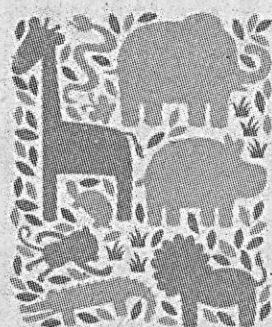




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Wildlife awareness programme

TALK TEAM



As part of the diamond Jubilee celebrations of Stella Maris College the department of Zoology conducted a wildlife awareness programme in the college recently.

A Butterflies on Campus, a book written by Dr Kalpana Jayaraman, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology, was released

on the occasion by Dr R Bhanumathi, naturalist and Managing Trustee of Pava Centre for Puppetry, Chennai. The book contains photographs of butterflies taken on the campus along with small nuggets of information on the observed species. The book, first of its kind by the Zoology department is a culmination of two years efforts by students and staff. It describes 43 species of butterflies with colour photographs that have been observed from a total of 55 listed so far in the campus.

Following the release function, a talk on Biodiversity of Chennai was given by Bhanumathi to create awareness on the diverse life forms of Chennai city. The talk highlighted the need for natural resources, floral and faunal diversity, various locations in and around Chennai to see biodiversity and role of students to preserve the beautiful diversity around us. She also emphasised that education needs to be application-based and students must learn and strive to apply the knowledge they gain in their future profession in an effective way.

A brief question and answer session followed.