

# JUNGLE BOOK



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## Upcoming Activities:

NCS arranges various trekking camp through out the year It may be 1 day, 2 days or 10 to 11 days camp, as per the requirement.

**Manali camp date is 10th to 21st May 2020.**

**Saputara camps dates are 3rd May to 6th May & 6th May to 9th May 2020.**

**Eco farm camps** are organized as per the request. For more information contact on 9979730036, 9825057678 NCS.

**Many more camps will be announced soon.**

## Forward:

Greetings !

Second half of 2019 was full of activities. This year we had arranged special Dang Camp batch for Volunteers and for School Teachers. We have reintroduced camp for beginners for kids at our Eco Farm which received overwhelming response. This summer NCS has arranged two new camps, which we feel, will interest all.

We request all nature lovers to send article for our magazine 'કલકલિયો'. We are thankful to Hon. Minister for Forest & Environment Shri Ganpatbhai Vasava for visiting and appreciating Nature Club Surat. Finalization of T.P. Scheme at Gavier Lake is under progress by SMC. NCS is constantly making representations to various authorities to save Gavier lake. Since years, NCS is propagating various authorities to plan urban forest but no requisite rules have been made. All these activities could not have been possible without our team of volunteers, support by Shri Rajenbhai Shah and under the leadership of Shri Snehalbhai. I also show my gratitude towards all Citizens, Donors and corporates supporting NCS.

Ashish Vakil



Bird Rescue Program



Eco Farm Camp for kids

Chairman: Shri. Rajen Shah

President: Shri. Snehal Patel

We meet every Saturday between 5 – 7 pm at 81, Sarjan Society, Athwalines, Surat – 395007



## SPCA DATA

Call Attended by NCS

Volunteers:

JULY to DEC 2019

Birds	504
Mammals	4
Reptiles	1216
Total	1724

## Kite Flying festival 2020: Bird rescue program

Birds call attended by NCS	322
Birds received from	178
Total Birds rescued	500

Special crocodile Rescue by SPCA, Nature Club Surat: 3 Crocodiles are rescued and released in wild by NCS volunteers

For Injured Birds & Snake Rescue - call SPCA (+91) 9825-480-908

## Glimpses of Activities during JULY to DEC 2019

### Knowledge sharing series:

"NCS has started "Knowledge Sharing Series" on every Saturday evening. Benefits of the series are as follows:

- ⇒ By this series everyone gets knowledge regarding different areas/category related to environment and environment conservation.
- ⇒ Open for Anyone interested.
- ⇒ Experts/senior volunteers share their knowledge.
- ⇒ Healthy discussion take place on variety of topics.
- ⇒ Many people get their doubt solved related to their curiosity.

### 1. MOUNTAINEERING TRAINING PROGRAM

Mountaineering training program was conducted by NCS senior volunteer & mountaineering expert **Mr. Ram Agare**. He has conducted different theory as well as practical sessions. It was free of cost training for NCS volunteers. Many volunteers took part with full of enthusiasm.

**Session 1:** Slide show on mountaineering was conducted on 5th Oct 2019. Covering details of mountaineering gears.

**Session 2:** Practical session on knots for mountaineering.

**Session 3:** Hands on experience with

mountaineering gears

**Session 4:** Basic set-up introduction with practical for zip line & valley crossing

### 2. SAP & WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILITATION TALK AT VNSGU

Nature Club Surat was invited at Biotechnology department of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat on 3rd October 2019.

Topics were talk on Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Taxology and Morphology of snakes, Awareness related to snake, types and identification of snake & Environment Conservation.

Talk was delivered by Abhi Vyas & Neel Patel. More than 200 students took part in the seminar.



Talk at VNSGU



Core Committee members: Shri Ashokbhai Parekh and Shri Ashish Vakil

BE MEMBER OF OUR NGO - THE NATURE CLUB SURAT

## Welcoming Life Members of NCS

Joined Between July to DEC 2019



## Statistics of last Six months activities (JUNE to DEC 2019)

### Name

Ramiz Shaikh
Vaidehi Bhatt
Dhara Shroff
Kamlesh Barda
Subhash Nandwani
Yaksh Patel
Ramanbhai Patel
Geetansh Moradia
Mayur Thummar
Lagnesh Ajmera
Ankitkumar
Diya Chorawala
Jaylakshmi Chorawala
Akshay Sachdeva
Priyash Joshi
Khushi Shah
Pavan Panwala
Vittesh Dadia
Vasu Kapadia
Suhani Doriwala
Vihaan Shah
Rishi Kapadia
Dhyaan Kapadia
Maitri Dummaswala
Shwet Upadhayay
Yuvraj Ghariwala
Deep Gandhi
Neel Solanki
Devam Zankzmera
Umanf Mehta
Kshitij Patel
Vasu Gandaliya
Kunal Ladhavi
Manish Indurban

