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**Study Tour- B.Sc. II (Major & Minor)**  
**Wai-Mahabaleshwar-Harihareshwar beach**  
**(Date-04/02/2026-05/02/2026)**



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**Internal Quality Assurance Cell**  
2025-2026  
Quality Initiatives/ Activities Report



1. **Name of Department:** Zoology
2. **Name of Organized Activity:** Study Tour of B.Sc. II (Major & Minor) at Government Sericulture Unit, Wai, Government Apiculture Unit, Mahabaleshwar, and Harihareshwar Beach
3. **Date/ Duration:** 04/02/2026- 05/02/2026
4. **Aims and Objectives:**

**Aim:** To provide practical exposure and enhance understanding of applied zoology, sericulture, apiculture, and coastal ecosystems.

**Objectives:**

- To study the scientific practices involved in sericulture, including silkworm rearing, silk production, and its economic importance.
- To observe coastal and marine ecosystems at Harihareshwar Beach and understand biodiversity, coastal ecology, and environmental conservation.
- To motivate students towards career opportunities, research, and entrepreneurship in applied zoology and environmental sciences.

5. **No. of Beneficiaries:**

Sr. No	Faculty		Students		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1	01	01	00	19	21

6. **Expenditure & Funding Agency:** NA

7. **Brief Description:**

The Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, organized a study tour for B.Sc. II (Major & Minor) Zoology students to the Government Sericulture Unit, Wai, Government Apiculture Unit, Mahabaleshwar, and Harihareshwar Beach. The tour, which took place on 04/02/2026-05/02/2026 provided students with an opportunity to gain practical exposure to applied zoology and environmental studies. A total of 19 students accompanied by faculty members Dr. G. K. Sontakke and Dr. S. S. Desai, participated in the visit. At the Government Sericulture Unit, students learned about silkworm rearing, cocoon processing, and silk production techniques, emphasizing the economic and commercial importance of sericulture.

At the Government Apiculture Unit, Mahabaleshwar, students interacted with experts and gained insights into beekeeping practices, hive management, honey extraction, and the role of bees in pollination and sustainable agriculture. The visit to Harihareshwar Beach focused on coastal and marine ecosystems, where students observed intertidal organisms, coastal biodiversity, and ecological interactions, along with discussions on environmental conservation and the impact of human activities on coastal ecosystems. The study tour enriched students' understanding of the practical applications of zoology and encouraged awareness of sustainable practices and career opportunities in applied and environmental sciences.

**8. Outcomes:**

- Students are exposed to practical knowledge and potential career pathways in sericulture, apiculture, and environmental sciences.
- The study tour encourages students to explore research, entrepreneurship, and skill-based opportunities in applied zoology.

**9. Photos:**



**10. Signatures of Coordinator/ Organizer:**

  
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Head  
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## PERMISSION LETTER

Date: 30/01/2026

To,  
The Principal,  
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur  
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**Subject:** Permission to organize study tour

Respected Sir,

With reference to the above subject, I kindly request permission to organize a **study tour** for **B.Sc. II (Major & Minor) students** of the Department of Zoology as a part of the prescribed syllabus and curriculum.

The proposed study tour includes visits to the **Government Sericulture Unit, Wai Government Apiculture Unit, Mahabaleshwar and Harihareshwar Beach**. The study tour is scheduled on **04<sup>th</sup> and 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**. A total of **19 students** will participate in the tour under the supervision of **02 faculty members**.

This educational visit will help students to gain practical exposure and enhance their understanding of applied aspects related to sericulture, apiculture, and coastal ecosystems, which are directly relevant to their academic curriculum.

I therefore request you to kindly grant permission for the same.

Thanking you.

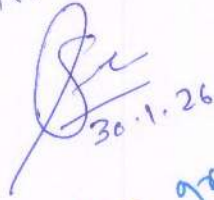
Yours faithfully,



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21/02/2026 21/6/2

  
30.1.26


permission granted  
Follows all rules & Regulations.  
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30-1-2026

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 B.Sc. II - Major and Minor  
 4<sup>th</sup> and 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**List of Students and Faculty**

Sr. No	Name of the Students	Class	Age
1.	Ms. Asiya D. Nadaf	B.Sc. II - Minor	21
2.	Ms. Siya M. More	B.Sc. II - Minor	21
3.	Ms. Simran M. Pendhari	B.Sc. II - Minor	21
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18.	Ms. Nilam L. Taminkar	B.Sc. II - Major	21
19.	Ms. Vaishanavi S. Bellundagi	B.Sc. II - Major	21
20.	Ms. Sneha S. Desai	Faculty	31
21.	Dr. G. K. Sontakke	Faculty	41

  
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Date : 04/02/2026

To: *श्रीम. विकास अचिकारी - I*  
*निर्देश श्रीम. वासुदेव*  
*का. (सातारा)*

Subject: Permission letter for visit....

Respected Sir / Madam,

With reference to above mentioned subject, we wish to undertake a visit to your unit on 04/02/2026 at ..1.00p.m. to acquire practical knowledge. Our academic curriculum focuses on engaging students in practical experiences to observe the implementation of what they are taught in syllabus. We believe that your unit will give our students relevant knowledge during this visit.

