



DCT's Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Miramar Goa

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, NATURE CLUB

Report of the session on 'The big cat of Saurashtra through the lens of a Zoologist' held on 13th August, 2025 under DBT Star College Scheme

Objective: The objectives of the session were to provide insights into the ecology, behavior, and conservation status of the Asiatic lion in Saurashtra and to highlight human–animal interactions and the importance of working within natural habitats for the conservation of wild animals.

Report: Nature club of department of Zoology organized a session for the students on 'The big cat of Saurashtra through the lens of a Zoologist' on 13th August, 2025 under DBT Star College Scheme. The resource person for the session was Prof. Manoj R. Borkar, a senior academician from Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women in Nuvem. Prof. Manoj spoke about his research and contributions to the study of the ecology, behavior, and conservation of Asiatic lions in Saurashtra. He also shared his experiences of working closely with different people and interacting with wild animals during the course of his work. A total of **99** students attended the session. The participants included the first year, second year and third year students and the faculty members.

Outcome: Students developed an understanding of the ecology, behavior, and conservation status of the Asiatic lion in Saurashtra. Students were able to appreciate the importance of maintaining a balance between human needs and wildlife conservation. Students gained awareness of the challenges faced in conserving large carnivores and the practical approaches used by zoologists in their natural habitats. Students recognized the role of human–animal interactions in shaping conservation policies and practices.

Photographs of the session



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