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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE CAMP DUDHWA TIGER RESERVE

Our heartfelt gratitude for your support to the
National Environment Science Camp!

This season, the camp opened in November with
excellent participation from campers.

We are thrilled to share our discoveries with you.

CAMP REPORT
2024 – 2025



The Karavan's National Environment Science Camp at Dudhwa Tiger Reserve has engaged students from various esteemed schools in immersive, hands-on environmental learning experiences. With over 25 years of expertise in organizing camps, Karavan achieved a remarkable milestone by establishing its very own campsite in just 20 days—a first in our journey.

The enthusiastic participation from schools has added to the success of the program, making this season truly special. **City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar Campus 1, Lucknow**, led by **Ms. Junu Thakur**, brought a group of 66 students from November 13 to 15, 2024.

Following this, **Shree Ram Global School, Noida**, headed by **Ms. Preeti Singh**, participated with 60 students from November 16 to 18, 2024.

Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, led by **Mrs. Neetu Swarankar**, joined with a group of 50 students from November 25 to 28, 2024.

In the last days of November, comes the **Royal Mount Academy, Lucknow**, under the leadership of **Ms. Afsar Jahan**, participated with 16 students from November 29 to 30, 2024.

December too started with great participation from schools like **La Martiniere College, Lucknow**, a group of 60 senior students lead by **Mr. Nagesh Shukla** from December 22 to 24, 2024.

On the very same day in the evening comes the **M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, Howrah** with 44 students lead by **Mrs. Soma Shukla Mukherjee** from December 24 to 27, 2024.

Later comes the Junior School of **La Martiniere College, Lucknow** lead by **Mr. Melvyn** from December 28 to 30, 2024.

This group was accompanied by another group of campers came from **Venkateshwar Signature School, Raipur** lead by **Mrs. Manju Sharma**. They both shared wonderful bonding as campers in the NEVS Camp.

Each group contributed to and benefited immensely from the camp's interactive and educational activities, leaving with enriched knowledge and cherished memories of their experiences in Dudhwa.



Campers from La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow



Campers from Shree Ram Global School, Noida

The momentum of Karavan's **National Environment Science Camp** at Dudhwa Tiger Reserve carries forward into 2025 with enthusiastic participation from a wide range of educational institutions.

The year begins with **Takshila Academy, Ambedkar Nagar**, where the top management team participates in a training and brainstorming camp led by **Ms. Anuja** from January 2 to 5, 2025.

The session sets the tone for strategic thinking and environmental leadership.

Next, **City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar -1, Lucknow** brings 75 IAYP students, led by **Mrs. Preeti Sinha**, from January 5 to 7, fostering leadership and a meaningful connection with nature.

This is followed by an academic expedition of 12 zoologists from **MS University, Vadodara**, guided by **Dr. Chandni Valodkar**, who explore ecological systems through field-based learning from January 8 to 12, 2025.

In February, **Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur**, led by **Mr. Ankur Gupta**, joins from February 18 to 20, 2025, followed by **Project KHEL** with 25 athletes, led by **Mr. Akshai Abraham**, from February 21 to 23, 2025, bringing a vibrant, community-driven spirit.

March sees energetic participation from **CMS, Station Road Campus**, with 90 students led by **Mrs. Kavita Sharma** from

March 8 to 9, 2025,

and **St. Columbus School, New Delhi**, with 25 students led by **Ms. Gail Pereira** from March 10 to 12.

Later, **Study Hall, Lucknow**, under **Ms. Deepali**, brings 78 students from March 17 to 22, engaging deeply with conservation and wilderness.

April begins with **Shri Agrasen Kanya PG College, Varanasi**, with 30 students, led by **Dr. Rashmi Singh**, attend from April 3 to 5, adding academic depth.

The season concludes with **La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow**, led by **Mrs. Neelanjana Lal**, bringing 110 girls from April 12 to 14, leaving behind a strong impression of spirited learning for environment and nature.

Each group adds meaningfully to the **2024-2025** camp season, making it a remarkable blend of education, exploration, and shared experiences in the heart of Dudhwa.



Campers from Study Hall School, Lucknow



Campers from Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE CAMP

Team Games and Social Bonding

Relay Race and Tug of War:
Encouraged sportsmanship, teamwork & physical activity.

Campfire Gatherings:
Strengthened camaraderie, with storytelling
and music enhancing group dynamics.



Stay and Meals

Accommodation:
Students stayed in well-equipped jungle tents, immersing themselves in the wilderness experience. The tents had an attached western washroom equipped with hot and cold running water facility.

Meals:
Vegetarian dishes representing different cuisines across India were served, promoting cultural inclusivity and sustainable food practices.

Activities Conducted and Learning Outcomes:



Dare CIB: Map Reading & Wildlife Tracking

Activity: Students learned to read maps and track wildlife signs like pugmarks, scat, & feeding sites.

