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Environmental Education Programmes (EEP) Annual Report, 2025-26



Aim and Objectives

The Environment Education Programme (EEP) is a component of the revamped Central Sector scheme 'Environment Education, Awareness, Research and Skill Development (EEARSD)' and it aims to supplement the efforts of Ministry of Education in the formal education front, through varied pedagogical initiatives to impart non-formal environment education. This programme intends to leverage on the key sectoral strength of Eco-clubs already formed under National Green Corps programme, in addition to targeting Youth Clubs and other such clubs/ units/ groups formed under various programmes/ schemes of the Government. The activities would be scaled up from symbolic ones to focussed training/ campaigns on sustainable lifestyle aimed at motivating children/ youth to think critically and form their habits in such a way as to live in harmony with nature. Long-lasting change is most likely when it is self-motivated and rooted in positive thinking. The programme aims to supplement the knowledge that the children and young generation gain from classrooms with experience from nature and hands-on activities. Psychological interventions to behaviour change like education, enablement,

incentivization, modelling, persuasion, training, etc. would be the building blocks of this programme laid on the foundation of principles envisaged in the National Education Policy, 2020.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS – FY 2025–26

During FY 2025–26, EEP conducted a variety of environmental education and awareness programmes across different districts of Karnataka.

Total Activities Conducted

Category	Number Conducted
Workshops & Awareness Programmes	47
Nature Camps & Biodiversity Walks	11
Competitions	2
Exhibitions	4
Campaigns & Environmental Drives	23
TOTAL	87

The programmes collectively reached thousands of students, youth groups, educational institutions, environmental enthusiasts, and community members.

WORKSHOPS & AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

EEP conducted 47 workshops and awareness sessions during FY 2025–26 across Bengaluru, Mysuru, Dharwad, Chikkamagaluru, Tumakuru, Ballari, Mandya, Shringeri, Kodagu, and several other districts.

1. Rain Water Harvesting



On **05-04-2025**, a Rain Water Harvesting programme was conducted in Bengaluru for 50 participants from **Surana College South End Campus**. The programme focused on the importance of conserving water resources and methods of rainwater harvesting in urban areas. Students learned about rooftop water collection systems, groundwater recharge, and sustainable water management practices. The session also highlighted the need for responsible water usage to address future water scarcity challenges. Participants gained practical knowledge on implementing simple water conservation techniques.

2. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment

On **09-04-2025**, a sustainability awareness programme was conducted at **Jain University, School of Sciences**, with 50 participants. The session highlighted eco-friendly lifestyle practices, waste reduction, and climate-conscious living. Students were encouraged to adopt sustainable habits for environmental protection. The programme promoted environmental responsibility among youth and academic communities.



3. **World Bee Day**



On **29-05-2025**, World Bee Day was observed in Bengaluru with 50 participants from **RV NCC and NSS teams**. The programme highlighted the ecological importance of bees in pollination and biodiversity conservation. Students learned about ecosystem balance and the importance of protecting pollinator species. The session promoted environmental awareness and biodiversity conservation.

4. **World Environment Day Painting Competition**

On **03-06-2025**, A painting competition was organized at Karnataka Public School, Sarakki with participation from 180 students. The event encouraged children to creatively express ideas related to environmental conservation and sustainability. Students presented artwork

highlighting climate awareness and ecological protection. The programme successfully promoted environmental consciousness among school students.

5. World Snake Day

On **26-07-2025**, World Snake Day awareness programme was conducted in Sagara with 79 participants from L.B & S.B.S College and IGGFGW College. The session focused on snake conservation, ecological balance, and reducing myths associated with reptiles. Students learned about the role of snakes in maintaining biodiversity. The programme promoted wildlife conservation awareness among youth.



6. World Ozone Day

On **16-09-2025**, World Ozone Day was observed at S.S. PU College, Mandya with participation from 150 students. The programme highlighted the importance of ozone layer protection and climate change mitigation. Participants learned about environmental threats caused by pollution and harmful emissions. The session encouraged eco-friendly practices for protecting the atmosphere.



