

S. K. E. Society's
Govindram Seksaria Science College, Belagavi
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Report on Visit by staff (Prof. S. Y. Prabhu, Prof. Y. B. Dalvi, Shri. Rahul Sawant and Dr. B. B. Goundadkar) to Kalpavruksha (Natural Farm) at Dehri, Gujarat on 4th and 5th May, 2022.

Details of the programme
Title: Visit to Kalpvruksh (Natural Farm) at Dehri, Gujrat
Date of event: 04.05.2022
No. of Participants: 04
Highlights of the Programme: Vice-chairman SKE Society (Prof. S. Y. Prabhu) along with Faculty members from Dept. of Botany and Zoology (Prof. Y. B. Dalvi, Shri. Rahul Sawant and Dr. B. B. Goundadkar) visited Kalpvruksh (Natural Farm) at Dehri, Gujrat on 04th of May 2022. The aim of this visit is to understand about Establishment, Management practices and advantages of natural farming. This natural farm was developed by "Late Bhaskar Save" well known Natural Farmer from India, which farm was visited by Father of Natural Farming Masanobu Fukuoka in 1997. The beauty of this farm is that this farm is highly productive and produces healthy and quality fruits without any fertilizer and pesticides.



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Details of the programme
Title: Visit to Live Fish Farm Dehri, Gujrat.
Date of event: 04.05.2022
No. of Participants: 04
Highlights of the Programme: Vice-chairman S. K. E Society's (Prof. S. Y. Prabhu) along with Faculty members from Dept. of Botany and Zoology (Prof. Y. B. Dalvi, Shri. Rahul Sawant and Dr. B. B. Goundadkar) visited natural live fish Farm at Dehri, Gujrat on 05 th of May 2022. This natural live fish farm was developed by Mr. Patel, where he breeds and maintains different types of live fishes and sells at cheap rate. The aim of this visit is to understand about Establishment, Management practices and advantages of this natural live fish farming.



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Report on participation of staff (Mr. Shashank Borkar) in the Mapping the Malabar Toad Workshop organized by The Habitat Trust and The Indian Biodiversity Portal on 18th and 19th June, 2022 at Kudase, Tillari, Maharashtra.

Details of the programme
Title: Participation in "Mapping the Malabar Tree toad" Workshop
Date of event: 18 th and 19 th June, 2022.
No. of Participants: 01
Highlights of the Programme: Mr. Shashank Borkar, Lecturer, Dept. of Zoology, participated in the 'Malabar Tree Toad' workshop at Kudase, Tillari, Maharashtra. The workshop was organized by The Habitat Trust and Indian Biodiversity Portal. Dr. K. V. Gururaja and Dr. Hari Krishnan were the resource persons. Interactive sessions on frog survey methods were conducted. The workshop included a field visit to map the Malabar Tree toad. Frog species like <i>Nyctybatrachus</i> sps., <i>Euphlyctus</i> sps., etc were spotted. The organizers promoted the participants to take up frog watch activities to create awareness regarding the importance of frogs and measures for their conservation.



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**Report on two-day National Conference on “Pollination Ecology and Food security”
organised by Department of Zoology, G. S. S. College, Belagavi on 28th and 29th June,
2022.**

Details of the programme
Title: National Conference on “Pollination Ecology & Food Security”
Date of event: 28 th and 29 th June, 2022.
No. of Participants:
Highlights of the Programme:

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Report on participation of students in Lesser Florican Survey
Organized by BNHS, Mumbai from 1st -15th August, 2022.

Details of the programme
Title: Lesser Florican Survey in Kalaburgi and Bidar organized by Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.
Date of event: 1.08.2022 to 15.08.2022
No. of Participants: 04
Highlights of the Programme: Sriraj Yadav (B. Sc. 2 nd Sem), Som Saple, Gaurang Nilajkar (B.Sc.4 th Sem) and Sainath Nichal (M. Sc. 2 nd Sem) of Zoology Department, participated in the survey of Lesser Floricans in Kalaburgi and Bidar, organized by Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai. Under this activity, the students were given training about basic field survey techniques in grasslands. They could spot many interesting mammals and birds including Blackbucks, Hares, Jackals, Nightjars, Whistling ducks, etc. Dr. Sujit Narwade was the project survey. The students were made to understand the importance of grasslands. "Grasslands are not wastelands" was the central message propagated to the students.