Outcome: Improved observation and critical thinking skills, with insights into animal behaviour and ecosystem interconnections.

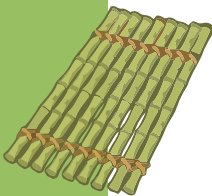
Dare Jungle Jamming: Music Inspired by Nature

Activity: Students used instruments like taasa, flutes, and majira to create jungle-inspired music.

Outcome: Enhanced creativity, teamwork, and emotional connection to nature.



Campers from
**Tagore International School,
New Delhi,**
constructing their own raft on
the Mohana River at the
Indo-Nepal border.



Dare Aqua Engineering: Raft Building Challenge

Activity: Teams built bamboo rafts and floated them on the Mohana River at the Indo-Nepal border.

Outcome: Developed engineering and problem-solving skills, understanding buoyancy and water ecosystems.

Dare X'pedition: Wilderness Survival

Activity: Students built shelters, made weapons, cooked food, and set traps with limited resources.

Outcome: Developed survival skills, resilience, and teamwork.



Campers from
**City Montessori School,
Gomti Nagar- 1 Lucknow**
cooking their food while building
shelter and making their
self-defence weapons



FUN - ADVENTURE - DISCOVERY



Dare ROCK-STAR: Geological Exploration

Activity: Students collected and studied rocks from the Godavari Riverbed in Nepal, learning about geological processes.

Outcome: Understanding rock classification, geological formations, and Earth's dynamic processes.



Dare Terra X: Campfire Stories of Dudhwa

Activity: Mentors shared real-life legends of Dudhwa in Vikram-Vetal storytelling style around a campfire.

Outcome: Gained insights into man-animal conflicts and forest conservation challenges.



Campers from
M.C Kejriwal
Vidyapeeth, Howrah

showing their rock
collection at Godavari
Riverbed in Nepal

Major Yama, Addressing the
students of TIS, New Delhi
during Dare Terra-X

Campers interacting with
villagers to understand
their eco-friendly lifestyle
during Dare HUL

Dare HUL: Learning from the Tharu Tribe

Activity: Interaction with Tharu villagers to explore their traditional knowledge of forest resources and sustainable living.

Outcome: Fostered respect for indigenous wisdom and sustainable living practices.



Dare Kaleidoscopic World: Jungle Jeep Safari

Activity: Guided safari to observe and document woodland, grassland, and wetland ecosystems.

Outcome: Improved skills in identifying flora and fauna, ecosystem roles, and scientific documentation.



KALEIDOSCOPIC WORLD

The sightings during the camp were truly remarkable, adding to the excitement and educational value of the experience.

Most jeep safaris were fortunate to spot a **TIGER** while the wetlands teemed with migratory birds, creating a picturesque spectacle.

Sunny mornings revealed swamp deer grazing peacefully, accompanied by birds of prey like the majestic **Crested Serpent Eagle**.

Other notable wildlife included golden jackals and a variety of deer species such as sambar, hog, and spotted deer.

Crocodiles and pythons basking in the sun offered thrilling views, and a unique highlight was the students' opportunity to interact with and touch the forest elephants, leaving them with unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation for wildlife.



Campers from **La Martiniere College** going on a Jungle Safari.



Royal Bengal Tiger



Swamp Deer



Lesser Flameback Woodpecker

FIELD STUDY

The Field Study Camp organized under the NEVS Camp at Dudhwa Tiger Reserve by Karavan Heritage and Nature Society served as a multi-dimensional platform for students from the **Department of Zoology, MS University, Vadodara, and Shri Agrasen Kanya PG College, Varanasi.**

Set in the rich ecosystems of the Upper Terai Arc Landscape, the camp facilitated hands-on exposure to biodiversity assessments, avian surveys, geomorphological studies, soil sampling, species interaction documentation, and ethnographic engagements with Tharu communities.

Students adopted scientific field techniques such as jeep safaris, forest walks, plaster cast creation, specimen photography, note-taking, and structured interviews to gather ecological and anthropological data.

They explored diverse habitats—grasslands, wetlands, riverine systems, and sal forests—through structured activities called “DAREs,” which included tracking wildlife, analyzing aquatic biodiversity, studying river dynamics, and engaging in traditional knowledge systems related to conservation.

The camp not only enhanced students’ research aptitude, field observation, taxonomy, and documentation skills, but also encouraged collaborative inquiry through team-based learning.

Emphasis was laid on developing leadership, communication, and analytical thinking. This immersive outdoor experience fostered a deeper commitment to in-situ conservation and sustainable living, making it a transformative educational journey rooted in real-world ecological dynamics.



Crested Serpent Eagle



Ghariyal

One Horned- Indian Rhinoceros



PICTURE GALLERY



FEEDBACKS



Shriya Mehra



I recently had the opportunity to attend the National Environment Science Camp as part of a college trip, and I must say it was an incredible experience. The camp provided a unique blend of fun and learning, allowing us to explore the forest and wildlife in a hands-on and engaging way.