7. World Marine Day

On **23-09-2025**, World Marine Day programme was conducted at Sub Regional Science Centre, Karwar with 75 participants. The event focused on marine biodiversity, coastal conservation, and ocean ecosystem protection. Students gained awareness regarding marine pollution and conservation strategies. The programme emphasized the importance of protecting aquatic ecosystems.



8. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment at Madikeri



On **26-09-2025**, An environmental sustainability programme was organized at FMKM Cariappa College, Kodagu University with participation from 85 students. The workshop promoted eco-friendly habits, conservation practices, and environmental responsibility. Students actively participated in discussions regarding sustainable development. The session strengthened awareness regarding climate-conscious lifestyles.

9. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment, Doresanipalya Forest Campus Programme

On **17-10-2025**, A biodiversity awareness programme was conducted at Doresanipalya Forest Campus with participation from 75 youth members. The session focused on forest ecosystems, biodiversity conservation, and environmental sustainability. Participants explored natural habitats and learned about ecological balance. The programme strengthened awareness regarding forest conservation.

10. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment, Doresanipalya Forest Campus Activity



On 17-10-2025, An environmental awareness programme was organized for Mahila Seva Samaja Senior Secondary School with participation from 52 students. The activity focused on biodiversity education and ecological conservation. Students learned about forest ecosystems and the importance of protecting natural resources. The programme promoted practical environmental learning.

11. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment, Workshop at Ranganatittu



On **28-10-2025**, A workshop was conducted at Ranganatittu for 82 students from JSS College. The programme focused on wetland ecosystems, bird conservation, and biodiversity awareness. Participants observed natural habitats and learned about migratory bird species. The session promoted environmental sensitivity and wildlife conservation.

12. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment, Workshop at Tumakuru

On **12-11-2025**, An environmental awareness workshop was organized for 70 students of First Grade Government School, Hebburu. The programme emphasized sustainable living, biodiversity protection, and ecological responsibility. Students actively participated in environmental education activities. The workshop encouraged conservation-oriented thinking among children.

13. Sustainable Lifestyle for Environment, Workshop at Savandurga

On **14-11-2025**, The environmental workshop conducted for First Steps School, Yelahanka had participation from 70 students. The session focused on nature conservation and environmental protection. Participants learned about ecological balance and sustainable practices through interactive activities. The programme strengthened awareness regarding environmental responsibility.

14. Workshop at Rainwater Harvesting Theme Park (RWHTP), Jayanagar

On **18-11-2025**, A workshop on rainwater harvesting and sustainable water management was conducted for students of Vijaya College and Dayananda Sagar Institute with 60 participants. The programme demonstrated practical water conservation techniques and groundwater recharge methods. Students gained knowledge regarding urban water sustainability. The workshop promoted responsible water usage practices.

15. Workshops at Dharwad on waste management and Biodiversity conservation



On **20 & 21-11-2025**, Two environmental workshops were conducted at GHPS No.11 Dharwad with participation from 81 students on each day. The programmes focused on environmental awareness, waste management, and biodiversity conservation. Students participated in discussions and awareness activities promoting sustainable practices. The workshops created strong environmental awareness among school students.

16. Workshop at Hassan on Sustainability and Ecological Conservation



On **11-12-2025**, An environmental education workshop was conducted at Government Law College, Hassan with participation from 52 students. The programme focused on environmental protection laws, sustainability, and ecological responsibility. Students discussed environmental challenges and conservation measures. The session promoted awareness regarding environmental governance.

17. Workshop at Chikkamagaluru on biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability, and climate awareness

On **12-12-2025**, A workshop was organized for 101 students of Jnanarashmi English Medium School. The programme emphasized biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability, and climate awareness. Students actively participated in awareness activities and discussions. The workshop promoted environmental education among school students.

