## Educational Excursion: Ghudkhar Wildlife Sanctuary, Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, and Marine National Park -Narara Tapu

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Venue: Ghudkhar Wildlife Sanctuary, Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and Marine National Park -

Narara Tapu

The Department of Zoology at Government Science College, Vankal, organized an educational excursion. As part of this initiative, a two-day nature education camp was conducted at the Jesda Campsite, located within the Jesda Range of Ghudkhara Wildlife Sanctuary. During this camp, students had the opportunity to explore the diverse wildlife of the sanctuary, including species such as Ghudkhara, Jharkh, and Nilgai. The program also included boat rides and an evening campfire where discussions centered around wildlife conservation efforts and strategies. At the Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, participants observed a variety of migratory birds, including flamingos, common cranes, pelicans, black-winged stilts, common pochards, great crested grebes, glossy ibises, grey herons, purple herons, painted storks, Eurasian spoonbills, and great thick-knees.

Dr. Rajesh Senma led a birdwatching session during the excursion. Additionally, participants explored Marine National Park, Narara Tapu, where they observed octopuses, various species of corals, starfish, sea cucumbers, and brittle stars. Dr. Rajesh Senma provided valuable insights into marine biodiversity conservation efforts. Students from the T.Y.B.Sc. and M.Sc. departments of the Zoology Department actively participated in the excursion. The entire educational tour and arrangements were meticulously planned and overseen by Dr. Rajesh Senma, Sheetal Patel, Tamanna Chaudhary, Tabbsum Kureshi, and Mittal Vasava from the Department of Zoology.

























