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Two-Day Faculty Training Program on “Computer-Aided Drug Designing”

- ❖ The PG and Research Department of Zoology, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, in collaboration with Biozone Research Technologies Private Limited, Chennai, organized a **Two-Day Faculty Training Program on “Computer-Aided Drug Designing”** on 20th and 21st August 2025 at the Central Computer Lab. The training was designed to provide faculty members with hands-on experience and technical knowledge in the emerging field of computational biology, especially drug designing, which bridges biology, chemistry, and technology. The technical sessions were handled by eminent resource persons from Biozone Research Technologies: Dr. Florida Tilton, Mr. Nambiarasu, Mr. B. Robert Cruz, and Dr. Suvathika. The two-day Faculty Training Program provided a highly valuable platform for participants to enhance their skills in computer-aided drug designing. A total of 68 faculty members participated in the training programme.



National Seminar on “Wildlife: Protecting Nature’s Legacy”

- ❖ To celebrate the wildlife week, the PG and Research Department of Zoology in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, organized a **National Seminar on the theme “Wildlife: Protecting Nature’s Legacy”** on 9th October 2025. The seminar brought together experts in wildlife and marine conservation to raise awareness and promote discourse on critical environmental issues. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jessie Fernando, Principal of St. Mary’s College (Autonomous), who delivered the Presidential Address, highlighting the importance of conserving biodiversity and fostering environmental stewardship among students and scholars. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. P. Jawahar, Professor and Head, FCRI, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Tharuvaikulam, Thoothukudi. Dr. Jawahar addressed the pressing issues contributing to the degradation of ocean resources, emphasizing the ecological importance of sea grass meadows and coral reefs. The technical session continued with an expert lecture by Dr. J.A. Johnson, Scientist F & Registrar, Wildlife Institute of India. His presentation titled “Wildlife Resources of India: Conservation Challenges” focused on the rich faunal diversity of India. He provided insightful coverage of India’s biodiversity hotspots, biogeographic zones, and protected areas, including marine parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and biosphere reserves. The seminar concluded with the Valedictory Address by Dr.R. D. Thilaga, Former Head, Department of Zoology, St. Mary’s College (Autonomous), who commended the speakers and participants for their active involvement and highlighted the need for continued awareness and action in wildlife conservation. During the valedictory session prizes for the winners of the competition ‘Eyes on the Wild’ held by the Department of Zoology in commemoration of the Wild Life week celebration were honored. Hundred and eighteen students were participated in the National Seminar.

