

## 8-VISIT TO SULTANPUR NATIONAL PARK

### Picture: Students at Sultanpur National Park

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## **Summary Report of Field Visit**

### **Sultanpur National Park, Gurugram**

A departmental visit, organized by Department of Zoology, DPG Degree College, Gurugram, was scheduled on 21.04.2022 at Sultanpur National Park, Gurugram. In this visit around 105 students of B.Sc. Medical & M.Sc. Life Science were accompanied with faculties; Mr. Dinesh (Asst. prof.), Dr. Neha Shekhawat (Asst. prof.), Dr. Uzma (Asst. prof.), Dr. Smita (Asst. prof.), Dr. Nalinee (Asst. prof.) from Life Science Department.

Known to be one of the popular resting places of one of the most familiar migratory bird species, the Siberian crane, Sultanpur National Park is also a temporary home for many others. As a step towards the educational enhancement of students, the Department of Zoology organized this field visit to explore more practical and theoretical knowledge biodiversity.

Students were able to apply their theoretical knowledge to the field in studying and observing various resident birds like Indian cormorant, common spoonbill, black francolin, Indian roller, white-throated kingfisher, Indian spot-billed duck, painted stork, black-headed ibis, cattle egret, red-vented bulbul, rose-ringed parakeet, red-wattled lapwing, shikra, red collared dove, pigeon, magpie robin, greater coucal, weaver bird, and common mynah. Few of the many migratory birds that visit the National Park annually were also observed, like Siberian crane, ruff, black-winged stilt, Eurasian teal, common greenshank, northern pintail, white, northern shoveller, spot-billed pelican, gadwall, spotted sandpiper, Eurasian wigeon, black-tailed godwit, spotted redshank, and starlings. Summer migratory birds such as Asian koel, grey heron, Indian and cuckoos also started to flock in the region.

Apart from this, students also were able to learn more about the local plant species and their roles in maintenance of a suitable habitat for the incoming birds.