

Divecha Centre for Climate Change, IISc.
Dr. H Paramesh Education Trust
IAP Environmental Child Health Chapter

Thursday 26th February 2026 Time: 4.00 PM – 5.00 PM (IST)

Auditorium DCCC IISc. - 3.30 PM to 4.00 PM High Tea

Timings	Agenda	Faculty/ Co-ordinator
4:00 PM– 4:05 PM	Welcome Speech	Mr. A. Srinivasan
4.05 PM – 4.10 PM	Introduction of the subject and the speaker	Prof. S. K. Satheesh/ Prof. J Srinivasan/
4:10 PM– 4:50 PM	Importance of Biodiversity: Web of Life!!! What do we know about animal species?	Rtn. Prof. Dr. H. Paramesh, MD, FAAP (USA), FIAP, FIAMS, FIAA, FICAAI, FPAI. FICS, FICCP, FKSTA, Pediatric Pulmonologist and Environmentalist, Visiting Physician Scientist, Divecha Centre for Climate Change
4:50 PM –5:00 PM	Q & A / Remarks by Moderator Vote of thanks Group picture of participants	Prof. J Srinivasan



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DCCC Seminar

Title: "Importance of Biodiversity: Web of Life! What do we know about animal species?"

Speaker: Prof. Dr. H. Paramesh,

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Venue: DCCC Auditorium, 2nd Floor, D314.

Coffee/Tea: 3.30 PM to 4:00 PM

Speaker Bio:

Rtn. Prof. Dr. H. Paramesh, MD, FAAP (USA), FIAP, FIAMS, FIAA, FICAAI, FPAI. FICS, FICCP, FKSTA, Pediatric Pulmonologist and Environmentalist, Visiting Physician Scientist, Divecha Centre for Climate Change IISc., Founder, President/ Chairman member & Past Chairman, Respiratory chapter of IAP, Respiratory Chapter of Karnataka, Environment chapter, Allergy and Immunology chapter, Indian Medical Association Bangalore east. Visiting Prof. U.S.A, Canada, Italy, Nepal, U.K, Australia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Founder / Permanent Chairman Lakeside Education Trust - 1982, Member WHO-NGO Climate – Health Working Group GENEVA, Founder member and advisor Thalassaemia society Bangalore. Adviser to WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, COMHAD & Alliance for Global Health. GENEVA, 843 – Invited Scientific papers/talks; 53- Oration Awards ; and many chapters in 43 textbooks; 146 – Publications in National and International Journals, Past National president Indian Academy of ALLERGY, Past National President Pediatric Association of India – 2015, Local, State, National & International Awardee for his work in Environment and Health, Past President of PHANA-Private Hospitals & Nursing Homes Association 2008 – 2012, Past National President COMHAD (UK) India Chapter 2021- 2022, Received Lifetime Achievement Award from Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) 2022, Co-Chairman International Pediatric Association on Environmental Health, White Coat Legend of India 2024 Docflix / Mankind Pharma.

Abstract:-

Biodiversity is the spice of life which makes our ecosystem interconnected. Nearly, 1.75 million species are identified on our planet. Unfortunately, there has been continued decline for the past 2 decades. The U.N general assembly decided in 2000 to protect our biodiversity.

Among the vertebrate human species represent 0.01% of living things but destroyed 83% of wild animals and 50% of plants and polluted our 5 elements (Pancha Bhutas). The hot spots of biodiversity occupied 2.5% of our land globally and there is 36 official biodiversity hot spots.

In India the hot spots for biodiversity are western ghats, Himalayan areas, Indo Burman border and Sundarbans National Park. The western ghats stretch of 1600 km from Gujarat to tip of Southern India, hosts many species of birds, animals and plants. Nearly 325 threatened species occur in western ghats. To save this Eco sensitive area (ESA) professionals Dr. Madhav Gadgil and Prof. Kasturi Rangan's efforts are noteworthy, but our State Govt should act to safeguard this area which is pending.

// ALL ARE WELCOME //