

Organized Educational Excursion by the Department of Zoology, Government Science College, Vankal

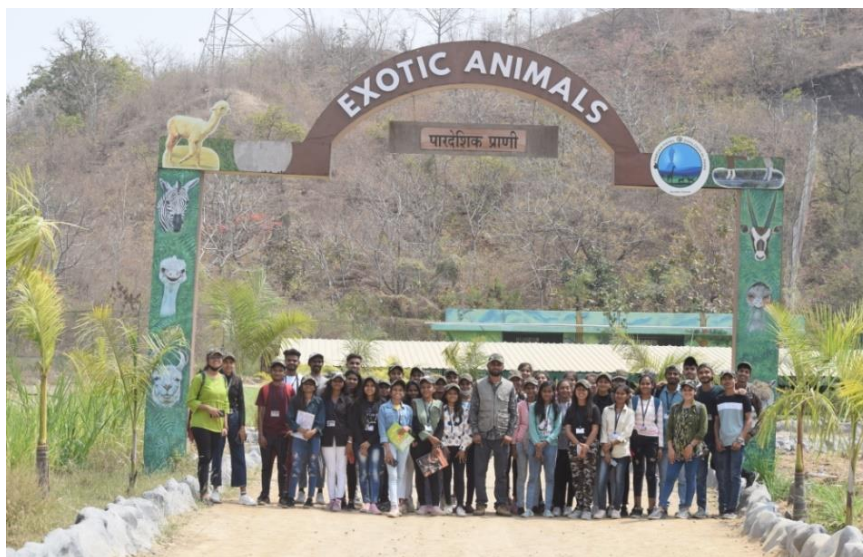
Date: 9th & 10th March 2022

Venue: Jungle Safari, Statue of Unity and Kevadi Ecotourism Centre

During the educational tour, students explored several prominent locations, including the Jungle Safari, Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Rajpipla, and the Kevadi Ecotourism Centre in Chhotaudepur. These visits provided them with a comprehensive learning experience about wildlife and conservation efforts. At the Jungle Safari and the Kevadi Ecotourism Centre, students immersed themselves in the study of a diverse array of animals. They had the opportunity to observe iconic Indian species such as Asiatic lions, majestic tigers, elusive leopards, powerful rhinoceroses, and various species of snakes. The firsthand encounters with these animals allowed students to deepen their understanding of their behaviors, habitats, and conservation needs. Additionally, the students explored the fascinating world of exotic animals housed in these facilities. They encountered lamas, graceful giraffes, striped zebras, imposing hippos, and the swift wildebeests. These encounters broadened their knowledge of global biodiversity and conservation challenges faced by these species in their native habitats. The avian diversity at the locations also captured the students' attention. They studied exotic birds such as pelicans, towering ostriches, agile emus, elegant black swans, and colorful macaws. Learning about these birds not only enhanced their understanding of avian ecology but also underscored the importance of habitat preservation for diverse bird species. Furthermore, a highlight of the tour was the one-day nature education camp at the Kevadi Ecotourism Centre in Chhotaudepur. During this camp, students received in-depth insights into local wildlife conservation efforts. They learned about the importance of preserving natural habitats and the role of ecotourism in promoting conservation awareness among visitors. Under the guidance of Dr. Rajesh Senma, the students participated in a birdwatching session at the ecotourism campusite. They had the opportunity to observe and identify birds such as Dudhraj, Kalkalio, Whitebrowed Fantail, Spotted Dove, parrots, and cuckoos. This hands-on experience allowed them to appreciate the biodiversity present in the region and understand the ecological roles played by these bird species.



The entire educational tour was meticulously planned and executed by Dr. Rajesh Senma, Sheetal Patel, Tamanna Chaudhary, and Pinal Thakor from the Department of Zoology. Their efforts ensured that students not only gained theoretical knowledge but also had practical experiences that deepened their appreciation for wildlife conservation and biodiversity. This holistic learning approach aimed to inspire future conservationists and advocates for sustainable environmental practices.



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