No.	Activity	No. of Program
1	Tree plantation	3
2	Club Visit	8
3	Eco-farm visit	15
4	Night out camp for ids	2
5	Knowledge sharing series 1. Migratory birds in winter 2. Talk by Aditi & Anuja—the Mountaineering sisters 3. Suryaganga film screening 4. Passion of sailing - Shri Rajan Shah	3
6	Diwali - Dang camp	6
7	Monsoon Camp (1 day & 2 days)	6+2
8	Saputara camp	1
9	Snake Awareness Program	3
10	Cloth bag distribution program	5
11	Touch & Feel Program	7
12	Exhibition	1
13	Beach cleaning program	2
14	Heronary Survey	2
15	Snake rescue training program	1
16	Snake Awareness Program during Ganapati Utshav	52
17	Participation at Surat City RUN	1
18	Mountaineering Training Program (4 practical sessions)	4
19.	Publication of NCS Magazine—"Kalkaliyo"	1



Glimpse of Bird Rescue center during Kite Flying festival

**Vice Chairman:**  
Shri. A.G. Chokhawala

**Vice President:**  
Shri. Akshay Joshi



## Glimpses of few Activities during July to December 2019

### 3. Visit Of Shri.Ganpatbhai Vasava – Forest & Environment Minister Gujarat State

**Honourable Shri. Ganpatbhai Vasava** – Forest & Environment Minister Gujarat State had visited Nature Club Surat on 22nd September 2019.

He appreciated the efforts done by NCS for Environment Conservation.



**Shri. Ganpatbhai Vasava**

### 4. Cleanliness campaign at Dumas - Daria Ganesh

Coast Guard Team, S.V.Public school, Euro foods, L&T, Shell Gas Company, Essar, NCC students and Nature Club Surat jointly conducted cleanliness drive at Dumas beach on the occasion of International Ocean Day

### 5. Snake rescue and rehabilitation training by Dr. Rajubhai Vyas

On 22nd September 2019, Snake Rescue and rehabilitation training program was arranged for NCS volunteers, by very well known herpetologist Dr. Rajubhai Vyas from Vadodara.

He covered most of the aspects, which volunteers should know for rehabilitation of snakes after rescuing them. This program was very useful for novice as well as experienced volunteers.



**Volunteers with Dr. Rajubhai Vyas**

### 6. Awareness about smooth-coated otters:

The population of smooth-coated otters in Tapi river of Surat is seen increasing since last few years however, they were considered a nuisance to the resident fishing community as they use to damage fishing nets while predating fishes from it.



**Oath for Otter conservation**



**Cleanliness Team @ Daria Ganesh - Dumas**

In 2018, a rapid action project was initiated by Wildlife Trust of India and Nature Club Surat to promote co-existence of Fishermen and Otters. During the project activities camera trapping, social surveys, sensitization program on otters, camera trap training etc activities arranged for the fishermen. There was an urgent need initiate an ex-gratia policy by involving the forest department for a sustainable approach to the problem.

## 7. Virtual Climb To The Top Of World With Aditi & Anuja

In Knowledge sharing series of Saturday, on 28th



Aditi & Anuja Vaidya @NCS

Sept at 6:00pm, a special presentation by Aditi and Anuja - the Vaidya Sisters on their expedition of Mt. Everest was held at NCS Office. NCS had also felicitated them for the great achievement. They are a great inspiration to all of us. They shared their experience of climbing of Mt. Everest. They also motivated the volunteers and visitors for mountaineering.

## 8. Campaign - "Anti-Plastic"

Nature Club Surat has organized many sessions to spread awareness to eliminate plastics from our day to day life. We have prepared cotton bags and distributed at various places free of cost, Few programs were as follows:

NCS with help of Corporator Mrs. Rupal Shah & Mrs. Hina Patel distributed the cloth bags at Suman Nagar Prathmik School No.1

NCS volunteers Mr. Ashish Vakil, Mr. Goldie Gandhi & Mr. Abhi Vyas met honorable MP Shri C.R. Patil sir, Hon. MLA Shri Harsh Sanghvi, Hon. MLA Smt

Sangitanen Patil, Hon Minister, Fisheries, Shri Jawaharbhair Chawda, Hon MLA Smt Zankhanaben



Leaders with us for Anti Plastic Campaign 1.Shri C.R.Patil, 2. H.H. Rajyaguru, 3. Shri Harsh Sanghvi, 4. Shri. Rupal Shah, 5. Shri Sangitaben Patil, 6. Shri Jawaharbhair Chawda & Shri Zankhanaben Patel with our NCS team

Patel, District education officer Shri H.H. Rajyaguru for a massive Campaign of "SAY NO TO SINGLE USE PLASTIC". We thanked all leaders for supporting this noble cause and encouraging youngsters to join the campaign.

