



WILDLIFE AND NATURE CLUB REPORT

(Degree College)

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WNC (2008-09) was inaugurated on 5th September 2008 commencing with the lighting of the diya by our honourable Principal Mr. Sunil Mantri and Vice Principal Mrs. Sangita Kher in the first floor foyer of N.M. College. This was followed by celebration of 6th Anniversary of WNC with the cake cutting, plantation of a sapling by our principal as a very small initiative from WNC to keep our environment healthier. Nature being mankind's first teacher, WNC celebrated a natural teacher's day. The WNC members had made beautiful eco-friendly bookmarks out of old marriage cards which were gifted to all our beloved teachers who really appreciated our efforts and showered their blessings upon us.

WNC had its next event Natofest on 20 November 2008 in the Juhu Jagruti Hall. We had the screening of a movie 'The Day After Tomorrow' based on how due to Global Warming our earth would return to an ice age once again. Next was the interactive session on the screened movie where students enthusiastically answered the questions to win exciting freebies. We also had a Photography Competition (Thousand Words) where students submitted their entries on the theme Nature and Wildlife. We had as our judge Dr. Manohar Desai director of National Institute of Photography who was overwhelmed and decided to give first three winners a free basics training course in photography. The aim of WNC of spreading awareness regarding wildlife and its conservation was achieved through association with NGO "Karuna" who showed documentaries on how animals are slaughtered ruthlessly by mankind for material gains.

On 4th January 2009, WNC organized a trek to Kondana Caves (Kondavadi village near Karjat). We had our breakfast in a typical village hut. Before starting the instructions were given to everyone to ensure a safe trek. The wilderness was so beautiful and desolate that we felt the tranquility of nature away from the chaotic life of the city. The professionals of Leo Adventure Sports Club explained to us the equipments and assured us our safety. We started rappelling down the 100 feet mountain one by one. It was thrilling. Many students as well as the teachers were surprised that they could do the difficult looking rappelling so easily. We trekked back half way and started another activity called 'Flying Fox'. Then trekking down further we reached the village hut and enjoyed the delicious food. We left Karjat with unforgettable memories.

To summarise we enjoyed the experience thoroughly and all the WNC events were a success with the participation of students and teachers alike. Hence WNC (08-09) took the club to a higher pedestal and succeeded in its cause of imprinting sensitivity towards Mother Nature in the minds of the students.