



Butterfly Festival in Mumbai

A novel opportunity awaits you this October!

The Conservation Education Centre (CEC), of Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Mumbai has announced organizing of the Butterfly Festival during wildlife week celebrations. Wildlife Week is celebrated every year in India during the 2-8 October in India.

The specially curated event includes fun activities for all ages, including: butterfly trails (visit to butterfly garden, searching for caterpillars, learning life cycle of butterflies), drawing competition, pebble painting, acrylic paint tattoos.

The festival will be celebrated on 2nd & 3rd October, 2021 at the Conservation Education Centre, near Film city, Goregaon (E). The BNHS CEC is located in a 33-acre lush green forest in the heart of metropolitan Mumbai.

This forest is home to more than 130 species of butterflies including the beautiful Blue Mormon, which is the State Butterfly of Maharashtra, besides many other beautiful butterflies like the Great Orange Tip, Psyche, Red Pierrot, Common Wanderer, Brown King Crow, Crimson Rose. The super camouflage master Blue Oakleaf butterfly which mimics a dry leaf is commonly seen here and flaunts a beautiful shining blue colour on the upper side when it takes to wings. This butterfly never visits flowers and feed on rotten fruits which are specifically provided here to attract them.

Dr. Bivash Pandav, Director, BNHS has urged the citizens and students to participate in this Festival. He says butterflies are important in the food chain and also as pollinators in nature. They also are indicators of the health of an ecosystem and need to be conserved.

Dr. Raju Kasambe, Assistant Director, Education at BNHS who heads the Centre says “even a common man can plant some butterfly attracting plants and help them thrive even in housing societies in urban habitats like Mumbai. Also, avoiding use of insecticides in city gardens helps the butterflies grow in numbers!”

So mark your calendars!

2th October 2021:

1) 7.00 am to 8.30 am. 2) 9.30 am to 11.00 am.

3rd October 2021:

1) 7.00 am to 8.30 am. 2) 9.30 am to 11.00 am.

- ✓ To participate in the Butterfly Festival prior registration is compulsory to manage the number of participants in each batch.
- ✓ Please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/RexRVKLSVwNQmDgz9>
- ✓ Kindly confirm your registration by fee transfer.
- ✓ Fees for the Butterfly Festival: Rs.200/- per person per session.
- ✓ The fees transfer can be done by payment link given below:
- ✓ In the payment form kindly select one day field visit and mention butterfly festival in the remark section <https://bnhs.org/cec-membership-form>
- ✓ Kindly email us your fee transfer details at cec-mumbai@bnhs.org
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