



## Department of Zoology

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### A brief report on Wondering Wildlife Echoes

Date: 17 Mar, 2026

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Connecting with Nature is indeed therapeutic and greatly improves the well-being of mankind, globally. Engaging with the environment fosters relaxation and environmental awareness amidst global climate challenges. The Department of Zoology organized an interactive session, **'Wondering Wildlife Echoes: An effort to indulge in silent stories of untamed heart of Nature!'** in celebration of World Wildlife Week & International Forest Day on 17 March, 2026 (Tuesday). The event took place at our Seminar Hall by 02:00PM, attracting a diverse audience eager to learn about the growing issue of human-wildlife conflict and its potential solutions.

Ms. Sneha M., II PG Zoology warmly welcomed the gathering & introduced the guest of honour to the attendees. The spokesperson of the programme, **Sri. Balasankar Ambalapuzha** is a prominent wildlife journalist and former Assistant Editor, Aranyam Wildlife Magazine who is recognised for his expertise in environmental conservation and human wildlife conflict issues. He is associated with the Kerala Forest as a content contributor, and engages with educational institutions to educate the youth on conservation challenges.

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Talk delivered by:  
**SRI. BALASANKAR AMBALAPUZZHA**  
Assistant Editor, Aranyam Kerala Forest  
Department Freelance Reporter & Script-writer  
Akashavani, Kerala

**VENUE : SEMINAR HALL, MERCY COLLEGE**  
**DATE : 17/03/2026, TUESDAY**  
**TIME : 01:30 PM ONWARD**

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Sri. Balasankar's deep knowledge and vast experience in the field of wildlife journalism was evident as he elaborated his talk in context of escalating human wildlife conflicts that threaten biodiversity across the globe. He highlighted how essential it is to address these issues, urgently, ensuring the survival of both the wildlife and humans in a harmonious existence. He explained how urban expansion, habitat destruction, and climate change have forced animals to encroach upon human settlements, leading to an increase in conflicts. This situation, he emphasized, not only endangers wildlife but also poses risks

to human safety and livelihoods. He discussed the root causes of these conflicts, such as the loss of natural habitats due to deforestation, agricultural expansion, and infrastructural development. He also addressed how climate change has altered migration patterns and food availability for various species, further exacerbating the issue. To combat this, he proposed several remedies, including community engagement initiatives, the development of early warning systems, and proactive policy interventions that would ensure the protection of wildlife habitats while mitigating human-wildlife interactions. for sustainable solutions and active participation from all sections of society



The programme was structured to be interactive, encouraging students to actively participate in discussions and ask questions. The exchange of ideas enriched the learning experience and allowed attendees to explore diverse viewpoints. Sri. Balasankar's storytelling approach made the complex topic of wildlife conservation engaging and accessible, prompting the audience to think critically about the role they can play in protecting biodiversity. His insights sparked meaningful conversations about the importance of creating a balance between development and conservation efforts.

After the talk, students **Ms. Anjali Velayudhan, Ms. Aswini, Ms. Prashitha, Ms. Vidhupriya** shared their reflections on the session. They expressed gratitude for the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges surrounding wildlife conservation. They also underscored the need for increased youth involvement in biodiversity protection, recognizing that future leaders have a significant role in shaping policies and promoting sustainable practices.



The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by **Ms. Devapriya K. K.** She acknowledged the efforts of Sri. Balasankar, and all participants for their contributions in making the event a success. In her closing remarks, she reiterated the importance of collective action and the need for a unified approach in addressing the growing challenges of wildlife conservation. Overall, the event proved to be a meaningful and informative event that brought awareness to the urgent issue of human-wildlife conflict and highlighted the necessity

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