18. Workshop at Chikkamagaluru on biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability, and climate awareness

On **13-12-2025**, An environmental awareness programme was conducted for 100 participants from Scouts & Guides, Chikkamagaluru. The session focused on nature conservation and sustainable environmental practices. Students learned about ecological balance and community

participation in conservation activities. The programme strengthened youth involvement in environmental initiatives.



19. Workshop on Training, Awareness & LiFE at Belagavi

On **29-12-2025**, A Mission LiFE awareness programme was conducted at Belagavi with participation from 130 members of Bharat Scouts and Guides. The programme emphasized sustainable lifestyle practices, environmental responsibility, and resource conservation. Participants learned about individual actions that support environmental sustainability. The session promoted eco-conscious community participation.

20. Workshop at Belagavi on biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability, and climate awareness

On **30-12-2025**, An environmental workshop was conducted for 120 members of Bharat Scouts and Guides. The programme focused on sustainability awareness, biodiversity conservation, and climate-conscious living. Participants actively engaged in environmental education activities and discussions. The programme encouraged youth participation in conservation initiatives.

NATURE CAMPS & BIODIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

EEP organized 11 nature camps, biodiversity walks, and wildlife awareness activities during FY 2025–26.

Major Activities Conducted

1. Bio-Diversity Walk at Doresanipalya Forest Campus, Bengaluru

This programme was organized to create awareness about biodiversity and forest ecosystems among students. Participants from Jain University explored the forest campus and learned about different plant and animal species found in urban forest areas. Experts explained the importance of conserving biodiversity and maintaining ecological balance. Students actively participated in nature observation and environmental discussions. The activity encouraged environmental responsibility and appreciation towards natural habitats.



2. Bird Visiting at Kukkarahalli Lake, Mysuru

The bird watching activity at Kukkarahalli Lake helped students understand the importance of wetlands and migratory birds. Participants from JSS University observed different bird species and learned about their ecological role in maintaining biodiversity. Resource persons explained bird habitats, feeding patterns, and conservation needs. The activity improved students' observation skills and environmental awareness. It also encouraged protection of lakes and wetland ecosystems.

3. Vultures Reservoir, Ramanagara



This programme focused on vulture conservation and the ecological importance of scavenger birds. Students learned about the declining vulture population and the need for wildlife protection measures. Experts explained the role of vultures in maintaining environmental cleanliness and ecosystem balance. Participants observed the habitat and understood conservation challenges faced by wildlife. The activity promoted awareness about biodiversity conservation and environmental protection.

4. Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Chamarajanagar



The Nature Camp at Bandipur Tiger Reserve provided students with exposure to forest ecosystems and wildlife conservation practices. NSS and NCC students learned about tiger conservation, forest biodiversity, and human-wildlife coexistence. Forest officials explained the importance of protected areas and ecological sustainability. Participants experienced

nature-based learning through field visits and observation activities. The programme encouraged respect and responsibility towards wildlife conservation.

5. Bird Watching at Bannerghatta

This programme introduced participants to bird diversity and the significance of protecting natural habitats. Youth groups participated in bird observation activities and learned about local and migratory bird species. Experts explained ecological relationships between birds, forests, and biodiversity conservation. The activity enhanced environmental awareness and nature appreciation among participants. It also encouraged students to contribute towards wildlife and habitat conservation.



6. Nature Camp at Anisha, Chamarajanagar

The Nature Camp at Anisha focused on environmental education and experiential learning for school students. Participants were introduced to biodiversity conservation, forest ecology, and sustainable environmental practices. Students took part in nature walks, awareness sessions, and interactive activities related to wildlife protection. The programme developed curiosity and environmental sensitivity among participants. It also encouraged students to understand the importance of conserving natural resources.



