
Report On Eco Visit to Gharial Breeding Center/ Kukrail Reserve Forest Organized By the Department of Environmental Science, Integral University

Communication Cell IUL <communications@iul.ac.in>
Bcc: esfc@iul.ac.in

Fri, Jun 19, 2026 at 3:23 PM

The Department of Environmental Science, Integral University, Lucknow organized an educational Eco visit on 25th May 2026 to the Kukrail Breeding Centre and Kukrail Reserve Forest, Lucknow on the occasion of World Environment Day under the initiative of **Mission LiFE** (Lifestyle for Environment) launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India. The activity was conducted with the objective of encouraging environmental awareness, sustainable lifestyle practices, and biodiversity conservation among students through experiential learning. The eco visit to Kukrail Breeding Centre and Reserve Forest was organized under Mission LiFE on the occasion of World Environment Day, which is linked with all seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through awareness generation, environmental education, conservation learning, and promotion of sustainable lifestyle practices.

The eco visit witnessed active participation from students and faculty members of the department. The program aimed to provide practical exposure to wildlife conservation, forest ecosystems, and the importance of adopting environmentally responsible behavior in daily life. The visit began with an orientation session at the Kukrail Crocodile Breeding Centre, a prominent conservation site dedicated to the protection and breeding of endangered crocodilian species, especially the Gharial. During the session, officials and Prof. Monowar Alam Khalid, Dean, Students' Welfare & Head, Department of Environmental Science, who explained the objectives of the breeding centre, conservation initiatives, and the ecological importance of aquatic biodiversity. Students observed various species of crocodiles and learned about their habitat, breeding patterns, ecological role, and conservation challenges.

Special emphasis was given to the Mission LiFE initiative, which promotes mindful and sustainable utilization of natural resources through individual and collective action. Students were sensitized about the need to adopt environmentally conscious lifestyles, reduce waste generation, conserve water and energy, avoid single-use plastics, and actively participate in biodiversity conservation efforts.

Following the visit to the breeding centre, the participants explored the Kukrail Reserve Forest where they observed rich vegetation, native plant species, and natural ecological interactions within the forest ecosystem. Faculty members explained the ecological importance of forests in carbon sequestration, climate regulation, soil conservation, and maintenance of biodiversity. The forest trail provided students with an opportunity to connect with nature and understand the importance of preserving green ecosystems for future generations.

During the visit, awareness discussions and interactive sessions were conducted on environmental protection, sustainable development, waste management, afforestation, and eco-friendly practices. Students actively participated in discussions related to environmental challenges and solutions aligned with the objectives of Mission LiFE and World Environment Day celebrations.

The eco visit concluded with a reflection and feedback session where students shared their learning experiences and expressed their commitment towards adopting sustainable lifestyles and contributing to environmental conservation. The participants appreciated the initiative for providing practical environmental education beyond classroom learning.

Overall, the eco visit to Kukrail Breeding Centre and Reserve Forest under Mission LiFE proved to be highly educational, informative, and inspiring. The activity successfully promoted environmental consciousness, sustainability awareness, and ecological responsibility among students while reinforcing the message of protecting nature through sustainable lifestyle choices. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Azram Tahoor and Dr. Rushda Sharf.

Few Glimpses of the Event:





Warm regards,
Prof. Monowar Alam Khalid