



**Goa University**

***Name of Directorate: Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme***

***Report on Lecture Series***

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Lecture Series on “Bats of South Asia: Status and Conservation” by Dr. Chelmala Srinivasulu; “Amphibians, Acoustics & Anthropogenic Climate Change” by Dr. K.V. Gururaja; “Elephants in a Changing World” by Dr. Bhivash Pandav & “The Wilderness Underneath by Shirish Manchi
2. Date and Time	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	Directorate of Visiting Research Professor Programme
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem – Goa
6. Detail of the Resource Person	Enclosed
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	19
8. Number of Student attended / participated	119
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	70/14

10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	To give an opportunity to our learners at Goa University to learn form and interact with learning experts on wildlife Biology.
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	To inculcate a sense of appreciation and responsibility of wildlife.
12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The attendees were acquainted with the latest development in the field of wildlife biology. Also, helps in networking for aspiring wildlife biology.
13. Enclosures with report	Photos, Attendance of participants, Bio Data of resource person.

## **Bio Data**

### **Dr. Chelmala Srinivasulu**

Dr. Chelmala Srinivasulu is an Associate Professor of Zoology at Osmania University in Hyderabad, India. He heads the Wildlife Biology and Taxonomy Lab at the university. Dr. Srinivasulu is an internationally recognized conservation biologist and taxonomist with a focus on biodiversity inventory and conservation issues, particularly concerning tetrapods, reptiles, and mammals.

Dr. Srinivasulu has contributed significantly to the field of herpetology and mammalogy, having authored multiple taxon names and published various research papers. His research interests extend to climate change modeling, systematics, and faunal conservation

### **Dr. K.V. Gururaja**

Dr. K.V. Gururaja is a renowned ecologist and herpetologist specializing in amphibian ecology. He is currently a faculty member at the Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology in Bangalore. Dr. Gururaja completed his Masters in Environmental Science and PhD from Kuvempu University, Karnataka, focusing on the effects of habitat fragmentation on anurans (frogs and toads) in the Western Ghats. He also conducted postdoctoral research at the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.

Dr. Gururaja's research covers various aspects of amphibian ecology, including systematics, bioacoustics, behavioural and landscape ecology, ecological complexity, biostatistics, remote sensing and GIS applications, and ecological niche modelling. He has discovered and described 21 new species of frogs and 2 new species of fish. His significant contributions include developing the "Frog Find" mobile app, the first of its kind in India for identifying frogs and toads and authoring the "Pictorial Guide to Frogs and Toads of the Western Ghats."

Dr. Gururaja is actively involved in citizen science initiatives, conducting frog walks and bird-watching events to engage the public and raise awareness about amphibian conservation. He has also worked on environmental impact assessments and taught various ecological research methods.

### **Dr. Bivash Pandav**

Dr. Bivash Pandav is a renowned Indian wildlife biologist and conservationist, particularly known for his extensive work with sea turtles and tigers. He completed his Ph.D. at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), where he later continued to contribute as a researcher and faculty member.

Dr. Pandav's research has significantly contributed to the understanding and conservation of the Olive Ridley sea turtles, particularly in Odisha, India. He played a crucial role in the identification and protection of the Rushikulya rookery, a significant nesting site for these turtles. His work extends to tagging and monitoring sea turtles to better understand their nesting patterns and population dynamics.

Additionally, Dr. Pandav has been deeply involved in tiger conservation projects. He has emphasized the importance of maintaining healthy prey populations and habitat management for the survival of tigers. His research highlights how inviolate spaces, free from human disturbances, are crucial for the revival of prey and tiger populations.

### **Dr. Shirish Manchi**

Dr. Shirish Manchi is a Principal Scientist at the Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) in Coimbatore, India. He specializes in avian ecology, conservation biology, and cave biology, with a significant focus on the conservation of island birds.

Dr. Manchi has conducted extensive research on the conservation of the edible-nest swiftlet in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. His work includes studying the Narcondam hornbill and the lesser florican in the grasslands of Western and Central India. He has been involved in projects related to the ecological understanding of birds using cave habitats and the conservation of cave fauna



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**Lecture Series**  
**on**  
**"Call of the Wild"**  
**By**

**FOUR EMINENT PERSONALITIES FROM FIELD OF WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION**



**DR. CHELMALA SRINIVASULU**  
Osmania  
University, Telangana

23.01.2024

2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM

**TITLE: Bats of South Asia: Status and Conservation.**



**DR. K V GURURAJA**  
Sri Sri Sri Manipal Institute of Art,  
Design and Technology, Bengaluru

23.01.2024

3:45 PM TO 5:00 PM

**TITLE: Amphibians, Acoustics and Anthropogenic Climate Change.**



**DR. BIVASH PANDAV**  
Wildlife Institute of India,  
Uttarakhand, India.

24.01.2024

2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM

**TITLE: Elephants in a Changing World.**



**SHIRISH MANCHI**  
Principal Scientist at Salim Ali Centre  
for Ornithology and Natural History

24.01.2024

3:45 PM TO 5:00 PM

**TITLE: The Wilderness Underneath**

**VENUE: D-VRPP, SEMINAR HALL, DIRECTORATE BLOCK, GOA UNIVERSITY.**

**Lecture Coordinator: Dr. Manoj R. Borkar, Head of and Associate Professor, Department of Zoology of Carmel College**

**Prof. Savita Kerkar**  
**Director, VRPP**

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Photos of Lecture Series









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