



Brochure for Online-cum-Field (Hybrid) Courses BNHS CEC - Mumbai (Batch 2026-27)

Why to join ?

The online-cum-field (hybrid) courses by Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS CEC – Mumbai) combine classroom learning with real field experience. Participants will learn from experts, attend field visits and camps, and complete practical project work. These courses help build skills in biodiversity and conservation, support career growth, and improve confidence. A certificate from BNHS also adds value to future academic and professional opportunities.



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LIST OF ONLINE-CUM- FIELD (HYBRID) COURSES CONDUCTED BY CEC-BNHS, MUMBAI

1. Basic Course in Ornithology

Duration: 11 months (August 2026 to June 2027)

2. Leadership Course in Biodiversity Conservation (LeadBio)

Duration: 11 months (July 2026 to May 2027)

3. Basic Course in Herpetology

Duration: 4 months (June 2026 to September 2027)

4. Basic Course in Butterfly Studies

Duration: 6 months (August 2026 to January 2027)

5. Basic Course in Botany

Duration: 6 months (July 2026 to December 2026)

Minimum qualification required: 10th Std.

Medium of instructions & Study material: English.



BASIC COURSE IN ORNITHOLOGY, 2026–2027

BNHS CEC is happy to announce the admissions for Basic Course in Ornithology (BCO) for the year 2026-2027. The course includes inaugural and wrap-up sessions, field visits around Mumbai and field camps to various bird habitats across India.



Group photograph of participants of Basic Course in Ornithology during field camp at Bharatpur Chambal, 2025.

Highlights of the course:

- An online-cum-field (hybrid) course
- Duration - 11 months (August 2026 to June 2027)
- Study material cover basics of ornithology (in India)
- Project work
- Field camps, Indoor sessions and field visits/webinars
- Certificate from BNHS after successful completion of the course

Who can enroll?

- Anyone with an interest in birds
- Basic qualification- Class 10 (any Board)



What are the course contents?

The course includes extensive notes, field visits with experts and online assignments. Details of the course content are as follows:

- **Chapters:** Every month one chapter, written by BNHS experts, is emailed to the participants. Chapters cover various topics such as **introduction to birds, their evolution, morphology, anatomy, physiology, food and feeding habits, history of Indian ornithology and bird conservation.**
- **Field visits and reports:** A total of **eight half-day field visits** will be conducted to various wildlife habitats near Mumbai during the course duration, out of which **three** are **compulsory**. A brief report on each field visit must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document. Participants staying away from Mumbai (in other parts of Maharashtra or in other states) can instead visit a similar habitat near their location, on their own, and submit their report in the monthly assignment
- **Field camps, indoor sessions and reports:** One inaugural session, one wrap-up session and **two field camps** will be organized. Field camps are conducted at various biodiversity habitats across India. Participants are required to **attend both the field camps** and the **inaugural session**. After each camp/session, a report must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document.
- **Project work:** This is an integral part of the course and involves submitting a **project report every month**. Every project will focus on a theme and the report will be based on the relevant observations/study in one's selected locality. E.g. urban birds/ wetland birds. The final project report and the presentation at the end of the year will be a compilation of the monthly reports and a practical action plan for one's locality.

Course Fees:

Rs. 14,465(BNHS Member)

Rs. 15,565(Others)

This includes a limited period BNHS membership of one year for the purposes of accessing library & other reference material in BNHS.

Course fee includes: Course study material, BNHS expertise

The field camp fees & other services are charged separately.

Last date for registration is 30th April 2026 (Limited seats available).



Some images clicked during the field visits and camps of the course: Basic Course in Ornithology Batch 2025-26

How to Register for this course?

For registration, please refer to the last page of this document.

For any further query please email us at 'ornithology@bnhs.org'



LEADERSHIP COURSE IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION 2026-2027

BNHS CEC is happy to announce the admissions for 'Leadership Course in Biodiversity Conservation, (Lead Bio) for the year 2026-27. This course provides a hands-on learning experience in the field of biodiversity focusing on key areas such as community engagement and policy understanding. The course includes inaugural and wrap-up sessions, field visits around Mumbai and field camps to various wildlife habitats across India.



