



Resolving Double Helix for Life.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR REPORT (10th April 2019)

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An educational tour to Vansda National Park, Waghai Botanical Garden and Saputara was arranged by C.G. Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology on 10/04/2019 for the first year students of Biotechnology and Microbiology courses. The main purpose of this tour is to get the exposure of nature and prosperous history of the Dang region.

53 students participated in the tour and it was successfully conducted by Dr. Meonis Pithawala, Ms. Dixita Panchal, Ms. Swetal Patel, Ms. Jemisha Mistry and Ms. Monika Mehta.

We started our journey from Surat at 5:30 a.m. and first visited the Kilad camp site. Kilad eco campsite is a nature education center cum ecotourism site which is a part of Vansda National Park. The campsite is on Vansda –Waghai state highway, on the banks of Ambika River. At the camp site students observed the diversity of plants and enjoyed the beauty of Ambika River.

After breakfast, a visit to Waghai botanical garden was arranged. It spreads over 24 hectares and it is the largest garden in Gujarat. It has 1400 plant species and 1077 genera representing 100 families. It has varieties of bamboos, Cactus, Medicinal plants and Orchids. All the plants are equipped with detailed descriptor plate. The details include common name, scientific name and additional data describing the specimen.

Students learned the properties of medicinal plants and they also tried to recognize different plant species. A guide was arranged by them who explained about the diversity of plants present and maintained in the garden.

After Waghai botanical garden we left for Saputara, the only hill station in Gujarat, located in Sahyadri Hills. In Saputara 1st we visited Saputara tribal Museum which is located in the Saputara main bazaar. Students learnt about the lifestyle, costumes, heritage and ecology of

the tribal people. Then after we visited a small aquarium near the Museum in which 27 different fish species are maintained.

After lunch students were allowed to walk around the main bazaar of hill station, they enjoyed boating in the Saputara Lake and also visited the Adventure Park.

