## Two-Day Nature Education Camp at Mahal Eco Tourism Center, Purna Wildlife Sanctuary

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

Venue: Mahal Eco Tourism Center and Purna Wildlife Sanctuary

A comprehensive two-day nature education camp was meticulously organized by the Forest Department, Ahwa, in collaboration with the Government Science College - ECO Club, from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The primary objective of the camp was to enhance awareness among youth about the critical importance of forest conservation. Deputy Forest Conservator Shri Agnishwar Vyas delivered an enlightening lecture, focusing on the significance of preserving forests. Throughout the camp, participants received in-depth knowledge about the diverse flora and fauna inhabiting the jungle. Forest Range Officer Anil Prajapati provided detailed insights into various forest types, their conservation methods, and the roles of ETDC (Eco-Task Force Development Committee) and JFMC (Joint Forest Management Committee).

The trainees actively engaged in forest exploration activities, observing a wide array of vegetation, birds, animals, reptiles, and other wildlife species. They also enthusiastically took part in a tree planting campaign, deliberated on pollution control by modern human activities in forests, and brainstormed strategies to combat deforestation and forest degradation. In addition to these practical activities, thought-provoking dramas were performed, highlighting issues such as pollution caused by tourists, sustainable forest development practices, and the symbiotic relationship between wildlife and indigenous communities. A quiz competition on wildlife and biodiversity further stimulated intellectual engagement among the participants. The successful execution and management of the camp were overseen by Dr. Rajesh Senma, Dr. Puspa Shah, Dr. Mital Chaudhri, and Kaushal Chaudhri, who serve as Secretaries of the ECO Club - Dang, ensuring that the event achieved its educational and environmental conservation goals effectively.

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