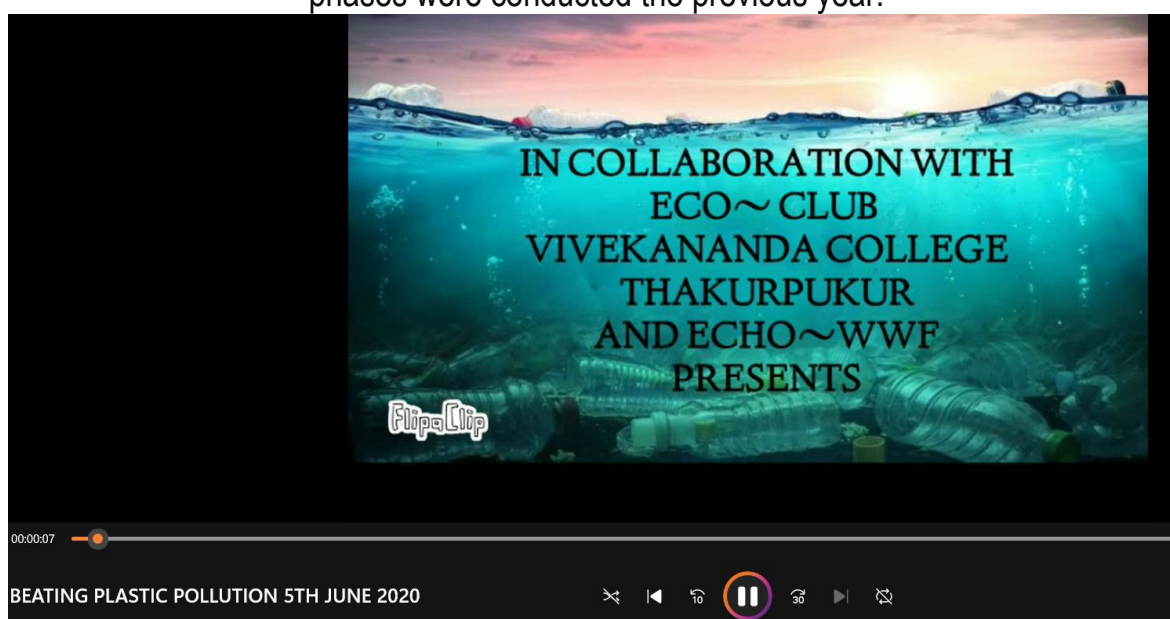
ECO-TRAIL:
Purbasthali, East
Burdwan-1
5th January, 2020



ECO-TRAIL: Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata-15th March, 2020



On **16th March 2020**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science, participated in and completed the 3rd phase of the Biodiversity Check-List Study at the Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre and Research Institute, Thakurpukur. The 1st and 2nd phases were conducted the previous year.



On **5th June 2020**, during the lockdown phase, Zoology students, along with the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College and ECHO-WWF India, commemorated World Environment Day by creating a 9-minute awareness video titled "**Beating Plastic Pollution**" on environmental pollution.



CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that Vivekananda College
with address Thakurpukur, Kolkata
is registered with the World Wide Fund for Nature - India for the
implementation of youth volunteering program ECHO.

The affiliation is valid for a period of one year from
June, 19 to June, 20.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Radhika Suri".

Radhika Suri
Director,
Environment Education
WWF- India

**ECO-CLUB Vivekananda College Registered with WWF-India for implementing the
youth volunteering program ECHO.**

2020-2021

1. National Webinar on Turtle Conservation:

- Organized a national webinar in collaboration with the Indian Turtle Conservation Action Network on 12th September 2020, focusing on "Conserving Turtles: Indicators of Wetland Health."

