



## Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College (University of Delhi)



### Project S.E.V.A. society

**Date:** March 2, 2024

**Venue:** Yamuna Biodiversity Park

**Time:** 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Theme:** Environmental Education trip

Project S.E.V.A., of SGND Khalsa College, in collaboration with Envisage, the environmental society, organized a visit to Yamuna Biodiversity Park for its members as part of environmental education trip. YBP is one of the prime examples of ecologically restored landscape in urban area that provides immense ecological, educational and tourism benefits.

Society members gathered in the college and left for the park by 10:00 am. Ms Preeti, Educational Officer at YBP greeted the students and provided a complete tour of the area, explaining the history and evolution of the park. Students were shown various useful grasses, shrubs and trees that form an integral part of the vegetation. These included Khirni, Cheeku, Ficus, tall grasses, Wild brinjal, phragmites, pencil cactus, vajradanti etc. Some of the fauna that were found included Plain Tiger Butterfly, Great Cormorants, Seagulls, Oriental darter and Nilgai. The serene lake in the park provides habitat to a variety of fish species. Ms Preeti explained how the YBP has provided various benefits to the adjoining communities and is a haven for bird photography lovers. The park also houses many medicinal plants and the students were shown how all these plants are taken care of in green houses and nurseries. On behalf of YBP, Ms Preeti also extended invitation to interested students for taking part in park activities like tree plantation, faunal and floral surveys and educational drives. The tour ended with students visiting the museum which houses very informative collections of photos and artefacts.

### Outcome

The visit to YBP was a very informative tour for all the students. They could relate a number of aspects of ecosystem, ecosystem services and ecosystem restoration learnt in the classes in a very practical context. The trip instilled a sense of connection with nature in its very pristine form and helped the students understand the importance of such biodiversity parks in Urban areas.



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