

# Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)

An incredible research institute, founded in 1990 in Anaikatti, Coimbatore, carries the legacy of the legendary "Birdman of India," an ornithologist and naturalist, Dr. Sálim Ali. This is the Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)! Operating under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, SACON stands as India's premier institution for bird and biodiversity conservation.

## A Campus Bursting with Life!

SACON's campus is truly special, nestled within the vibrant Western Ghats. Designed by eco-friendly architect Laurie Baker, its naturally lit, open buildings blend seamlessly into the environment. It's a living classroom

- Home to over 400 species of flowering plants and a remarkable 177 bird species.
- Witness 107 butterfly species, with spectacular mass movements in October and November!



With over 17 scientists on board, this institute has even been instrumental in discovering four new species of flora and fauna! Its extensive library is open to all, from students to curious visitors.

## SACON's Core Mission: Preserve and Educate!

SACON is committed to safeguarding India's rich biodiversity. They achieve this through

- Comprehensive research in ornithology and natural history.
- Engaging educational programs for wildlife enthusiasts, combining classroom learning with thrilling field visits to protected areas.
- Recognizing vital contributions to these fields.

Their state-of-the-art labs support advanced studies in ecotoxicology and wildlife biology. SACON is truly where scientific dedication and a love for nature take flight!

## Inspiring the Next Generation of Conservationists!

SACON goes beyond science, nurturing young minds to love nature. Through workshops, internships, and interactive sessions, they empower students as future conservation leaders. Their work fosters a deep connection to India's unique natural heritage, inspiring its protection for generations.