

#### **4. Report on the Extension Activity of the Zoology Department at Clean Drive at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Activity:** Nature Camp and Clean Drive at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary

**Date:** 11–13 December 2023

The Zoology Department organized a three-day nature camp at **Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary** from 11th to 13th December 2023. This camp was aimed at fostering environmental awareness, promoting conservation efforts, and enabling students to experience the ecological richness of the sanctuary.

The participants included the **2nd-year Degree Class** students, accompanied by two faculty members from the department. The camp itinerary involved a series of activities, including:

##### **1. Educational Sessions:**

- Interactive talks by forest officials and naturalists about biodiversity, conservation strategies, and the role of wildlife sanctuaries.
- A guided tour to learn about the unique flora and fauna of Chinnar.

##### **2. Nature Exploration:**

- Trekking through designated trails to observe wildlife in its natural habitat.
- Bird-watching and identifying medicinal plants unique to the sanctuary.

##### **3. Clean Drive:**

- As part of the camp's extension activity, the students and faculty conducted a **clean drive** to remove litter from selected areas within the sanctuary.
- The team collected plastic waste, food wrappers, and other non-biodegradable materials, ensuring the natural ecosystem remained undisturbed.
- The clean drive was carried out in coordination with the sanctuary officials, who appreciated the department's efforts to maintain the area's ecological integrity.

##### **Outcome:**

The camp provided students with an immersive experience in understanding the interconnectedness of biodiversity and conservation. The clean drive was a meaningful contribution toward the preservation of Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary's pristine environment. The activity also instilled a sense of environmental stewardship among students.

##### **Feedback:**

The students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to engage in hands-on conservation activities. Faculty members noted that the camp significantly enhanced the students' practical knowledge and ecological sensitivity.

**Conclusion:**

The three-day camp and clean drive at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary were a resounding success. The Zoology Department remains committed to conducting similar initiatives in the future, promoting environmental sustainability and conservation education.



