

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY PRESIDENT SCIENCE COLLEGE ORGANIZED STUDY TOUR TO VELAVADAR NATIONAL PARK



President Science College, Department of Zoology, organized study tour to Velavadar Blackbuck National park for semester 6 zoology students under the guidance of Dr. Hetal and Ms. Ritika as part of student's practical field work on 5th January 2025. National Park opens by 7 A.M. and permit for the visit was given on arrival. The National park is protected area for black bucks. Students got the opportunity to observe wild species in their natural habitat. Species such as Hyena, Blue bull, wild cat, and wolf were observed. There was a lot of variety of birds observed and species were identified by the local guide. Black shoulder kite, pelicans, lesser floricans, cormorants, eagle, hawk, storks, black ibis and a vast list of birds were observed. Some of the migratory birds were also observed. There were different zones for animals there was an area for black bucks, barn owl zone, hyena zone and facility for the artificial breeding of lesser floricans. National park has wetlands as well.



Dominant species of plants were mainly acacia and *salvadora persica*. There were research centers for the breeding and of birds and some animals were also available in the area. The national park also has world's largest communal roosting site for Harriers that was the major highlight of the field trip for zoology students.