2. Earth Day Celebration:

- A team of Zoology students participated in the Earth Day commemoration organized by Bengal-CAN on 24th April 2021. Their online presentation titled "Plastic Free Oceans: A Bare Necessity" won first place in the PPT presentation competition. The 4th Semester Students of Zoology-**Soumya Kanti Basu, Shreyasi Ghosh, Saikat Roy & Koustav Chakraborty** formed a team under the aegis of **Eco-Club Vivekananda College** and participated in the **Celebration of Earth Day Commemoration** organized by **Bengal-CAN [Bengal Clean Air Network]**. The theme was **"Restore our Earth"**. The team from **Zoology** thus keeping in mind the theme gave an online presentation on **"Plastic Free Oceans: A Bare Necessity" on 24th April, 2021**. The Team from **Eco-Club, Vivekananda College** viz. **Soumya Kanti Basu, Shreyasi Ghosh, Saikat Roy & Koustav Chakraborty** secured the **WINNERS POSITION** for the PPT Presentation Competition on **24th April 2021** amongst colleges across 7 non-attainment cities.

3. Generation Restoration Workshops:

- Participated in a series of online workshops organized by Bengal-CAN on 5th June 2021, covering topics like climate crisis, growing food, composting, energy audits, and communicating climate change.

A team of 15 students from **Eco-Club, Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur**, participated on 5th June 2021, in a series of online workshop organized by **Bengal-CAN [Bengal Clean Air Network]**. The theme of the workshop was **"Generation Restoration**, five workshops were conducted

- "Climate crisis, Greta and I", by Mr. Dunu Roy, Director, Hazards centre, Delhi.
- "Grow Your Own Food" by Mr. Anshuman Das, Program Manager, Welthungerhilfe
- "Composting Kitchen Waste" by Ms. Lata Bhatia, Founder, Kolkata Zero Waste Bazar
- "How to undertake Energy Audits" by Mr. Vinay Jaju, MD, SwitchON Foundation
- "Communicating Climate Change to People" by Mr. Briakesh Singh, Chief Network Strategist, Asar & Ms. Ruhi Kumar, Climate Activist, Climate communication Strategist.

4. Eco-Club Lecture Series Inauguration:

- Inaugurated the Eco-Club Lecture Series on 8th June 2021 to commemorate World Environment Day. The first lecture was delivered by Dr. Rajarshi Mitra on "Ecological Restoration for a More Resilient Earth."

The theme for World Environment Day 2021 is 'Ecosystem Restoration'. We need to now fundamentally rethink our relationship with the living world, with natural ecosystems and their biodiversity. Thus, to keep in touch with our roots and to inculcate a deep love for our Nature and the Biodiversity therein, this year Eco-Club Vivekananda College inaugurated the Eco-Club Lecture Series, on 8th June, 2021. The inauguration was done by **Dr. Tapan Kumar Poddar, Principal, Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, Kolkata.**

The aim of the Eco-Club Lecture Series is to organize **Webinars/Seminars** pertaining to any aspect of Environment & Biodiversity bimonthly. The Resource Persons for such **Webinars/Seminars** will be Alumni [Teachers & Students], Existing Faculty, Current students from any discipline of Arts/Science/Commerce of Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, as long as she/he is delivering a message of Environmental Awareness. The basic aim is to involve everyone from teachers to students in this awareness campaign so that with the development of the concept of healthy ecosystems, can we enhance people's livelihoods, counteract climate change and stop the collapse of biodiversity.

PHOTOGRAPHS [2020-2021]



National Webinar
On
Conserving Turtles: Indicators of Wetland Health

Organized by- Eco-Club, Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur in collaboration with India Turtle Conservation Action Network

ORGANIZING TEAM

JOINT CONVENORS

DR. MALABIKA BHATTACHARJEE
HEAD
Assistant Professor
Postgraduate Department of Zoology

DR. RAJARSHI MITRA
HEAD
Assistant Professor
Department of Environmental Science

JOINT ORGANISING SECRETARIES

DR. ASHUTOSH MUKHERJEE
HEAD
Assistant Professor
Department of Botany

DR. KAKALI SINHA ROY
SACT I
Department of Biochemistry

CHIEF PATRON

PRINCIPAL
Dr. Tapan Kumar Poddar
Vivekananda College,
Thakurpukur

SPEAKERS

Dr. Saurabh Dewan
TSA - INDIA

Ms. Sreeparna Dutta
TSA - INDIA

Dr. Priyanka Halder Mallick
Associate Professor,
Dept. of Zoology,
Vidyasagar University,
ITCAN COORDINATOR

