

**Bhagwan Baba Arts & Commerce College Lonar, Dist-  
Buldhana.**

**Department Of History**

**Best Practice**

**Title: Nature and Historical Study of Lonar Crater**

**Objectives:**

- To make consciousness about environment
- To connect students with biodiversity.
- To study the life of animals, birds, plants of Lonar Sanctuary.
- Conservation and management of natural resources like forest, water and air etc.
- Control of environmental pollution.
- To develop observation skill of students.
- To study local history.
- To carry out scientific and historical research on Lonar Crater.

In short objectives of nature and historical studies are to develop a world in which persons are aware of and concerned about environment and historical architecture and problems associated with it, and committed to work individually as well as collectively towards solution of current problems.

**Context:**

The college is situated near the world famous crater. The crater, has basalt rock impact structure is both saline and alkaline in nature. Geologists, ecologists, archeologists, naturalists and astronomers study various aspects of the crater ecosystem and historical monuments. A historical monument is rich heritage. It gives us a sense of wonder and makes us curious about the past connected with it. The study of monuments helps the students to construct history and develops skill of observation in them. The activity generates interest in historical building and develops observation skill. Being a natural heritage, and its important, the college has decided to introduce the local history and study of nature to the students.

**The Practice:**

The motive of the practice was to study, involve, make aware about nearby wildlife, biodiversity, ecosystem and historical heritage. For the purpose the college implemented the programme of Nature Study and Historical study throughout the year. The college specially arranged trips in the crater and nearby area. In the trips the study of various species, historical monuments are done. For the purpose they took help of Archeology department, the Forest Department, Tourism Department, and various scholars. The study and observation increased knowledge of students about the Lonar Crater and surrounding.

**Evidence of Success:**

- It is found that the area of crater and around became very clear
- The practice was appreciated and praised by local council, Tourism Department, Archeology Department, and by masses.
- It helped making awareness among people about the environment and monuments

**Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

- Interference of people made the work very hard.
- At beginning the people didn't cooperate, but after observing the practice they involved.
- The area is very vast for working.
- Religious belief of public was hindrance in social awareness.