7. Nature Camp at Pilikula, Dakshina Kannada

The Nature Camp at Pilikula provided students with practical learning experiences related to biodiversity and environmental conservation. Participants from colleges observed ecological systems and learned about sustainable environmental practices. Experts conducted awareness sessions on wildlife protection, forest conservation, and ecological balance. The programme encouraged teamwork, environmental ethics, and responsible behavior towards nature. Students gained valuable knowledge through interactive and field-based activities.

8. Nature Camp at DD Hills, Tumakuru

This Nature Camp was organized to promote environmental awareness and nature conservation among college students. Participants learned about forest ecosystems, biodiversity, and the importance of preserving natural habitats. Activities included environmental discussions, observation exercises, and eco-learning sessions. The programme encouraged students to understand ecological balance and sustainable living practices. It also motivated participants to actively support environmental protection initiatives.



Competitions

1. Photography Competition on World Environment Day

The Photography Competition was conducted to encourage students to capture environmental themes creatively. Participants showcased photographs highlighting nature, biodiversity, and environmental conservation. The competition created awareness about the beauty and importance of protecting natural resources. Students improved their creativity, observation skills, and environmental understanding through photography. The programme also motivated participants to promote environmental awareness through visual storytelling.

2. Drawing Competition with Bharath Scouts & Guides

The Drawing Competition encouraged students to express their thoughts on environmental conservation through art. Participants created drawings related to nature protection, cleanliness, wildlife conservation, and sustainable living. The activity promoted creativity and environmental awareness among Scouts and Guides students. Students learned the importance of protecting ecosystems and reducing environmental pollution. The programme inspired young participants to become responsible environmental citizens.



Exhibitions

1. Exhibition at Belagavi

The environmental exhibition at Belagavi created awareness among Scouts and Guides about biodiversity conservation and sustainable practices. Various environmental models, awareness materials, and educational displays were showcased during the programme. Participants learned about waste management, ecological balance, and environmental responsibility. The exhibition encouraged community participation and environmental education through interactive learning. It also inspired students and visitors to adopt eco-friendly lifestyles.



2. Exhibition at Chitrakala Parishat, Bengaluru

The Vanaloka exhibition focused on environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable living practices. Students from colleges and schools participated in educational activities and awareness sessions. The exhibition displayed models and visual presentations related to forests, wildlife, and ecological conservation. Participants gained knowledge about environmental challenges and conservation solutions. The programme encouraged students to actively support nature conservation initiatives.



3. EEP Exhibition at Science Gallery, Hebbal

The EEP Exhibition at Science Gallery aimed to spread awareness about environmental protection and Mission LiFE concepts. Students and environmental enthusiasts explored exhibits related to sustainability, biodiversity, and eco-friendly practices. The exhibition provided interactive learning opportunities and encouraged environmental responsibility among participants. Visitors learned about conservation methods and the importance of protecting natural resources. The programme promoted public engagement in environmental conservation activities.

4. EEP Exhibition at Koppala

The EEP Exhibition at Koppala was organized to educate participants about environmental conservation and sustainable development. Scouts and Guides students actively participated in awareness activities and exhibitions. The programme showcased educational materials related to biodiversity, waste management, and ecological protection. Participants learned practical ways to protect the environment and reduce pollution. The exhibition encouraged community involvement and environmental responsibility among youth.

Campaigns

1. Seed Ball Making at Mysuru

The Seed Ball Making campaign educated students about afforestation and ecological restoration techniques. Participants learned how seed balls help in increasing green cover and supporting biodiversity conservation. Students actively prepared seed balls and understood their role in forest regeneration. The programme encouraged environmental responsibility and tree plantation awareness. It also motivated students to contribute towards sustainable environmental practices.

2. Plantation Drives at Mysuru / Udayapura / IISc / Devanahalli / Tumakuru





The Plantation Drives were organized to promote afforestation and environmental sustainability among students and the public. Participants planted saplings and learned about the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance. Awareness sessions highlighted climate change, air pollution, and biodiversity conservation. The programme encouraged collective responsibility towards increasing green cover and protecting the environment. Students actively participated in tree planting and environmental conservation activities.