Date: Sep. 12, 2020, Time: 5:00 PM Onwards

MEMBERS

1. DR. TRIJIT NANDA, Assistant, Professor, Postgraduate Department of Zoology
2. MRS. SHYAMALI SARKAR, Assistant Professor, Postgraduate Department of History
3. MR. AAKASH SHAW, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication
4. DR. AMBALIKA BISWAS, Assistant Professor, Postgraduate Department of Physics
5. MRS. MITA BASU, Graduate, Laboratory Instructor, Department of Botany

On **12th September 2020**, the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, in collaboration with the Indian Turtle Conservation Action Network, organized a National Webinar on “Conserving Turtles: Indicators of Wetland Health.”

2021-2022

1. UN International Day for Clean Air and Blue Skies Workshop:

- Four students participated in the workshop organized by SwitchON Foundation on 7th September 2021.

2. Earth Day Competitive Events:

- Six students participated in various competitive events organized by Bana Bhibhag and West Bengal Zoo Authority on Earth Day, 22nd April 2022, at Garchumuk Zoological Garden.

3. Animal Adoption:

- Arranged for the adoption of an animal at the Alipore Zoological Garden for the session 2021-2022.

PHOTOGRAPHS [2021-2022]



On **September 7, 2021**, four students represented the Eco-Club in the UN International Day for Clean Air and Blue Skies Workshop, organized by SwitchON Foundation.

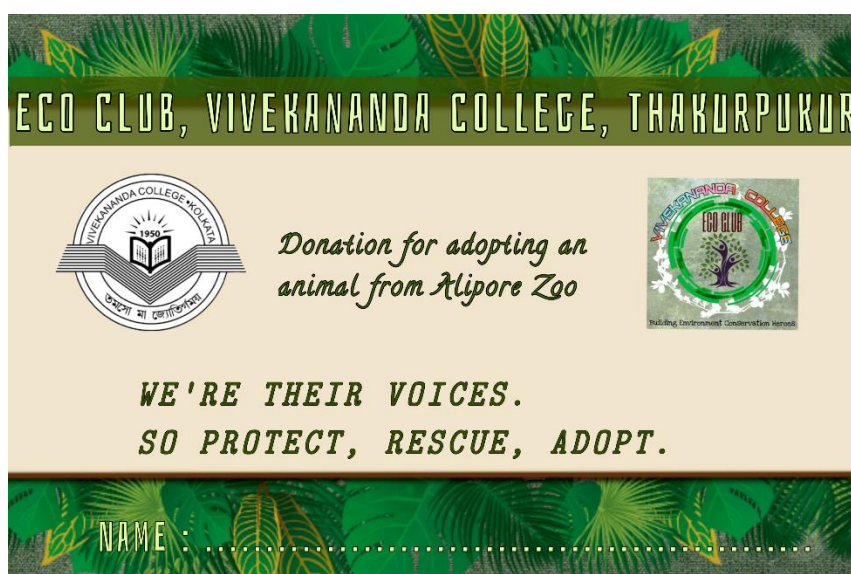


Earth Day, 22nd April 2022, at Garchumuk Zoological Garden.



On **April 22, 2022**, **six** students represented the Eco-Club in various competitive events organized by Bana Bhibhag and the West Bengal Zoo Authority in celebration of Earth Day at the Garchumuk Zoological Garden.

Eco-Club had made arrangements to adopt an Animal from the Alipore Zoological Garden for the session 2022-2023



2022-2023

1. Wildlife Week Post-Observation Programme:

- Organized a team that participated in the Post-Observation Programme of Wildlife Week 2022 at Garchumuk Zoological Park on 21st October 2022. The students presented on "Cheetah Reintroduction in India," and Kaustav Chakraborty secured 2nd place in the "Species Specific Talk."

