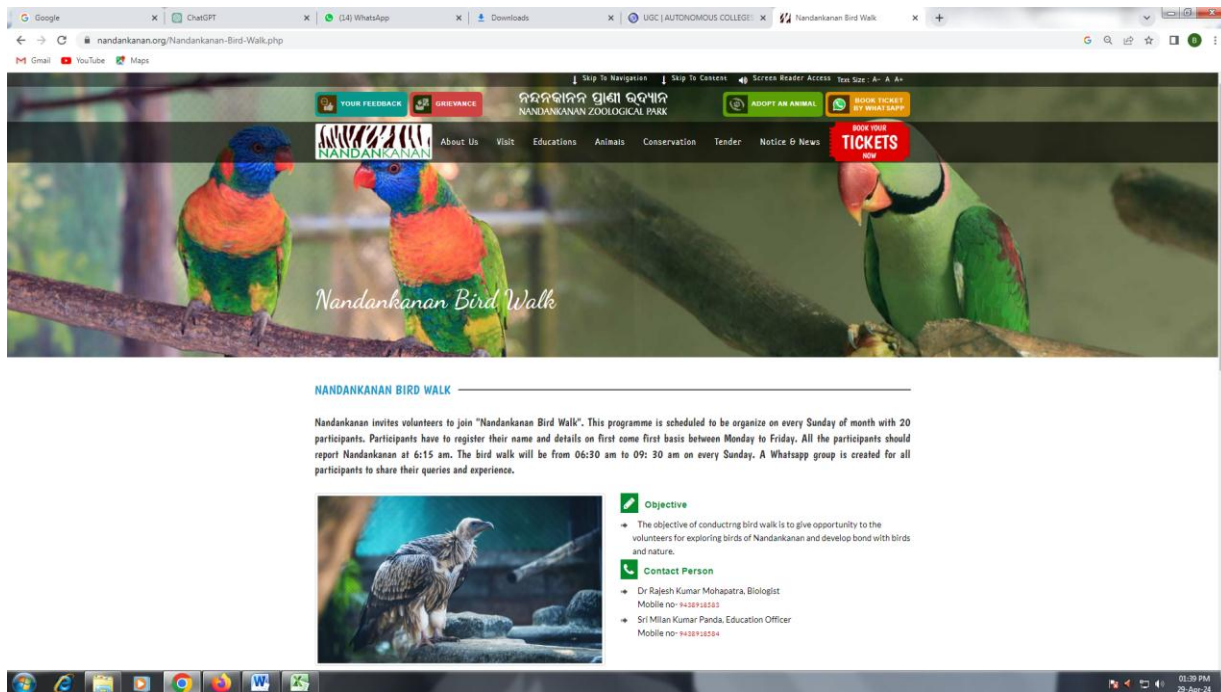


Report on BJB Autonomous College students Participating in Outreach/citizen science program

BJB Autonomous college students as a part of Bird walk at Nandankanan Zoological Park, Bhubaneswar:

Nandankanan Zoological Park in India is renowned for its diverse wildlife, including white tigers, and its commitment to conservation and education. Recently on 06.02.2024 a Citizen Science program named “Sunday Bird Walk” was started by the Zoo authority which engages volunteers in scientific research, harnessing collective power for data collection, analysis, and problem-solving. The bird walk at Nandankanan Zoological Park offers enthusiasts a guided journey to observe avian life in natural habitats. Led by experts, participants explore diverse ecosystems, learning about bird identification, behavior, and conservation. Bird walks foster appreciation for nature, connecting people with birdsongs, flight patterns, and ecological roles, enriching understanding and stewardship of avifauna. The Zoology students of this HEI (BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar) are constantly taking part in the program where they not only learn about the biology of birds and bird census but also gradually becoming expertise in the same field. It fosters observation skills, patience, and environmental awareness. The students learn about biodiversity, ecology, and the importance of habitat conservation. Birding promotes curiosity, critical thinking, and connection to nature, nurturing a lifelong appreciation for the natural world while enhancing academic learning through hands-on experience. The students have to register online on every Sunday and then they were allowed to participate. Out of the students enrolled best performing students if this HEI were allowed to be enrolled as Zoo Volunteers.

The website:



The screenshot shows the website for Nandankanan Bird Walk. The header includes navigation links like 'About Us', 'Visit', 'Educations', 'Animals', 'Conservation', 'Tender', 'Notice & News', and a 'BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW' button. The main banner features a photograph of two colorful lorikeets perched on a branch, with the text 'Nandankanan Bird Walk' overlaid. Below the banner, the text reads: 'NANDANKANAN BIRD WALK' and 'Nandankanan invites volunteers to join "Nandankanan Bird Walk". This programme is scheduled to be organize on every Sunday of month with 20 participants. Participants have to register their name and details on first come first basis between Monday to Friday. All the participants should report Nandankanan at 6:15 am. The bird walk will be from 06:30 am to 09: 30 am on every Sunday. A Whatsapp group is created for all participants to share their queries and experience.'

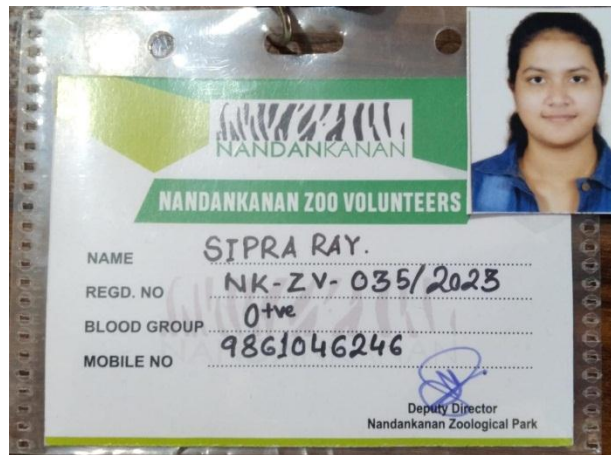
Objective

- The objective of conducting bird walk is to give opportunity to the volunteers for exploring birds of Nandankanan and develop bond with birds and nature.

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Zoology students of BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar selected as Zoo Volunteers:



Till date 111 (One hundred eleven) Bird walks have been organized and on an average 5 students attend on each Sunday bird walk i.e. 111:05

Register showing the students enrollment:

99th Bird Walk

04/02/24

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Checklist

- Ruddy Shelduck 5 ~~10~~
- Indian Peafowl 10
- Rock Pigeon (feral) 3
- Spotted dove 5
- Greater coucal 1
- Blue faced Malkoha 1
- Asian Koel 2
- Common Hawk Cuckoo 3
- Painted Heron 3
- Little Cormorant 11
- Black crowned Night heron 8
- Little egret 2
- Indian Pond-Heron 3
- Eastern Cattle egret 3
- Great egret 1
- Intermediate Egret 3
- Black headed Ibis 3+1
- Shikra 1
- Black Kite 2
- White throated Kingfisher 1
- Asian green bel-eater 2