Group photograph of participants of Basic Course in Leadership biodiversity during field camp at Bharatpur Chambal, 2025.

Highlights of the course:

- An online hybrid course.
- Duration is 11 months (July 2026 to May 2027).
- Includes study material, field visits/webinars, field camps with subject experts. and indoor sessions.
- Project work.
- Certificate from BNHS after successful completion of the course.

Who can enroll?

- Anyone with an interest in learning about biodiversity.
- Basic qualification: Class 10 (any Board).



What are the course deliverables?

The course includes field work and online assignments. The course deliverables are as follows:

Chapters: Every month, one chapter written by BNHS experts is sent online to participants. Chapters cover topics like **biodiversity, ecology, plants, insects, marine life, amphibians, birds, mammals, conservation issues and sustainable development, environmental laws and environmental impact assessment.**

Online research: To learn in greater detail about India's biodiversity and its conservation issues, participants are expected to refer to scientific papers, articles, news, discussions, films based on biodiversity, etc. available online and submit abstracts of the same in the monthly assignment submission document.

Field visits and reports: A total of **six half-day field visits** will be conducted to various wildlife habitats near Mumbai during the course duration, out of which **four are compulsory**. A brief report on each field visit must be submitted as a part of the monthly assignment. Participants staying away from Mumbai (in other parts of Maharashtra or in other states) can instead visit a similar habitat near their location, on their own and submit the report in a monthly assignment.

Field camps, indoor sessions and reports: In the course duration, one inaugural session, one wrap up session and **two field camps** will be organized. Field camps are conducted in various habitats across India. Participants are required to attend two field camps and the inaugural session. A camp/session report must be submitted after each camp in the monthly assignment.

Project Work: This is an integral part of the course and involves submitting a project report every month. Every project will focus on a theme and the report will be based on the relevant observations/study in one's selected locality. The final project report and the presentation at the end of the year will be a compilation of the monthly reports and a practical action plan for one's locality.

Course Fees:

Rs. 14,465 (BNHS Member)

Rs. 15,565 (Others)

This includes a limited period BNHS membership of one year for the purposes of accessing library & other reference material in BNHS.



Course fee includes: Course study material, BNHS expertise

The field camp fees & other services are charged separately.

Last date for registration is 30th April 2026 (Limited seats available).



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BASIC COURSE IN HERPETOLOGY, 2026

BNHS CEC is happy to announce the admissions for the Basic Course in Herpetology (study of reptiles and amphibians) for the year 2026. The course includes inaugural and wrap-up sessions, field visits around Mumbai and field camps to various habitats across India.



Group photograph of participants during Basic course in Herpetology 2025

Highlights of the course:

- An online hybrid course.
- Duration of the course: Four months (June 2026 to September 2026). Covers topics such as identification, morphology, behavior, importance of reptiles and amphibians.
- Project work.
- Field camps, indoor sessions and field visits/webinars.
- Certificate from BNHS after successful completion of the course.



Who can enroll?

- Anyone with an interest in herpetofauna
- Basic qualification : Class 10 (any Board)

What are the course deliverables?

The course includes extensive notes, field visits with experts and online assignments. The details of the course deliverables as follows:

Chapters: Every month, one chapter written by BNHS experts is sent online to participants. These chapters cover the introduction to amphibians and reptiles.

Field visits and reports: A total of two half-day field visits will be conducted near Mumbai during the course duration, out of which one is compulsory. A brief report on each field visit must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document. Participants staying away from Mumbai (in other parts of Maharashtra or in other states) can instead visit a similar habitat near their location, on their own.

Field camps and reports: One inaugural session, one wrap-up session and two field camps will be organized. Field camps are conducted in various habitats across India. Participants are required to attend at least one field camp and the inaugural session. After each camp/session, a report must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document.

Online research: To learn in greater detail about herpetology in India, its research, conservation and awareness work, participants are expected to refer to scientific papers, articles, news, discussions, documentaries etc. available online, and submit abstracts of the same in the monthly assignment submission document.