2. Exhibition at Indian Museum:

- Organized a visit to the exhibition "Critical Zones: In Search of a Common Ground" at the Indian Museum on 29th March 2023, with participation from UG Sem-6 Zoology students.

3. Memorandum of Understanding with WWF-India:

- Signed an MoU with WWF-India on 27th August 2022 for implementing a plantation project. The club planted various species, including Aata, Kathanl, Amrapali Mango, Neem, Guava, and more.

4. Fishing Cat Adoption:

- Adopted the Fishing Cat, the state animal of West Bengal, for the period 31st March 2023 to 30th March 2024. The adoption includes entry passes for four officers/staff of Vivekananda College to visit the Zoological Garden Alipore monthly.

PHOTOGRAPHS [2022-2023]



On **October 21, 2022**, a team of ECO-CLUB participated in the Post-Observation Programme of Wildlife Week 2022 at Garchumuk Zoological Park, Howrah.

Soumya Kanti Basu and Saptadwipa Maitra from UG Sem-6 participated with a presentation on "Cheetah Reintroduction in India." Additionally, Kaustav Chakraborty took part in the "Species Specific Talk" event and secured 2nd place in the competition.



On **March 29, 2023**, a team from the Eco-Club participated in "The Walk-Through of the Exhibition: Critical Zones. In Search of a Common Ground" at the Indian Museum. The team members were Pratikkha Natua, Aranya Apar Karmakar, Shreyasi Das, Anushri Chatterjee, Kushal Ghosh, Aritra Mitra, Ipsita Singh, Hritika Acharjee, and Suhana Khatun, all UG Sem-6 students of Zoology.



On **August 27, 2022**, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was signed between the World-Wide Fund for Nature-India and the Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, for the implementation of a plantation project. The plants that were planted include ***Aata, Kathal, Thailand All-Time Aam, Amrapali All-Time Aam, Lichi, Mallika Aam, Amlaki, Neem, Guava, Bel, Kathbadam, Shegun, Jaam, Bokul, Sonajhuri, and Palash***

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into

Between

World Wide Fund for Nature - India, [hereinafter referred to as WWF-India]
and
VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE, THAKURPUKUR [hereinafter referred to as VC] for Implementation of
plantation project

