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15.2. Supporting land ecosystems through education

15.2.3 Maintain and extend current ecosystems' biodiversity

Work directly to maintain and extend existing ecosystems and their biodiversity, of both plants and animals, especially ecosystems under threat



Plate 2. Plantation drive in the Sri Sri University Campus



Dense canopy



Flowering plants



Farm land



Fish pond

Plate. Diverse microhabitats in the Sri Sri University campus



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Red-whiskered Bulbul



Scaly-bellied Munia



Indian Scops Owl



Large Oak Blue



Tailed Jay



Lime Swallowtail

Description:

The activities related to the biodiversity conservation and richness are well aligned with educational programmes and raising awareness. The students of various faculty and student members of eco-club, birding club, Farmer's club, etc are involved in these activities. The main activities in the campus are:



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1. Plantation is a regular activity on the campus of Sri Sri University. The plantation drives are conducted on occasions such as World Environment Day, Independence Day, and during the monsoon season (**Plate 1**). Sri Sri University boasts a well-developed plant nursery, which not only supplies plants for the campus and other shared ecosystems but also donates seedlings and saplings to the villagers.
2. Sri Sri University's campus has been developed into a landscape with diverse habitats or patches, including dense canopy area, wild area, fish pond, flowering plants designed to attract butterflies, as well as farmland, and more (**Plate 2**).
3. Regular monitoring of floral and faunal elements is carried out with the aim of biodiversity protection. Students are actively involved in these activities as part of their project works. Sri Sri University is home to more than 8 mammalian species, including the Common Langur (*Semnopithecus entellus*), Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*), Indian Porcupine (*Hystrix indica*), Grey Mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsii*), Five-striped Squirrel (*Funambulus pennantii*), Indian Hare (*Lepus nigricollis*), Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*), Jackal (*Canis aureus*), as well as several species of rats, mice, and bats. Additionally, the campus harbours around 92 bird species, 47 butterfly species (**Plate 3**), and numerous species of reptiles and amphibians.