Mansi Shrivastava



This was the closest I have ever been to nature! Such a magical and surreal experience. Definitely going back because no amount of time spent here is enough.



Arpit Tiwari



Everything starting from basic facilities camps to Safari was top notch. Food was so delicious and authentic loved it.



Ranjitsinh Devkar



It was an official educational field visit for MSc students of Zoology studying wildlife Biology. The location, food, ambience is ideal for nature education camps and wilderness trips. I had travelled with 12 students. Special appreciation for the local knowledge shared by the camp members.



Neeraj Shah



Fantastic place to visit and experience the nature and mother Earth from very close. The comfy tents are fantastic and the staff is very cordial and they have treated us very well. The quality of food was excellent.



Isha Khanna Mohan



My son went on a school trip in a group. They had excellent safari jeeps, great food, very comfortable lodging and great help from the staff members. They went cycling around the park and actually spotted a tiger! Thanks a lot for making it a memorable trip for them!



Suvarna Vajpayee



A very nice experience I had. Their management was so good, specially the mentors. They planned every activity with full zeal and zest. Overall experience was marvellous



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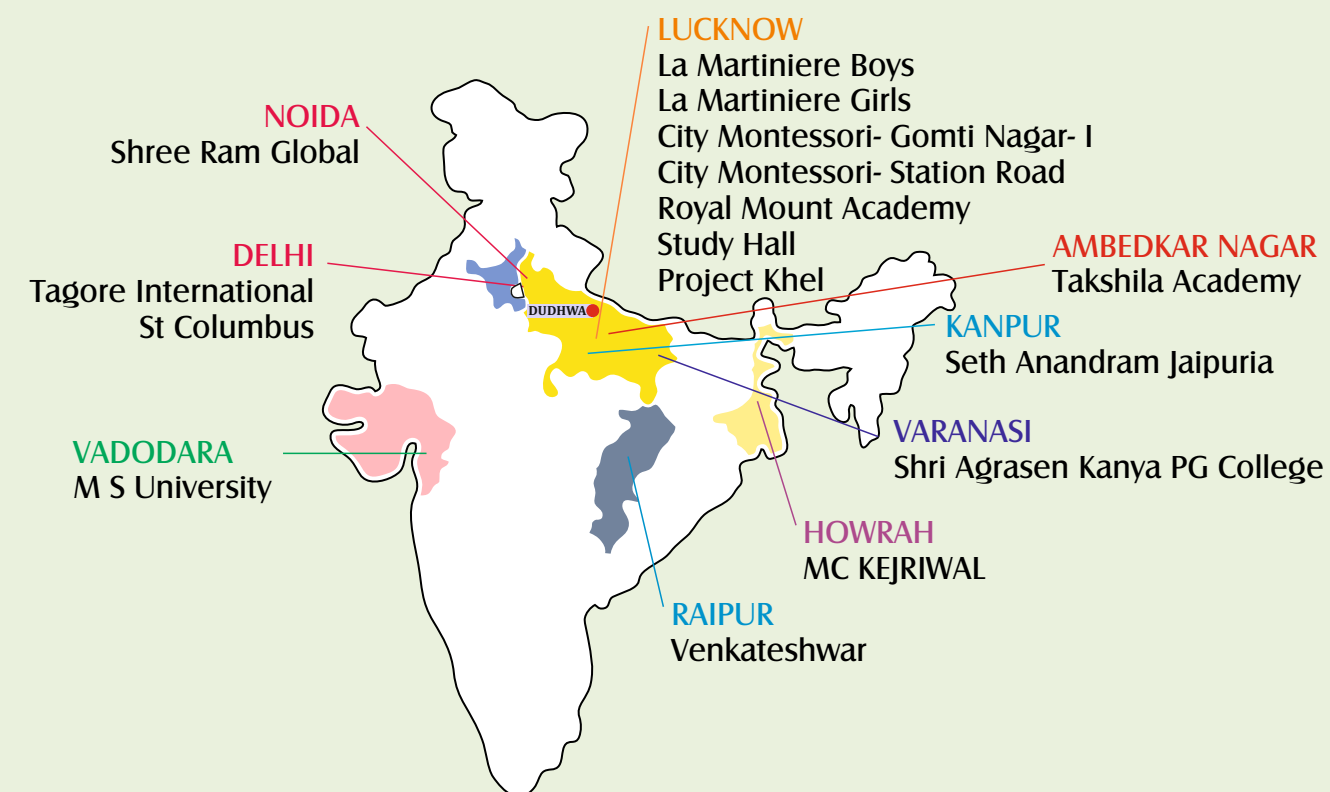
Invitation to

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We invite schools and students to participate in
Karavan's National Environment Science Camp,
an enriching program designed to blend
education, adventure, and cultural learning in the heart of
Dudhwa Tiger Reserve.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS 2024-25



Limited seats available.
We look forward to your participation.

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