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Field Trip to ATAPAKA Bird Sanctuary

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❖ Report

Organized a field trip to Bird Sanctuary, Atapaka for I BA students. Students were briefed about the sanctuary, its importance, and the expected outcomes. And the objectives are

- ❖ To observe and identify various bird species present in the sanctuary.
- ❖ To know the reasons for bird migration to Atapaka sanctuary
- ❖ To recreate students from busy academic schedule

About Atapaka Bird Sanctuary

Located at the picturesque Kolleru Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in India, the Atapaka Bird Sanctuary spans over an area of approximately 343 hectares. The sanctuary was established with the aim of safeguarding the diverse birdlife that thrives in the wetlands surrounding the lake. It was officially declared as a sanctuary in the year 1999 by the Andhra Pradesh government.

Kolleru Lake

- ★ Kolleru Lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in India.
- ★ It is located in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ★ The lake covers an area of approximately 245 square kilometers.
- ★ Kolleru Lake is a significant habitat for various resident and migratory bird species.
- ★ The lake is surrounded by wetlands, marshes, mudflats, and lush vegetation, providing a diverse ecosystem.
- ★ It is a crucial stopover for migratory birds along the East Asian - Australian Flyway.
- ★ The lake serves as a breeding, feeding, and resting ground for numerous bird species.
- ★ Kolleru Lake was declared a wildlife sanctuary to protect its rich avian biodiversity.

On the Day

On the day of visit, four faculty members Dr. T. Akki Raju, Lecturer in English, Dr. G. Venkata Rao, Lecturer in Social Work, Dr. K. Swarupa rani, Lecturer in Economics and Sri P. Bhaskar Rao, Lecturer in History with 20 I BA students. First, we visited the museum where the geography of the Kolleru lake and sanctuary, pictures of migrating birds, bird ecology, bird behavior, causes of migration etc. were displayed. After visiting the museum, students enjoyed the view from elevated viewpoints which were arranged to view the birds from a distance. At 1:30 pm, we all

enjoyed lunch. After that we all went boating (Boating is a fresh experience to all the students, they were very excited.) in the lake and got a chance to see the young birds very near. Played funny games for two hours, enjoyed the evening snakes sent by our beloved Principal madam and returned.

Birds in Sanctuary

“Indian skimmers, great knots, greater flamingos, pelicans, painted storks, little egrets, northern pintail, Indian pond herons, Eurasian coots, glossy ibis, lesser whistling ducks, black-winged stilts, black-tailed godwits, grey pelicans, Asian openbill storks, garganey, purple swamphen”

Observations

1. Bird Species: The group spotted over 15 bird species, including the Spot-billed Pelican, Painted Stork, and Oriental Darter.
2. Habitat: The sanctuary's diverse habitat, comprising wetlands, grasslands, and forests, supports a wide range of bird life.
3. Conservation Efforts: The group learned about the conservation initiatives in place, including habitat restoration, bird monitoring, and community engagement.

Outcomes

- ❖ Students gained knowledge about various bird species, their habitats, behaviors, and conservation status.
- ❖ Students developed an understanding of ecological concepts, such as food chains, habitats, and adaptation.
- ❖ Students developed an appreciation for the importance of biodiversity and the need to conserve it.
- ❖ Students worked in teams, developing their collaboration and communication skills.
- ❖ Students developed a sense of responsibility and stewardship for the environment, recognizing their role in protecting bird habitats and ecosystems.

Suggestions

1. Provide clean, well-maintained restrooms and amenities like drinking water, seating areas, and picnic spots.
2. Developing as a local tourism spot with all the amenities will attract more tourists especially the student community without disturbing the ecosystem.

3. Publicity campaigns will help to attract more tourists.

Conclusion

The field visit to the Atapaka Bird Sanctuary was a valuable learning experience for the students. The trip achieved its objectives, providing students with hands-on experience in bird watching, ecology, and conservation. The visit also raised awareness about the importance of protecting and conserving bird habitats.

Some Memories

About to Start



Museum





Enjoying the Lakeside View



Enjoying the Lunch



Winged Visitors - View from the Boat



Recreation



Press Clips

విశాఖాంధ్ర



ఆటపాక అభయారణ్యాన్ని సందర్శించిన విద్యార్థులు

విశాఖాంధ్ర - గణపవరం: గణపవరం శ్రీ చింతలపాటి పరభ్రసాద మూర్తి రాజు ప్రభుత్వ డిగ్రీ కళాశాలకు చెందిన బిఏ చదువుతున్న విద్యార్థులు 24మంది క్షేత్ర సందర్శనలో భాగంగా శుక్రవారం ఆటపాక పక్షుల అభయారణ్యాన్ని సందర్శించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఇన్చార్జి ప్రిన్సిపాల్ పి. మధురాజు మాట్లాడుతూ సృజనాత్మక తనుపెంపొందించడానికి క్షేత్ర సందర్శనలు ఎంతగానో ఉపకరిస్తాయన్నారు. క్షేత్ర సందర్శన ద్వారా మరింత జ్ఞానం పెరుగుతుందన్నారు. డాక్టర్ టి. అక్కిరాజు డాక్టర్ జి. వెంకట్రావు డాక్టర్ కె. స్వరూప రాణి, పి.భాస్కరరావు విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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ఆంధ్రవేణు

అంగనవాడి కార్యకర్తలు పాల్గొన్నారు.