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One day Study tour to Dholgarwadi Snake park, Chandgad on 20th August 2022

Study tour Report- 2022

Details of the programme
Title: Study tour at Dholgarwadi Snake Park, Chandgad
Date of event: 20 th August, 2022.
No. of Participants: 65
Highlights of the Programme: The students of 4 th semester (65) along with Zoology and Botany, staff members Dr. B. B. Goundadkar, Prof. Rahul Sawant, Prof. Shashank Borkar & Attender Annaso Desai left Belagavi at 8.30 am & reached Dholgarwadi Snake Park at 10.30. the students went for trekking till Dholgarwadi from Sundi village (3kms) & observed Orchids, Evergreen plants, Deciduous plants, various Ferns, Bryophytes etc., on the way. After reaching Dholgarwadi snake park the students were given the scientific information about various snakes such as identification of snakes based on morphology, differentiating between non-poisonous and poisonous snakes and misunderstanding and superstitious beliefs about snakes. After enlightening the students with the information, the students started trekking from Dholgarwadi to Sundi falls and then moved on to Mahipalgad where on the they observed the dense vegetation. KSRTC bus arrived at 6.00 pm and the students reached Belgaum at 7.00 pm in the evening This study tour served the purpose of identification of poisonous, non-poisonous snakes, misunderstanding and superstitious beliefs about snakes. Overall, it was a great experience with faculty & students.



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“Wildlife week 2022-23 – A tribute to Ajay Desai”
REPORT

Details of the programme
Title: Wildlife week 2022-23 – A tribute to Ajay Desai (Guest Lecture and Documentary Screening)
Date of event: 18th to 20th October, 2022
No. of Participants: 550
Highlights of the Programme: The department of Zoology and Botany in association with the Dhaarini Bio-club organized the Wildlife Week-2022 A tribute to ‘Elephant man’- Ajay Desai. Students of B. Sc. 1st Semester conducted outreach lectures in 7 schools around Belgaum. The activity was conducted to spread awareness about the importance of Wildlife and the methods of its conservation. Dr. Avinash Krishnan, National Director, A ROCHA India, graced the occasion as the chief-guest and speaker. Prof. S. Y. Prabhu, presided over the function. Smt. Shanti Ajay Desai, wife of Ajay Desai also graced the occasion as the guest of honor. Principal, Prof. B. L. Majumkar gave the welcome address. Prof. A. A. Halgekar talked about celebration of Wildlife week and the Elephant man, Ajay Desai. Prof. S. Y. Prabhu, Smt. Nyla Coelho, Dr. Avinash Krishnan, spoke about their memories with Late Shri. Ajay Desai. The inaugural session was followed by a lecture by guest speaker Dr. Avinash Krishnan. He spoke about ‘Man-Animal conflict and mitigation measure’. ‘Kinara’ an animated short film depicting the causes and preventive measures of Man-Animal conflict and ‘The Great Indian Bustard’ a short film revealing the interesting behavior of the elusive Great Indian Bustard and the importance of its habitat (Grasslands are not wastelands) were screened for school students. The screening of documentaries was preceded by interaction sessions by students of B. Sc. 1st Semester. On 20th October, 2022, Shri. Amol Pawar, a wildlife photographer from Mumbai, gave a talk on ‘Basics of Wildlife photography’ The Wildlife Week 2022 concluded with a valedictory programme on 20th October, 2022 at K. M. Giri auditorium. Mr. Amol Pawar was invited as the Chief guest and Prof. S. Y. Prabhu presided over the function





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Wildlife Photography Competition and Exhibition 2022-23

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Details of the programme	
Title: Wildlife Photography Competition and Exhibition 2022-23	
Date of event: 18th to 20th October, 2022	
No. of Participants: 65	
Highlights of the Programme: Wildlife Photography competition was organized on the eve of Wildlife week 2022. The photography exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. Shanti Ajay Desai and Mr. Swapnil Ajay Desai. The exhibition housed photographs depicting the magnificent diversity of organisms around Belgaum region and few other parts of India. The photographs displayed were captured by well-known wildlife photographers like Mr. Niranjan Sant, Mr. Ram Mallya, Mr. Datta Manwadkar, Mr. Nirmal Kulkarni, Mr. Rahul Prabhukhanolkar and Mr. Hemant Ogale. The photography competition was organized for students from schools, colleges and staff members. The competition received a great response with around 65 entries throughout various categories. The	

entries were judged by Mr. Vidyadhar Shelke, Mr. Rahul Prabhukhanolkar and Prof. Praveen Patil.