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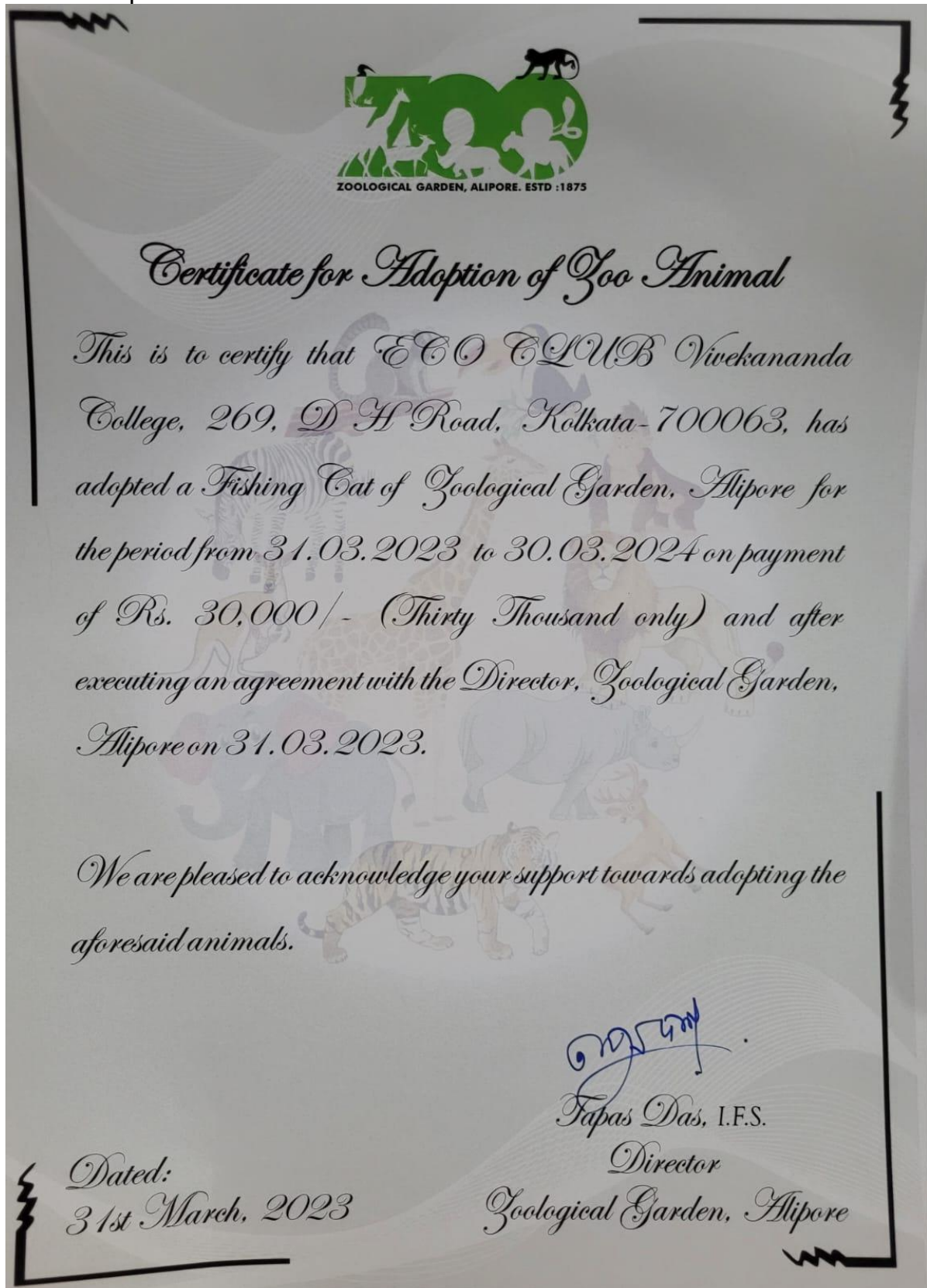
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PRINCIPAL
VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE
Thakurpukur, Kol-63


**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between World-Wide Fund for
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The **ECO-CLUB Vivekananda College** has adopted **Fishing Cat**, the State Animal of West Bengal, for the period from **31.03.2023 to 30.03.2024**.

In the context, four (4) Officer/Staff of Vivekananda College, was entitled to enter the Zoological Garden Alipore once in a month to visit the **Adopted Animal**. This entry pass was valid for the period from **31.03.2023 to 30.04.2023**.



Valid for three months only from the date of instrument

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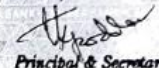
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 President
 Principal & Secretary

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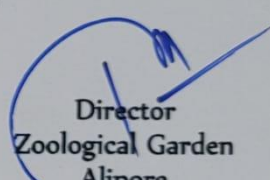
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WELCOME TO OUR ZOO FAMILY

This is to certify that four (4) Officer/Staff of ECO CLUB Vivekananda College, 269, D H Road, Kolkata-700063 is entitled to enter the Zoological Garden, Alipore once in a month. This entry pass is valid for the period from 31.03.2023 to 30.03.2024.

