

Educational Field Trip to Sundarvan, Ahmedabad

On **15 August 2025**, the Department of Zoology, President Science College, organised an educational field trip to The **Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad**, for **Semester 3 and Semester 5 B.Sc. Zoology students**. The primary objective of this visit was to provide students with first-hand observation of **venomous and non-venomous snakes** and other wildlife, enhancing their knowledge in herpetology, ichthyology, and ornithology.

The group arrived at Sundarvan at 11:30 a.m. and began the visit with the observation of turtles and iguanas. This was followed by the main focus of the trip — the study of snake species — where students observed **Cobra, Russell’s Viper, Common Krait, Common Trinket Snake, Indian Rock Python, Checkered Keelback Snake, Saw-scaled Viper, and Red Sand Boa**.

All explanations, species identification guidance, and related zoological knowledge were provided by **our two accompanying faculty members** from the Department of Zoology. They explained the distinguishing features of venomous and non-venomous snakes, their habitat preferences, behavioural traits, and ecological significance. The visit continued with the observation of various fish species such as **Shark Catfish, Koi, Parrot Cichlids, Gourami, Molly, Catfish, and Star Tortoise**. In the aviary section, students observed several bird species, including **Parakeets, Cockatiels, Peacock and Peahen, Pheasant, and Helmeted Guineafowl**.

This enriching field experience allowed students to deepen their understanding of species identification, wildlife behaviour, and the importance of conservation, with continuous guidance from the professors.

The Department expresses its gratitude to the college management for their encouragement, to the faculty coordinators for their efforts, and to Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre for hosting the visit.

