
Report on Two-Days Campus Bird Counts organized at Integral University Phase I and Phase III Campuses

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As part of **Bird Count India's** initiative to conduct **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)**, Integral University, under the Aegis of Dean, Students' Welfare organized a **Campus Bird Count (CBC) 2024** at its two campuses i.e. Main Campus (Phase-I) and newly acquired Campus (Phase-III) in collaboration with Bird Enthusiasts from the Department of Environmental Science and University Polytechnic.

This annual Campus Bird Count is a coordinated effort to survey bird life on several university campuses across India, including educational and training institutions for **Bird Count India**. In this connection, two fascinating **Bird Walks for Bird Species Counts** were organized on **17th and 19th February 2024** at **Phase-III and Phase-I respectively**. In the early hours, more than 50 students and faculty members along with **Prof. M. A. Khalid**, Dean, Students' Welfare and **Dr. Intezar Mahdi**, Principal of University Polytechnic, participated in the events, which were led by coordinators **Mr. Anas Mirza Baig** (University Polytechnic), **Mr Abid Shakeel** (University Polytechnic) and **Ms. Mohsina Khan** (Department of Environmental Science).

The events commenced with an informative briefing by the coordinators, setting the stage for an exciting bird walk followed by fascinating facts about birds and identification pointers by Prof. M. A. Khalid along with Dr. Intezar Mahdi, who shared his childhood experiences of birds adding to the educational aspect of the event.

The walks ended with a lively group photo session, capturing the joys and camaraderie of the participants. Driven by their zeal, the group successfully identified and documented more than **30 bird species**, encompassing resident and migratory species. Notably, participants were treated to rare sightings of the endangered **Egyptian Vulture** and the occasionally spotted migratory raptor **Eurasian Kestrel**. These bird walks contributed to the valuable data for enrichment of Great Backyard Bird Count, which fostered a deeper understanding of bird diversity in the Integral University campuses. The event was highly successful and contributed to greater awareness and interest about birds.

Some Glimpses of the Event:







Warm regards,

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