Date: 31.03.2023


Director
Zoological Garden
Alipore





2023-2024

1. A Letter of Understanding (LoU) had been done signed between **World-Wide Fund for Nature-India**, and **ECO-CLUB** Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur regarding ECHO-Proposal on **30th September, 2023**.
2. A team from **ECO-CLUB** Vivekananda College participated at the **ECHO-Boot Camp** at Bidhannagar Government College, **jointly organised by WWF and Bidhannagar Government College** on **3rd and 4th October 2023**.
3. **ECO-CLUB** of Vivekananda College was invited by WWF-India to participate in the pre-release event of the Bengali movie named '**Jongole Mitin masi**' with the aim to create general awareness message of anti-poaching of Elephant. A team from ECO-CLUB participated in the event held on **13th October, 2023**
4. The **ECO-CLUB** Vivekananda College has **adopted Fishing Cat**, the State Animal of West Bengal, for the period from **31.03.2023 to 30.03.2024**. In the context, four (4) Officer/Staff of Vivekananda College, is entitled to enter the Zoological Garden Alipore once in a month to visit the **Adopted Animal**. This entry pass is valid for the period from **31.03.2023 to 30.04.2024**.
5. The **Eco-Club** Vivekananda College organized two Nature Trails **for the Session 2022-2023** as follows

Name of the Trip.	Date	Place
ECO-TRAIL	2 nd February, 2024	Nature Park, Taratala, Kolkata
ECO-TRAIL	5 th February, 2024	Rabindra Sarboar, Kolkata

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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RECOGNITION

Recognition for students and teachers involved upon active participation and successful implementation of ECHO 2023 until the National Level Summit in July/August 2024

1. Appreciation Certificate will be provided to the college and the teacher convenor.
2. Appreciation Certificate will be provided to the four core team members.
3. Up to ten projects/colleges with the best impact from Pan-India will be shortlisted and selected to enter the National Level Summit. A core team of these selected colleges will receive a trophy and goodies.
4. The college selected as the Best Achiever at the National Level Summit will be rewarded with a rolling Panda Trophy for earning the Environment Conservation Heroes 2023 Title.

On Behalf of WWF-India	On behalf of (Name of College) VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE
Name of the authorized signatory: DR. SASWATI SEN	Name of the authorized signatory: Nabendu's home chandra
Designation: STATE DIRECTOR	Designation: Teacher-in-Charge
Signature with seal: Saswati Sen	Signature with seal: Nabendu's home chandra
Date: 27.09.2023	Date: 30.9.23
WWF - India West Bengal State Office Tata Centre, 1 st Floor 43, J. L. Nehru Road Kolkata - 700 071	VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE Thakurpukur, Kol-63

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ECO-TRAIL

DATED 2ND FEBRUARY 2024 AT NATURE PARK TARATALA, KOLKATA



ECO-TRAIL

DATED 5TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT RABINDRA SAROBAR, KOLKATA



Kolkata, West Bengal, India

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CONCLUSION:

The Eco-Club of Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, has emerged as a pivotal force in fostering environmental awareness, conservation, and sustainability on campus and beyond. Over the past five years, from 2018 to 2023, the club has consistently demonstrated its commitment to these principles through a diverse range of activities that have engaged students, faculty, and the wider community.

From wildlife conservation initiatives and biodiversity studies to hands-on projects like the "Plastic-Free Vivekananda College Campus" and biodiversity assessments, the Eco-Club has provided its members with invaluable opportunities to apply their academic knowledge to real-world environmental challenges. These efforts have not only enhanced the environmental consciousness of the college community but have also positioned the Eco-Club as a leader in campus sustainability.

The club's adaptability and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic, when it seamlessly transitioned to virtual events and continued its mission without interruption, is particularly commendable. The introduction of the Eco-Club Lecture Series and the continuation of other key activities, such as participation in national and international environmental events, reflect the club's unwavering dedication to its cause.

The formalization of partnerships with organizations like WWF-India and participation in high-profile events, such as the Wildlife Week at Garchumuk Zoological Park and the exhibition at the Indian Museum, underscore the Eco-Club's growing influence and impact. The successful implementation of the plantation project and the adoption of the Fishing Cat, West Bengal's state animal, further highlight the club's active role in conservation efforts.

As the Eco-Club continues to evolve, it stands as a beacon of environmental stewardship, inspiring future generations to take meaningful action in the fight against environmental degradation. The club's achievements over the past five years are a testament to its commitment to creating a greener, more sustainable future, not just for Vivekananda College but for the broader community.