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Title of the Event and name of the venue	Liana trust Serpentarium, Rathnapuri in Hunsur, Mysuru district, Karnataka
Date	21.05.2025
Details of the department organizing the event in collaboration with institution	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PBMMEC, Mysuru

Purpose and scope of the event: The field visit to **Liana Trust Serpentarium**, an environmental conservation and wildlife education center located in Rathnapuri, Hunsur, was organized with the objective of introducing students to **biodiversity protection, wildlife rescue, and environmental advocacy**.

The purpose was to:

- Provide practical insights into the **role of NGOs in wildlife conservation** and community sensitization.
- Understand the **importance of ecological balance** and coexistence between humans and wildlife, especially reptiles.
- Explore the **educational and rehabilitative efforts** aimed at addressing fear and myths surrounding snakes and other reptiles.
- Observe the **link between environment, health, and community welfare**, relevant to the broader scope of social work.

Details of the talk/event/activity: The students were warmly received by the staff and volunteers of **Liana Trust**, a dedicated wildlife and herpetology organization known for snake rescue, awareness programs, and environmental education.

Key activities during the visit included:

- **Orientation Session** by the Liana Trust team on their mission, vision, and field activities.
- **Guided tour of the Serpentarium** showcasing native snake species and educating students on their behavior, importance in the ecosystem, and identification.
- **Live demonstration** of snake rescue protocols and safe handling techniques.
- **Awareness talk** on common myths and superstitions surrounding snakes, and the need for scientific temper in wildlife conservation.
- Discussion on **rescue and rehabilitation procedures** for injured or displaced reptiles and community-level sensitization campaigns.

- Insights into **environmental education programmes** conducted by the trust for schools, rural communities, and local authorities.

Event Highlights:

- Interaction with conservationists and rescuers who shared **real-life rescue experiences**.
- Students learned about the **ecological role of snakes**, their endangered status, and challenges due to habitat loss and human conflict.
- **High engagement and curiosity** among students, with many asking questions and expressing interest in environmental volunteering.
- Reflection on the **role of social workers in environmental justice, disaster response, and eco-awareness campaigns**.

A brief profile of the resource persons:

Gerry Martin, herpetologist, Liana trust Serpentarium, Rathnapuri in Hunsur, Mysuru district, Karnataka

Target audience and No. of Participants/beneficiaries:



Signature of the Event Co-ordinator

(Dr. B R Jayakumari)