3. Jatha & World Environment Day



This awareness rally was conducted to celebrate World Environment Day and spread environmental awareness among the public. Participants carried messages promoting cleanliness, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable living practices. The programme encouraged public participation in environmental protection activities. Students learned the importance of community involvement in conservation efforts. The rally created awareness about protecting natural resources and reducing pollution.

4. Wildlife Week Walkathon at Bengaluru



The Walkathon was organized to create awareness about wildlife conservation and environmental protection. Participants from colleges and institutions joined the event to support conservation initiatives. The programme highlighted the importance of protecting wildlife habitats and biodiversity. Students learned about environmental responsibility and sustainable practices through public participation activities. The walkathon encouraged collective efforts towards nature conservation.

5. Street Play at Bengaluru Rural

The Street Play campaign used creative performances to spread awareness about environmental conservation and social responsibility. Students performed awareness skits on pollution control, cleanliness, and wildlife protection. The programme effectively communicated environmental messages to the public through interactive methods. Participants developed communication skills and environmental understanding. The activity encouraged public involvement in conservation efforts.



6. Swachhata Savari at Srirangapatna



The Swachhata Savari campaign focused on cleanliness, sanitation, and environmental awareness among students and the public. Participants promoted waste management and hygiene practices through awareness activities. The programme highlighted the importance of maintaining clean surroundings and protecting public spaces. Students learned about civic responsibility and environmental sustainability. The campaign encouraged community participation in cleanliness initiatives.

7. Beach Cleaning Campaigns at Udupi / Mangalore / Gokarna / Honnavara / Karwar





The Beach Cleaning campaigns were organized to create awareness about marine pollution and coastal conservation. Participants actively cleaned beaches and learned about the harmful effects of plastic waste on marine ecosystems. Awareness sessions highlighted the importance of protecting coastal biodiversity and maintaining clean environments. Students developed environmental responsibility through practical conservation activities. The campaigns encouraged public participation in maintaining sustainable and pollution-free coastal areas.

8. Campaigns at Ballari & Moodabidri

These environmental campaigns focused on spreading awareness about sustainable living, cleanliness, and biodiversity conservation. Scouts and Guides actively participated in awareness drives and public outreach activities. The programmes encouraged community involvement in environmental protection initiatives. Participants learned practical ways to reduce pollution and conserve natural resources. The campaigns strengthened environmental awareness and social responsibility among students and youth groups.

IMPACT OF THE PROGRAMMES

The programmes conducted during FY 2025–26 created significant environmental awareness among students, youth, and communities. Key outcomes include:

- Increased awareness regarding sustainable lifestyles and environmental responsibility.
- Enhanced student participation in environmental conservation activities.
- Improved understanding of biodiversity, wildlife conservation, and ecosystem protection.

- Promotion of water conservation and rainwater harvesting practices.
- Community engagement in cleanliness drives, plantation activities, and coastal conservation.
- Strengthened environmental education through practical and experiential learning.

The initiatives helped build environmental consciousness and encouraged participants to actively contribute towards a sustainable future.

CONCLUSION

FY 2025–26 was a highly productive and impactful year for Environmental Education Programmes (EEP). Through workshops, awareness campaigns, nature camps, exhibitions, competitions, and outreach programmes, EEP successfully reached diverse communities and educational institutions across Karnataka.

The programmes emphasized the importance of sustainability, biodiversity conservation, climate awareness, environmental responsibility, and community participation. The continued support from educational institutions, volunteers, youth groups, and partner organizations played a vital role in the successful execution of the activities.

EEP remains committed to expanding its environmental education initiatives and continuing its mission of promoting ecological awareness and sustainable living practices in the coming years.

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Their support and cooperation made the successful implementation of the programmes possible and contributed towards spreading environmental awareness and sustainability across communities.



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