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Title of the Event and name of the venue	Special talk on Man-snake conflict PBMMEC, Mysuru
Date	26.12.2024
Details of the department organizing the event in collaboration with institution	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PBMMEC, Mysuru

Purpose and scope of the event: The Department of Social Work organized a special talk on “*Man-Snake Conflict: Understanding Coexistence and Conservation*” for MSW students. The session aimed to raise awareness about the increasing incidents of human-snake conflict in both urban and rural settings and the role social workers can play in addressing these issues through community engagement and environmental education.

Details of the talk/event/activity:

■ **Introduction to Indian Snakes:** Ms Sharanya gave a brief overview of the diversity of snake species found in India, including the non-venomous and the “Big Four” venomous snakes responsible for most snakebite cases.

■ **Causes of Conflict:** The talk discussed how habitat destruction, urban expansion, and lack of awareness contribute to the rise in man-snake encounters.

■ **Debunking Myths:** Common myths and fears surrounding snakes were addressed, promoting a rational and scientific understanding.

■ **First Aid and Safety:** The speaker provided essential guidance on first aid for snakebites, do's and don'ts during encounters, and the importance of seeking immediate medical attention.

■ **Role of Social Workers:** Emphasis was placed on how MSW professionals can act as mediators between communities and wildlife rescuers, conduct awareness programmes, and advocate for humane handling of wildlife situations.

Event Highlights: The special talk was a valuable learning experience for MSW students, highlighting an often-overlooked area where social work intersects with environmental and wildlife conservation. The session encouraged students to think beyond traditional domains and explore their roles in promoting coexistence between humans and nature.

A brief profile of the resource persons: Ms. Sharanya, Zoologist, Liana Trust, Hunsur

Target audience and No. of Participants/beneficiaries: 48 MSW students



Signature of the Event Co-ordinator

(Dr. B R Jayakumari)