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A rare slender loris, rescued by wildlife enthusiast Rahmath Ataz, is the latest addition to the mini forest opposite the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES) of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).



Slender loris is fast disappearing from the Garden City due to habitat loss. It is protected under Schedule 2 of the Wildlife Act.

Residents of Chamundinagar had initially rescued the animal which was ailing. They handed it over to Ataz, head of the department of zoology at Al Ameen College.

Ataz, who has formed the Society for Wildlife Education Adventure and Research (SWEAR) to rescue wildlife in trouble, was puzzled finding the smallest primitive primate in the country (measuring less than 16 inches) in the City, considering the depleting green cover.

"The animal was in bad condition and was taken care of for two days, before being released back in the wild. We learnt about the mini forest in IISc, which has a bamboo grove, an ideal habitat for slender loris," he said.

The animal was released into the forest in the presence of T V Ramachandra, senior scientist at CES. "We already have two of these here," said Ramachandra.

He said slender loris had big red eyes and thrived on bamboo shoots, berries and insects. The animal is poached for its eyes, believed to have medicinal properties. It is also sold for black magic and witchcraft. It is also in demand as a pet.

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Indians should not deride any educational institution India. They are doing the best they can to train younger generations. IISc is reputed to maintain discipline and train good scientists. Regrettably, many of them go abroad for better prospects. However, we have been producing scores of good scientists and engineers and even if they do better outside India, ultimately, they contribute to science and, improve mankind. Scores of Indians work in USA providing the technology that is being used everywhere. There is no point in blaming Indian institutions: we just need to focus on how to get them more funds and encourage science and engineering. This show from IISc is laudable and should be done each year !!! By the way I am not from IISc and just an Indian scientist with a fancy pseudoname!

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I strongly recommend that IISc be turned into a state park similar to Cubbon Park. Their is absolutely nothing great in IISc or its faculty. Any university in the US would be better any day (except the one where our dear Gult brothers were caught LBW)

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