Project work: This is an integral part of the course and involves submitting a project report every month. Every project will focus on a theme and the report will be based on the relevant observations/study in one's selected locality. The final project report and the presentation at the end of the year will be an amalgamation of the monthly reports and a practical action plan for one's locality.

Course Fees:

Rs. 10,980/- (BNHS Member)

Rs. 12,180/- (Others)



This includes a limited period BNHS membership of one year for the purposes of accessing library & other reference material in BNHS.

Course fee includes: Course study material, BNHS expertise

The field camp fees & other services are charged separately.

Last date for registration is 30th April 2026 (Limited seats available).



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BASIC COURSE IN BUTTERFLY STUDIES 2026–2027

BNHS CEC is happy to announce the admissions for the Basic Course in Butterfly Studies (Butterfly Course) for the year 2026-2027. The course includes inaugural and wrap-up sessions, field visits around Mumbai and field camps to various butterfly habitats across India.



Participants of Basic Course of Butterfly studies batch 2022-2023 during field camp at field camp at Belvai, Karnataka.

Highlights of the course:

- An online hybrid course.
- Duration of the course:- Six months (August 2026 to January 2027). Covers topics such as life cycle, identification, behaviour, diversity and butterfly gardening.
- Project work.
- Field camps, field visits/webinars and Indoor sessions.
- Certificate from BNHS after successful completion.



Who can enroll?

- Anyone interested in butterflies and their conservation.
- Basic qualification is Class 10 (any board).

What are the course deliverables?

The course includes extensive notes, field visits with experts and online assignments. The details of the course deliverables are as follows:

Chapters: Every month, one chapter written by BNHS experts is sent online to participants. These chapters cover the introduction to Butterflies and their conservation.

Field visits and reports: A total of three half-day field visits will be conducted near Mumbai during the course duration, out of which two are compulsory. A brief report on each field visit must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment/submission document. Participants staying away from Mumbai (in other parts of Maharashtra or in other states) can instead visit a similar habitat near their location, on their own.

Field camps and reports: One inaugural session, one wrap-up session and two field camps will be organized. Field camps are conducted in various habitats across India. Participants are required to attend at least one field camp and the inaugural session. After each camp/session, a report must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document.

Online research: To learn in greater detail about Butterfly studies in India, its research, conservation and awareness work, participants are expected to refer to scientific papers, articles, news, discussions, documentaries etc. available online, and submit abstracts of the same in the monthly assignment submission document.

Project work: This is an integral part of the course and involves submitting a project report every month. Every project will focus on a theme and the report will be based on the relevant observations/study in one's selected locality. The final project report and the presentation at the end of the year will be an amalgamation of the monthly reports and a practical action plan for one's locality.

Course Fees:

Rs.10,150/- (BNHS Member)

Rs. 12,180/- (Others)

This includes a limited period BNHS membership of one year for the purposes of accessing library & other reference material in BNHS.



Course fee includes: Course study material, BNHS expertise

The field camp fees & other services are charged separately.

Last date for registration is 30th April 2026 (Limited seats available).



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BASIC COURSE IN BOTANY, 2026 - 2027

BNHS CEC is happy to announce the admissions for the Basic Course in Botany for the year 2026. The course includes inaugural and wrap-up sessions, field visits around Mumbai and two field camps to any floral habitat across India.



Participants of Basic Course in Botany, batch 2025-2026 during field visit at Bhandup Pumping Station



Highlights of the course

- A course focused on field study in Botany, mainly on higher plants (Angiosperms).
- The duration of the course:- Six months (July 2026 to December 2026). Covers topics such as morphology of plants, distinguishing characteristics of families and key identifications of dominating families in higher plants, Herbarium visit.
- Field camps, field visits/webinars, indoor sessions, and project work are integral parts of the course. A certificate from BNHS will be awarded upon successful completion.

Who can enroll?

- Anyone with an interest in plants
- Basic qualification is Class 10 (any board)

What are the course deliverables?