A group of 19 students from B. Sc. II and faculty members intend to participate in this visit. Please allow us to conduct a visit to your unit and kindly make arrangements for a tour in the relevant departments.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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**Date: 27/01/2026**

### NOTICE

All the students of B.Sc. II (Major & Minor) are hereby informed that Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) has organized a study visit at Wai-Mahabaleshwar-Harihareshwar beach on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2026-05<sup>th</sup> February 2026. This visit is a part of the curriculum, and attendance is compulsory for all students. The visit is important as it forms an essential part of the practical syllabus and will provide valuable learning experiences.



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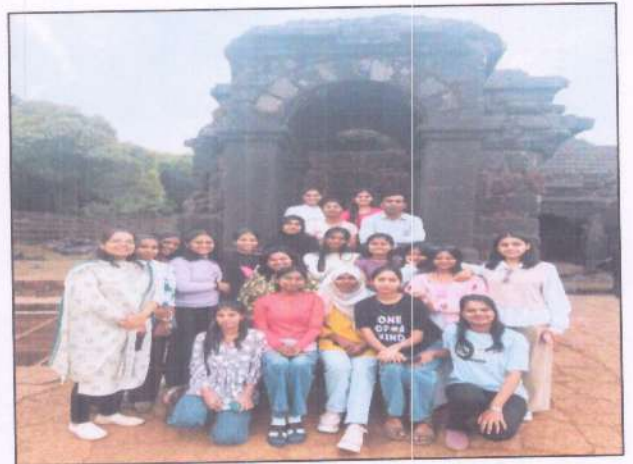
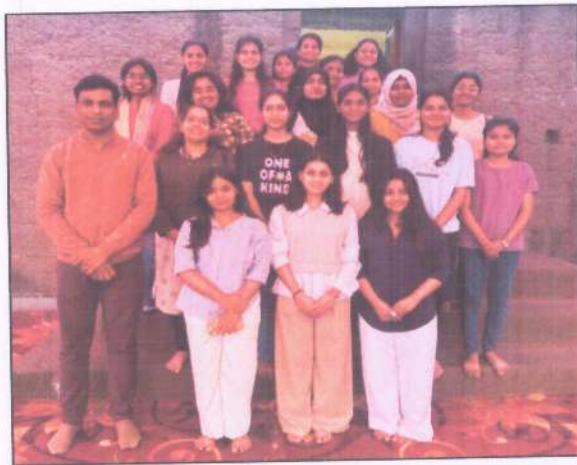
  
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**Report of Study Tour: Wai-Mahabaleshwar-Harihareshwar Beach**

Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) organized a two-day study tour of B.Sc. Part II (Major & Minor) students to Wai-Mahabaleshwar-Harihareshwar Beach on 04/02/2026 and 05/02/2026 as a part of the curriculum. The tour aimed to impart practical knowledge of apiculture and sericulture, create awareness about applied zoology, and encourage entrepreneurship among students. The main objective of the study tour was to bring students closer to nature and provide experiential learning opportunities. A total of 19 students accompanied by faculty members Dr. G. K. Sontakke and Dr. S. S. Desai, participated in the visit.

The study tour commenced on 04/02/2026 at 6.00 a.m. from Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) by private vehicle (traveller). Our first halt was at Wai, where students visited the famous Wai Ganesh Temple. The temple is well known for its historical and religious significance. Students observed the traditional temple architecture and cultural heritage of the region. Later, the group visited the Government Sericulture Unit at Panchgani. The staff explained the process of silkworm rearing, mulberry cultivation, and silk production. Students observed different stages of the silkworm life cycle and understood the economic importance of sericulture. Afterward, the group visited Sydney Point, which offers a scenic view of the Krishna Valley and Dhom Dam. Students enjoyed the panoramic landscape and studied the geographical features of the Western Ghats. Next, the students visited Mapro Garden. The garden is known for its fruit-based products and food processing units. Students observed fruit processing techniques and gained information about value-added products, marketing, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The tour then proceeded to Mahabaleshwar, where students visited the Government Apiculture Unit. The officials demonstrated honey bee rearing techniques, types of bee species, hive management, and honey extraction processes. Students closely observed the bee colonies and learned about the production of pure honey and other bee products. This visit enhanced their understanding of apiculture as a small-scale industry. Afterward, students

visited the historic Mahabaleshwar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple reflects ancient architectural style and holds religious as well as cultural importance. In the evening, students enjoyed shopping in Mahabaleshwar market, exploring local products and interacting with local vendors. The group stayed overnight at Mahabaleshwar.

On the second day, 05/02/2026, after breakfast, the group proceeded to the historic Pratapgad Fort, built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The fort stands at an elevation of about 3543 feet above sea level and offers a magnificent view of the Konkan region. Students visited Bhawani Temple and learned about the historical significance of the fort. After the fort visit, the group traveled to Harihareshwar Beach. Students enjoyed the scenic beauty of the Arabian Sea coastline. They observed coastal biodiversity and experienced the serene beach environment. The visit provided refreshment as well as educational exposure to coastal ecology.

The return journey commenced at 2.00 p.m., and students safely reached Kolhapur with pleasant memories and enriched knowledge. The study tour was successfully conducted under the guidance of the tour in-charge Dr. G. K. Sontakke and faculty member Dr. S. S. Desai. Students returned with enhanced practical knowledge of apiculture and sericulture, awareness about entrepreneurship opportunities, coastal biodiversity, and unforgettable experiences of natural and historical heritage sites.



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