

EVENT REPORT

Title of the Event : Urban Wildlife: Living Wild in the City Jungle			
Committee/ Department Name: Center for Achieving Sustainability Climate Action, Development and Engagement (CASCADE), Somaia Institute for Research & Consultancy (SIRAC)		Date of Report (DD/MM/YYYY)	24-09-2025
Date of Event : 18-09-2025 (DD/MM/YYYY)		Venue of event: Sanjay Gandhi National Park	Time of event : 7:30 am to 1:30 pm
Type of the Event	Nature Trail		
Level of Organization	Local		
Collaborators if any	-		
Mode (Online / Offline)	Offline		
Name of the Resource Person/ Guest	Mr. Sunetro Ghosal		
Brief profile of the resource person	Sunetro Ghosal uses non disciplinary tools to study human-wildlife interactions. He also conducts research on various aspects of biodiversity conservation, development, sustainability, and ethology. He is a visiting faculty at various universities.		
Objective of the Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster an appreciation for urban wildlife and the importance of conserving natural habitats within city limits. 2. To discuss the challenges and strategies involved in living alongside urban wildlife, especially predators like leopards. 3. To educate students from diverse backgrounds about the rich biodiversity within Sanjay Gandhi National Park, focusing on plants, birds, and larger wildlife like leopards. 		

<p>Report (Not more than 500 words)</p>	<p>The event titled <i>Urban Wildlife: Living Wild in the City Jungle</i> was successfully conducted at Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP), bringing together students from diverse backgrounds to engage with the unique biodiversity of this urban forest. The primary aim of the event was to create awareness about the variety of wildlife thriving within the city limits and to foster a deeper understanding of urban ecosystems.</p> <p>The program commenced with an insightful session led by an expert from the Nature Interpretation Centre (NIC), who elaborated on the rich history and ecological significance of SGNP. The discussion covered various aspects of the park's biodiversity, including its diverse plant species, birdlife, as well as less commonly highlighted fauna such as crabs and spiders. This session provided participants with a detailed overview of the intricate balance of life within the park and emphasized the importance of each species in maintaining ecological harmony.</p> <p>Following this, the group proceeded to the NIC auditorium where another expert shared his firsthand experiences with the park's apex predator—the leopard. This session focused on leopard behaviour, their role within the ecosystem, and the challenges faced in ensuring coexistence between wildlife and urban populations. The expert's personal encounters and observations added a compelling narrative that engaged the students and highlighted the complex dynamics of human-wildlife interaction in an urban context.</p>						
<p>Number of beneficiaries</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Students UG: 5</td> <td>Students PG: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PhD Scholar/ JRF: 4</td> <td>Teaching: 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nonteaching: 3</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Students UG: 5	Students PG: 0	PhD Scholar/ JRF: 4	Teaching: 1	Nonteaching: 3	
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<p>Expected Outcome</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students gained a comprehensive understanding of SGNP's biodiversity, including plant species, bird varieties, and unique fauna like crabs and spiders. 2. The event heightened participants' awareness of the ecological significance of urban wildlife and the urgent need to protect it. 3. Through expert presentations, participants learned about the behaviors and habits of leopards, including real-life experiences shared by wildlife experts. 						

📷 Photos (Attach at least three geotagged photos)

- Resource Person engaging the session
- Snapshot of the ongoing session
- Group photo or closing session

(For multiple days/sessions – attach photos day-wise/session-wise)