The course has 4 field visits out of which 3 are compulsory. Participants are expected to attend the inaugural, wrap-up and one field camp. Project work is an integral part of the course and involves submitting a project report at the end of the course.

Course Fees:

Rs. 10,980/-(BNHS Member)

Rs. 12,180/-(Others)

This includes a limited period BNHS membership of one year for the purposes of accessing library & other reference material in BNHS.

Course fee includes: Course study material, BNHS expertise

The field camp fees & other services are charged separately.

Last date for registration is 30th April 2026 (Limited seats available).



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- The cancellation charges are 10% of course fee once the admission is done.
 - Course fee is non refundable after 3 months of the commencement of the course.
 - The course material should not be used for any commercial purpose, since it is a copyright of BNHS.
- Camps/visits conducted by BNHS are educational in nature and not tourist outings.
- BNHS has all the rights to postpone/reschedule any field visit/webinar or the camp when required.
- It is assumed that participants have read and agreed to all the rules and regulations of BNHS, while registering for any camps/visits, as well as the inaugural/wrap-up camps. BNHS and BNHS CEC rules and regulations are available on our website (www.bnhs.org)
- Though utmost care is taken to avoid any mishap, BNHS and the course coordinators/management/experts will not be held responsible in case of any accident leading to injury or death and loss of property at and during any camp/visit . BNHS coordinators/management/camp leaders are authorized to take necessary action in case of emergency hospitalization/treatment and the participant shall bear the full cost thereof.
- BNHS coordinators/management/camp leaders are authorized to expel any participant from any camp/visit in case of any kind of misbehavior or breach of any rules/regulations.



- BNHS is authorized to change the course structure if required during the course period.
- Participants need to attend the required number of camps/visits, need to complete the required project work/assignments on time and need to participate in the required number of online activities to receive good grades.

HOW TO REGISTER?

Step 1: Fill up the Google Form using the provided link or by scanning the QR code.

Step 2: While filling up the form, please select the course you are interested in joining.

Note: If someone is willing to join two courses at a time, kindly fill up the form again for the second course.

Step 3: Once the form is filled, you will receive bank details for fees transfer on your email Id.

Step 4: Transfer the fees and email the receipt or screenshot of the payment details on respective course email id.

LeadBio - biodiversity@bnhs.org

Ornithology – ornithology@bnhs.org

Herpetology – herpetology@bnhs.org

Butterfly – butterfly@bnhs.org

Botany - botany@bnhs.org

Note: Kindly add your name and name of the course in the remark section while transferring the fees.



Step 5: You will receive transfer confirmation from the CEC team within five working days.

For registration-

Refer this link: <https://forms.gle/R7M4cTYqPf2xTCbNA>

(Kindly note that it is compulsory to fill the online Google registration form)

Or scan the QR code given below for the registration form:



For any further query please email on respective course email id (provided above) or call us on +918591318027/ +919594953425/+919594929107 (Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 05:30 pm).

FREE admission to BNHS online-cum-field (Hybrid) courses for under privileged students

BNHS CEC Mumbai is offering few free seats in online-cum-field (Hybrid) courses for deserving students, genuinely interested to learn about these topics from experts.

Free admissions

Excludes: Fees of field visits and camps are not included in the free admissions, those willing to join the camps/visits will have to bear the fees.

Includes:

- 1) Study material /webinars and course completion certificate are included in the free admission.
- 2) Certificate will be given on the basis of active participation of the student in the course.



Criteria for applying for the course:

- 1) Below 30 years of age.
- 2) Financially weak background/ under-privileged /Non-creamy layer
- 3) Interested in the topic/ subject of the course. (Admission will be given for any one course).

Documents needed to be submitted while applying for the free admission: 1)

Proof of age.

2) Proof of being from a financially weak background / underprivileged.

3) BPL or non-creamy layer certificates.

4) Recommendation letter from a person of repute (School/ college teacher/ principal etc.)

Use this link for registration of free admission-

(Kindly note that it is compulsory to fill the online Google registration form).

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or scan the QR code to fill the form:



Note: BNHS reserves all rights to shortlist/select / reject the applicants.