

Formation of the Club, and Founding team of Oasis

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This document highlights the formation of the club and its initial formation of founding members and faculty advisors, its initial aims, motivations and ambitions.

The formation of Oasis, the Eco Club of IISER Berhampur, in September 2019, was a pivotal moment in the institution's commitment to environmental conservation and ecological awareness. In response to the devastating effects of Cyclone Fani, which ravaged the region, Oasis was conceived under the guidance of Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy and Dr. Jose Sebastian. The club aimed to establish a collaborative platform for students, faculty, and community members, emphasizing the importance of preserving biodiversity, promoting sustainability, and fostering environmental consciousness. Over the years, Oasis has become a key player in advancing ecological advocacy within the academic community and beyond.

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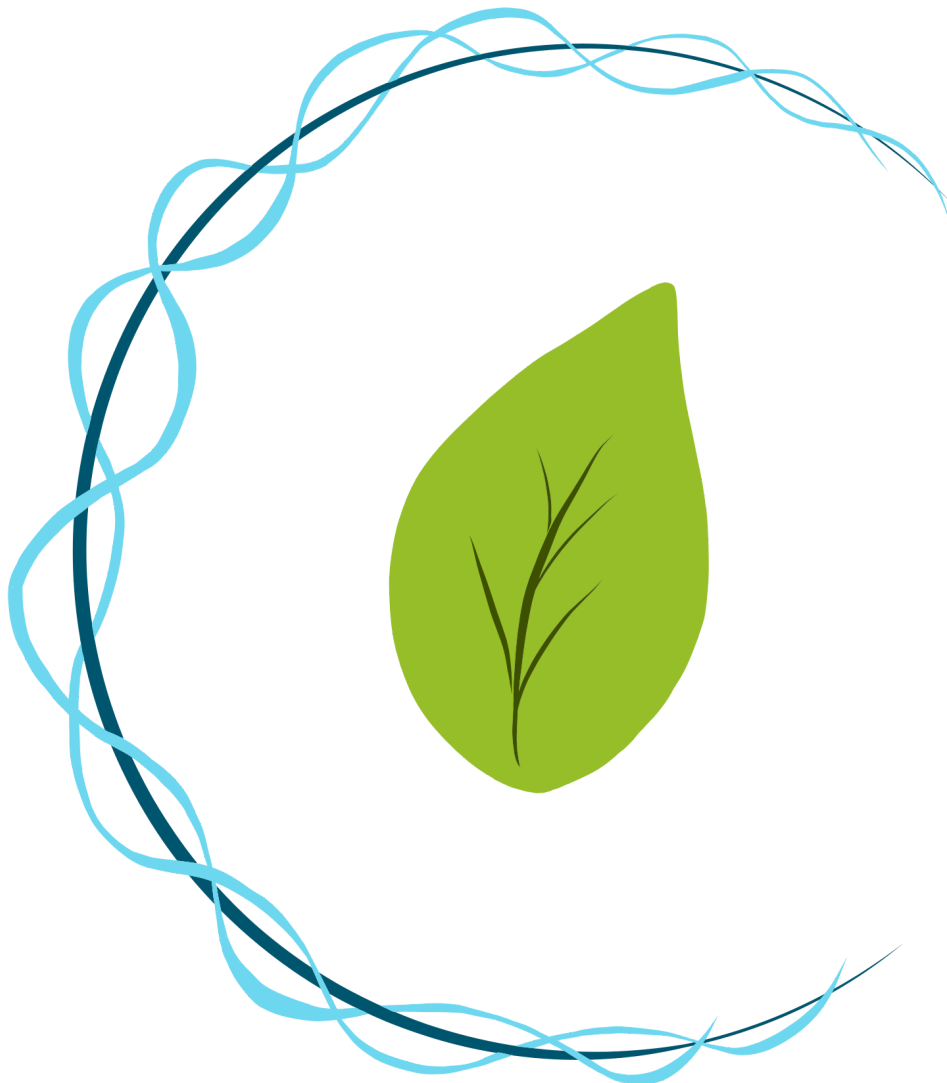
The Vision of Oasis

Oasis was officially established in September 2019, with the clear objective of promoting environmental conservation and fostering a culture of ecological awareness. The inception of the club was directly influenced by the destructive impact of Cyclone Fani, which underscored the need for more proactive ecological action in the region. Recognizing this, Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy and Dr. Jose Sebastian, both eminent mentors in the field of environmental science, provided their vision and guidance to establish a formal student-run organization dedicated to

addressing the urgent environmental challenges facing Odisha and beyond. The club's mission—focused on appreciating, conserving, and protecting biodiversity—was shaped by the collective desire of students from diverse academic disciplines to actively contribute to ecological sustainability. Oasis stands as a testament to the commitment of IISER Berhampur to incorporate environmental education as a central element of academic life, creating a legacy of environmental stewardship.

The Logo

The below is the **Founding Logo** of Oasis, which was made by Sayantani Biswas (BS-MS Batch 2019)



Establishing a Platform for Ecological Awareness

From its inception, Oasis recognized the importance of creating a platform for open dialogue and actionable environmental solutions. This platform was envisioned not only as a space for students and faculty to engage in discussions but also as a center for planning and executing meaningful ecological initiatives. Through collaboration with various academic departments and engagement with local communities, the club worked to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues, ranging from the conservation of local biodiversity to addressing global ecological crises such as climate change and deforestation. Oasis rapidly evolved into a dynamic entity, where students could contribute actively to environmental discourse, while also fostering partnerships that amplified their collective impact. The establishment of this platform was integral in empowering participants to take ownership of the ecological challenges they sought to address, reinforcing the idea that every individual has a role to play in environmental conservation.

Associated members - Founding Members of Oasis, viz. Members during September, 2019 & Faculty Advisors which Includes Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy, and Dr. Jose Sebastian, belonging to the Department of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research.

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