

# Zooreach completes a year as a MAHE research centre

Zoo Outreach Organisation Trust is a Research Centre affiliated with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) since January 2024. In the past one year four students are enrolled for PhD in 'Conservation Action'.

The vision of the organization's doctoral program is to empower the youth to strengthen their actions in conservation through science-backed research. The program is in its initial stages, and we have two eminent conservationists/ researchers accepting students and spear-heading the program—Dr Sanjay Molur and Dr. Bhargavi Srinivasulu.

- Trisa Bhattacharjee (registered on 15 April 2024) is working on 'Shifting Timelines: Asian Elephants in Human Settlements in and around Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve'.
- Sushanth S (registered on 15 October 2024) is working on 'Species composition and status of vegetation, herpetofauna, birds, and mammals in the habitat mosaics of Nelliampathy Hills, Kerala'.
- Asha Jyothi (registered on 15 October 2024) is working on 'Factors Impacting the Species Composition and Abundance of Araneofauna in Undisturbed and Disturbed Ecosystems: Implications of Habitat Management Interventions'.
- Asad Gopi (registered on 15 October 2024) is working on 'Distribution and Movement Ecology of Indian Flying Fox Pteropus medius in the Urban and Semi-Urban Ecosystems of Greater Hyderabad, Telangana State'.

**If you are a self-motivated conservationist with a desire to work on a unique conservation project proposal on your mind and are looking forward to pursuing a PhD on the same, please mail us your details (CV, compelling write up on your interest, ideas of working on the aspect, funding) at [phdcoordinator@zooreach.org](mailto:phdcoordinator@zooreach.org).**