

## **Report of the Nature trail: Maharashtra Nature Park, Dharavi**

Date: 16/10/2024

Today, A visit to Maharashtra Nature Park, Dharavi was organised for the student-teachers of CSSM, (Second Year B. Ed) along with our professors. The Park is located at a 10-minute walk from Sion Railway station. The aim of the visit was to generate awareness about Nature Conservation and understand the importance of the rich natural biodiversity our city ideally provides. The MNPS offers a variety of activities amongst which we had opted for a Nature Trail.

Once all the participants had reached the park, by 9 AM we were led into the foyer. The student-teachers and the professors clicked a group photo to commemorate the occasion. We then went into the open gallery which had a varied display of different plant seeds with their local and botanical names.

Once everyone was relaxed, we were led to the auditorium wherein we were introduced to the MNP by our guide Varsha Kule. She informed us about the perseverance and efforts through which the Park was established. The Park, created over the biggest dumping ground in Mumbai stands an example as to what can be achieved through dedication and united efforts.

The Nature Trail commenced at 10 AM, after a short breakfast break. The five sections of the trail, as our guide informed us, were: the Butterfly section, the Nakshatra Van, the Rainwater Harvesting Pond (Meethi River belt), the Nature Trail, the Fruit Trail, the Vermicompost section and lastly, the Medicinal plants section.

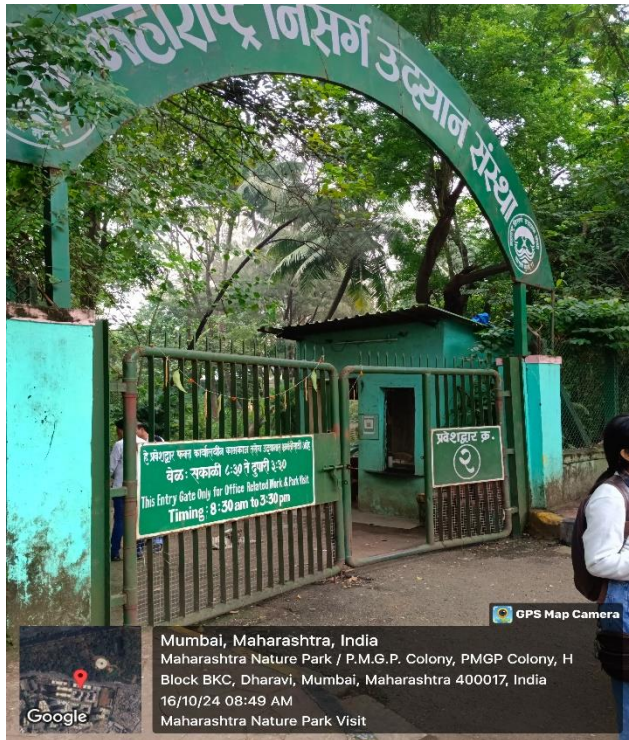
The trail lasted for about 2 hours and we learned many valuable things, such as the various trees mentioned in ancient texts and how they are to be used, the current ecosystem of our city, the medicinal plants found in various parts of the country, and also unknown trivia about previously known trees.

The trail ended with all the participants enlightened about the importance of biodiversity, and also rejuvenated after keeping the company of nature.

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## Maharashtra Nature Park: A visual report



Visit to Maharashtra Nature Park, a sprawling Park offering birdwatching, hiking & created on the grounds of a former garbage dump was organised under the **Green Club** on **16/10/24**.



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Ms Varsha Kulaye, or trail leader and guide, provided the students with firsthand experience in understanding local biodiversity, sustainable practices, and the ecological significance of indigenous flora.

Her explanations encompassed the unique characteristics, ecological roles, and traditional uses of various species, fostering a deeper appreciation for the region's natural heritage. Students actively engaged with Ms. Kulye, posing thoughtful questions and demonstrating keen interest in the information shared.





*Lotus pond*



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Announces a visit to  
Maharashtra Nature Park, Sion  
Wednesday, 16th October, 2024







### **How to reach the park?**

You should get down at Sion Station, and ask for Dharavi Depot or the park itself. The entrance of the park is opposite the depot.

Address: Sion Bandra Link Road, Dharavi, opp. Bus Depot, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400017.

### **What to carry?**

Remember to wear your I-card , carry lunch box, water bottle, & cap. Wear proper cloths and shoes suitable for a nature trail.

### **Important:**

Reach the gate on or before 8.45 am.

The guided nature trail begins at sharp 9.00am.

Maintain proper decorum throughout the visit.