

NATURE CLUB / HIKING CLUB

REPORT for the academic year 2017 - 2018

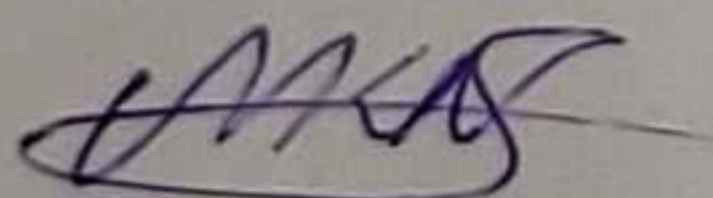
India is a large and diverse country with immense geomorphological features and a great biodiversity. To sensitize and mobilize students' participation for preservation and conservation of the environment, the association organizes nature trails, hikes, nature walks etc.

To continue with the objectives of hiking club, a hike was organized to village Bhivpuri, near Karjat on 9th August 2017. The hike was attended by fifty students from different streams along with six teachers. Students got an opportunity to see the natural wealth of the Western Ghats. They also enjoyed the scenic beauty of mighty 'Sahyadri'. All the participants returned happily with the intention to regularly participate in such activities.

As a part of environmental sensitization programme to the students, the nature club of the college organized a nature trail to Saguna Baug, Neral - **an agro-tourism Farm** on 19th February 2018. It is an eco-friendly agricultural farm located at the foothills of the hill station - Matheran. The farm is surrounded by perennial Ulhas River. Fifty-five students accompanied by three teachers got an opportunity to experience farm life and learn about innovative farming methods that have provided rural employment and opportunities for the youth in our villages.

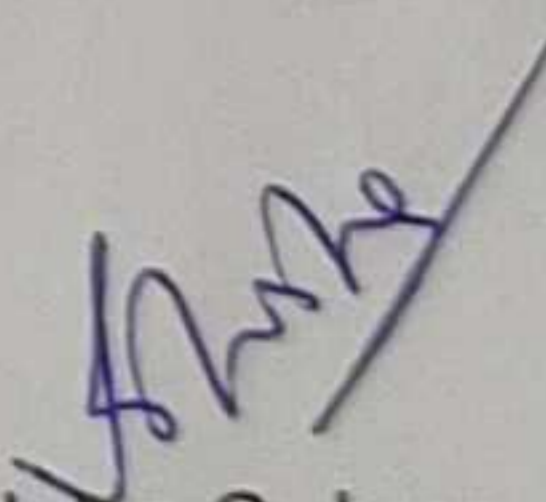
The owners of the project, Mr. and Mrs. Bhadsawle interacted with the students. Mrs. Bhadsawle taught students about grafting of plants as a tool to obtain better yield. Mr. Bhadsawle interacted with the students about food security and carbon sequestration. The students got to learn about rain water harvesting, fish culture, mallakhamb, organic farming and solar water heating. Students enjoyed in river water and got a chance to ride a buffalo too. In all it was a 'fun and learn' experience.

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