Workshop on different animal groups for college students at Sundarvan, Ahmedabad

Sundarvan is a mini zoo and the annual visitation is more than a lakh that includes children from more than 250 schools. Various activities are conducted at Sundarvan to reach different age group. Main focus of activities is to inculcate nature appreciation among general public and enhancing their classroom learning of students. Curriculum based activities for students of various age groups as well as capacity building towards biodiversity conservation and awareness for teachers and technical sessions for higher education students on request are also conducted.

Workshop on “Let’s talk about Birds”. The workshop was aimed to generate awareness towards bird conservation, identification and field techniques for population studies. The workshop led by a team of wildlife biologists attracted a target group of 150 undergraduate and post graduate science students in five batches.

Quiz on common birds was conducted during ice breaking session. The participants learnt the evolution, classification of Birds, basics of bird watching, bird identification, field
techniques and monitoring of migration and movement patterns.

In addition, hands on activities for bird watching and different techniques for population estimation were carried out in the campus. Maximum 35 bird species were recorded during nature trail. Awareness towards bird conservation with examples of conservation success stories and discussions on career paths in the field of wildlife & biodiversity conservation were conducted. Dr. Dhawal Mehta was the resource person of the workshop.

**Workshop on “Let’s talk about Reptiles”**.
The workshop was aimed to generate awareness towards reptiles, species identification, field techniques and conservation. A total of 127 undergraduate science students in three batches participated the event. The participants had hands on experience on learning identification of different reptiles (i.e. lizards, snakes, crocodiles and turtles & tortoises) their feeding habits, special features or adaptations and population estimation techniques. Awareness towards reptile conservation with ecosystem values was included.

The participants were from different science colleges like St. Xavier’s Science College, K.K. Shastri Government Science College, Navgujarat College, C.U. Shah College, M.S. University, Bharti Vidhyapith and Doon P.G. College. The basic analysis of the participant profile and feedback are given here.

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