

Nature Trekking Programme at Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary on 06 August 2022 An SDC Adventure Club Initiative

The Adventure Frenzy Club of Staff Development Cell (SDC) in coordination with GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar had organized a one-day nature trekking programme to Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary for the IITGN Staff on Saturday, 06 August 2022. The Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary is situated in Banaskantha District of Gujarat, at a distance of about 170 km from Gandhinagar. The sanctuary is located in the Jessore hills of Aravalli ecosystem. The 180 sq km of forested land of the Jessore hill and adjoining areas is endowed with several rare and endangered species of flora and fauna. As a part of the Aravali ecosystem, this is a unique buffer that separates the desert areas from the dry deciduous type of plantation in the region. Jessore hill is the second highest peak in Gujarat and the sanctuary is well known for the population of sloth bears.

This is the fifth trekking event organized by the Adventure Frenzy Club of SDC. A total of 36 staff members participated in the trekking event. A 56-seater bus was arranged for the trip. The team left IITGN campus at 4.30 am and returned back to the campus at 9.30 pm. All the participants successfully completed the guided trek of about 9 km into the hilly terrain of Jessore Sanctuary, which took over six hours. Visited *Muniji ni Gufa* and *Kedarnath temple* as a part of the trek.

The Gujarat Forest Department and GEER Foundation were very kind and courteous to host and guide the IITGN team throughout the day into the forests. Expert resource persons from GEER Foundation and Forest Department provided detailed information on flora and fauna of the Sanctuary. The breakfast, lunch, and tea was arranged with the kind help of the Forest Department and GEER Foundation. The event helped the staff members to pull themselves out from their hectic schedules, break the monotony of daily routine, learn to sustain in harsh and adverse conditions, support each other and set off for an adventurous day together. The event was organized by Adventure Club coordinators Mr Gaurav Singh and Mr Tenils Solanki.

Glimpses of the programme and list of participants can be found in the attached sheet.

Glimpses
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List of Participants for the Programme

1. Indu Shukla
2. Krishna Pilojpara
3. Payal Kabariya
4. Saswati Roy
5. Shraddha Jain
6. Timir
7. Vaibhavi Raulji
8. Abhishek J Karli
9. Achintya Jana
10. Akshay
11. Akshay N Patel
12. Aman Tripathi
13. Bhavik Parmar
14. Dipak K Lalpura
15. Gaurav Singh
16. Harish Singh
17. Hemant Gupta
18. Jai Kumar N
19. Jayesh Prajapati
20. Kandarp Bhatt
21. Manish Yadav
22. Masum Mahetar
23. P K Chopra
24. Palak R Bagiya
25. Pavitra Kumar Rout
26. Prabhuji Thakor
27. Praveen Singh Chauhan
28. R B Bhagat
29. Rahul Bavaliya
30. Rajendra Vaishnav
31. Ronak Munjapara
32. Sabarish Iyer
33. Sharad Kumar
34. Shubham Tongire
35. Tejas
36. Tenils W Solanki