

## **Nature Trek at BNHS – CEC Flim city, Goregaon on 6th August 2016**

Our college had organized a short Nature trek on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at BNHS which is located at Film City, Goregaon. We were scheduled to assemble at college premises by 6.30 am. All the students were enthusiastic and we started our journey at around 7 am. We were accompanied by the students of Self finance department and professors. The students studying in the first year second year ,third year of BMS, BBI, BFM and BA were supervised by our faculty members Prof. Nanda Indulkar, Prof. Neha Dave, Prof. Prasad Supekar . We reached Flimcity gate at around 8.30 am and we then we began our nature trek.

We had to walk through the jungle to reach the BNHS Premises, hence we divided the students into 3 groups and each group was supervised by one Professor. During the course of our walk while reaching BNHS we saw interesting species of trees and various plantations which we are unable to see during our everyday life in the city. This created a sense of curiosity amongst the students and they wanted to know more about such flora and fauna. After a pleasant walk through the forest we reached the BNHS premises at around 9 am. At BNHS we were warmly greeted by Mr Dilip and Mr Omkar who guided us to the main building, we were looking forward to spend an adventurous day at the centre

The guide gave an elaborate induction explaining of the history of BNHS. BNHS –The Bombay Natural History Society, founded on 15 September 1883, is one of the largest non-governmental organizations in India engaged in conservation and biodiversity research It supports many research efforts through grants and publishes the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society. The society is commonly known by its initials, BNHS. BNHS is the partner of Bird Life International in India. It has been designated as a 'Scientific and Industrial Research Organization' by the Department of Science and Technology. India is a Pan India wild life research center organization which promotes the cause of nature conservation for the past 133 years. The Conservation Education Center (CEC) is an education and awareness wing of BNHS. It is situated on 33 acres forest land of BNHS nature reserve which lies between Sanjay Gandhi National park and Film City. The CEC has developed 161 types of educational material and it has around 500 books based on education and natural history. The Hornbill is the official logo of BNHS since 2004. There are various programs arranged by CEC for students as well as corporates. The CEC conducts camps, nature treks and various other activities to bring citizens and nature closer helping to create an unbreakable bond between the two.

After the induction the manager form a two group and with the group was accompanied by the professor. During the course of our trek we saw a variety of flora and fauna and we also saw various new types of insects and birds indigenous to the area. Students were very inquisitive and curious to learn about all of these species. The climate was very pleasant with drizzles of rains after we witnessed the magic of nature and saw water turn into pearl drops on the leaves which left all of us mesmerized. The forest looked exquisite, drenched in the rain and there was greenery all around which we seldom see in the city. We enter into the jungle manager gave us the explanation of different types of plants, herbs ,bamboos ,mushrooms, butterfly and we heard the mesmerizing voice of birds which was really awesome and we have seen a waterfall and from the fall we went inside to jungle even with this we have also heard the wild animals voice we all got fear but the guide said don't get frighten you just enjoy the moments as they won't be coming now .And with this also we enjoyed the waterfall and spend an hour and click the photo which gave us lot of enjoyment. Even there was some trees which was adopted by the people really that touch the soul we were lucky to experience the connection between humans and nature and realized that we cannot survive without nature.

Then after that we return back to the center and guide inform us to take a break of 1 hour to have refreshment. After that the manager have conducted short informative PPT presentation about the environment bio diversity, sustainable resources where they have explained us the meaning of the bio diversity, resource, different types of birds, insects, wild animals, plants and even explains us how the resources are attracted with the environments and human beings which was very interesting and we enjoyed.

We completed our trek, enjoyed our snacks and clicked a group photograph before departing. Our HOD thanked the managers for such a wonderful experience which helped us understand nature and its importance. At the end of the day we were exhausted but immensely glad to have such an adventurous day at BNHS as it was raining so the climate was really very pleasant and greenery. We left the BNHS premises at around 2:00pm with fun filled memories which will last forever.