## 9. Butterfly walk:

On 25th August 2019, we had arranged Butterfly walk at Nirmala Wetland Conservation Project, Gavier lake. Participants were introduced to the world of butterflies, their importance, identification and how to attract them to your gardens. Walk was headed by volunteer Ashish Chaudhri







Butterfly Walk

10. Awareness program before Kite Flying festival at different schools.



Oath Taking in Gajera School - Save Bird Campaign



To spread awareness amongst children we arranged different awareness sessions in school regarding Kite Flying festival.

11. RESCUED A RARE MORPH OF COMMON KRAIT SNAKE.

on 4th July, 2019 Mr. Chirag Tamakuwala received a call regarding snake rescue from Dipli village on NCS helpline. Immediately NCS volunteer Hardatsinh Vansadia, Manthan Kadam, Anish Patel, Jaimin Patel and Vicky Lakdawala left to rescue snake. After reaching the spot they found a rare morph of Common Krait snake. The snake was safely rescued from the spot. The krait was of leucistic morph. Krait

is one of the four venomous snakes and also known as silent killer. Such leucistic snakes are quite rare in wild. Later on the snake was released in wild, in presence of Forest department.



A RARE MORPH OF COMMON KRAIT

12. Nature Club Surat decided to celebrate this Independence Day - 15th Aug 2019 as a symbol of FREEDOM FROM PLASTIC.

With the help of our sponsor Mr. Nainish Parekh, we had started this freedom movement by distributing cloth bags to students of Suman Schools. Our city's Counsellor did the honors of distributing the bags. Starting from Suman. schools, we hope to spread the movement around the city



Independence Day Celebration

**NCS organizes lots of activities through out the year, Its not possible to cover each activity here. So please follow us on Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram and website for regular updates.**



## Diwali Dang Camp - Environment Education & Adventure Camp 2019

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During this Diwali vacation, total 6 batches went for 3 nights 4 days camp at our Dang Campsite, which included 2 general batches and 4 school batches. Batches were started from 17th Oct'19 and ended on 14th Nov'19.



Yoga & Exercise session in morning



Nature Session @ River side

Various activities such as exercise, river batch, artificial rock climbing, bouldering, valley crossing, flying fox. Nature trek, night trek, team building games and activities, Slide show related to nature, Bird, butterfly and flowers session, camp fun, and many more were conducted. All the participants took part with full of enthusiasm. Another

attraction of these sessions is contribution of senior volunteers and domain experts Mr. Mayur Rathod, Mr. Pritesh Patel, Mr. Himanshu, and Mr. Jigar.



Artificial Rock Climbing activity



Nature Session @campsite by Mr.Mayur Rathod



Nature Session in jungle by Mr.Tejas Patel

## Glimpses of some Ongoing Projects:

### Anti Plastic - Campaign

To aware citizens by different event with theme of “No Plastic”, Cloth bags were distributed. These time, we met different renown personality of Surat and distributed Cloth bags with message of “SAY NO TO SINGLE USE PLASTIC”. We suggest them to aware the citizen of Surat.

### Otter Conservation - Campaign

On 21st October 2019 Surat Forest Division, Gujarat organized a special event for the fishermen to reimburse their financial loss by providing fishing nets. Deputy Conservator of Forest Shri. Puneet Nayyar along with Chief Conservator of Forest Shri. C. K. Sonwane played a crucial role for supporting the fishermen and encouraging them for otter conservation. They also showed their willingness to take forward the appeal to PCCF for the compensation policy. This project was one of its kind in Gujarat and has set a good example for otter conservation in the state. The otters of Surat now have a better future. NCS Volunteer Mr.Krunal Trivedi is heading this campaign.

### Acknowledgment of untiring efforts of Volunteers:

Volunteers are assets of Nature Club Surat. Not a single work can be carried out without helping hands of them. We appreciate their continuous efforts without any reward. Here we are acknowledging few of them, they are Gaurang, Samasthee, Vitresh, Aneri, Aditya, Sohan, Abhishek, Er. Tejas, Neel, Bhavik, Ashish, Vaibhav, Tejal, Sagar, Purvi, Yash, Netra, Prayag, Rishi, Ohm, Hajibhai, Dr.Jayalaxmi, Dhara, Hariti and many more.

Special thanks to our senior volunteers Shri Mayur Rathod, Pritesh Patel, Jigar Patel, Hemish Jariwala, for amazing support during Diwali Dang Camp.

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