

# **TRAINING PROGRAMME ON BUTTERFLY GARDENING**

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In an effort to propagate the importance of conservation of butterflies a training programme to the teachers and students was delivered. this generated resources at school and college level who could transfer the knowledge about butterfly garden at their own institutions.

The goals were

1. Encourage schools to engage in butterfly conservation activities by highlighting importance of nature conservation.
2. To expose educators to maintain live labs of butterfly stages.
3. To inspire education activities initiating creativity in students

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This drive to set up a butterfly garden at the school and college level was greatly welcomed and achieved immense popularity. Butterfly Garden is the most important way of enriching and restoring habitats Creating a welcome refuge for butterflies. Butterfly gardening is a conservation project that can be successfully done by any person without much expenditure whereas creating a master environment where plants live in association with animals mutually benefitted, self-

sustained and stabilizing the ecosystem. If it becomes a custom for every household, every institution and industrial units to nurture a butterfly garden this alone would lead to a great leap for the sustainability of the ecosystem. This would provide micro-units of habitats to sustain native butterfly