విద్యార్థులలో సృజనాత్మకత పెంపొందించాలి

గణపవరం ఆంధ్రప్రభ నవంబర్ 29 :విద్యార్థుల్లో సృజనాత్మకత పెంపొందించాలని గణపవరం ప్రభుత్వ డిగ్రీ కళాశాల వైస్ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ పి మధురాజు అన్నారు. ఏలూరు జిల్లా లోని ఆటపాక పక్షుల సంరక్షణ కేంద్రాన్ని ప్రభుత్వ డిగ్రీ కాలేజీ లో బిఏ చదువుతున్న విద్యార్థులు సందర్శించారు ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో కళాశాల వైస్ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ పి మధురాజు మాట్లాడుతూ విద్యార్థులు తమ అలవాట్లను మార్చుకునేందుకు ఇటు వంటి పర్యాటక కేంద్రాలను సందర్శించాలని అన్నారు ప్రతి ఒక్క విద్యార్థి చెడు వ్యసనాలకు దూరంగా ఉండేందుకు ఇటువంటి విజ్ఞాన పర్యటనలు చేయాలని అన్నారు ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో విద్యార్థులతో పాటు కళాశాల అధ్యాపక సిబ్బంది డా.అక్కిరాజు, డా.జి వి రావు,జీకే స్వరూప రాణి పి.భాస్కరరావు తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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ATAPAKA in News



The Hindu

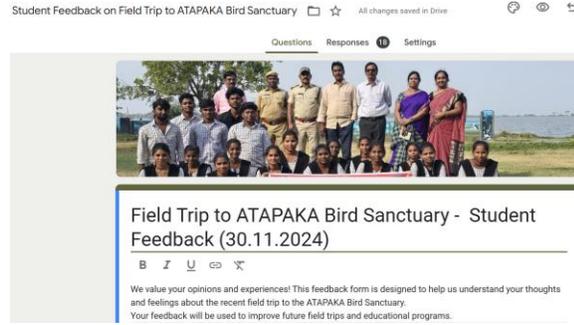
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Over 1.50 lakh migratory birds visited sanctuaries ...

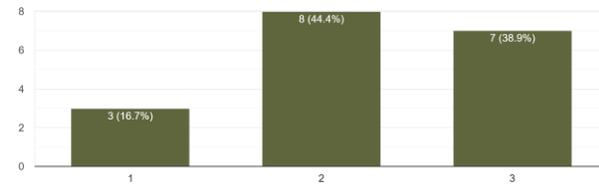
15 Mar 2024 — Pelicans and painted storks sitting on a mound in Atapaka Bird Sanctuary, also known as Pelicanry, in Kolleru Lake. | Photo Credit: K.V.S. ...



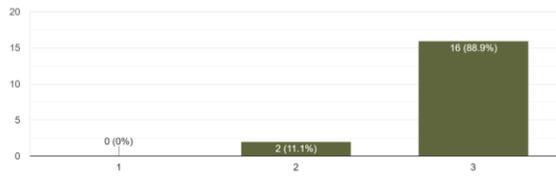
Analysis of Student Feedback (18 responses received out of 21)



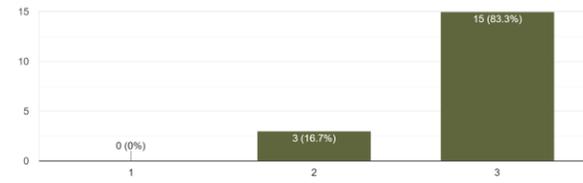
1. How would you rate the field trip in terms of its educational value?
18 responses



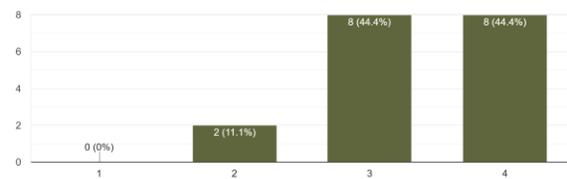
2. How would you rate the field trip in terms of its recreational value?
18 responses



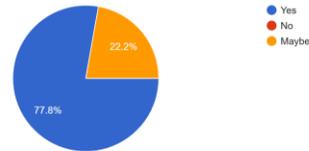
3. How would you rate the field trip in terms of its impact on your knowledge and understanding of bird conservation?
18 responses



4. How satisfied are you with the overall experience of the field trip?
18 responses



5. Would you recommend this field trip to your peers?
18 responses



6. If you have any suggestions to improve the quality, feel free to share here....

11 responses

- Very good
- Good
- Good
- Very Good
- 👍 good 😊
- Very nice
- Nice
- Nice
- Nice

❖ **We will plan more educational tours in future by taking consideration of the student's perspective.**