

National Level Youth Adventure Camp – Goa

Date: 18/09/2026 to 22/09/2026 (5 days)

Place: Nirmala Nature Campsite, Nirmal Nagar, Tilamol, Quepem, Goa.

Association: Bharath Scout and Guide, NHQ, Delhi.

No. of Students Participated: 21 Rangers

No. of Faculty Members: 03

Outside members: 03 (from National Head Quarters, Delhi)

Objectives

- To provide students with an opportunity to participate in adventure activities and develop courage, confidence and physical endurance.
- To promote teamwork, cooperation, discipline and leadership among the participants.
- To encourage a spirit of service, responsibility and respect for the environment.

Report:

A Journey of Adventure, Learning and Discovery.

The National Youth Adventure Camp, held from 17th September to 23rd September 2026 at Nirmala Nature Campsite, Nirmal Nagar, Tilamol, Quepem, Goa, was a memorable and enriching experience for 21 students accompanied by 3 teachers.

The journey began on 17th September, with the team reaching Yeshwanthpur Railway Station at 3:30 p.m. We arrived at Madgaon Railway Station at 5:30 a.m. on the 18th September and proceeded to the campsite.

The day started with the BSG flag raising, bhakti song and flag song. One of the first major adventures on 18th September was the 10-kilometre hike to Quepem Dam, which tested our endurance and strengthened our spirit of teamwork. The day concluded with a visit to Quepem Market and a cheerful campfire.

On 19th September, students explored the beautiful Goan coastline, visiting Canacona, Canaguinim, Benaullim and Colva Beaches.

On 20th September, the day began with BP 6 exercises, followed by swimming and the adventurous trek to Chandreshwara Bhootnath Temple. The day ended with a memorable grand campfire where students performed Karnataka's traditional dances including Kodava dance, fashion walk in Kodava attire.

The following day was a wonderful blend of culture and exploration. The team visited to Mangeshi Temple, Balaji Temple, Old Goa Church, art gallery and Baga Beach, followed by the enjoyable Paradise Cruise.

22nd September was specially enriching, with Sessions on 'Mapping and Star gazing' by Ms. Prema Thappa, retired ALT, followed by adventurous games and a Nature walk studying more than 50 species of Medicinal and indigenous Plants. Mr. James M. Fernandes, BSG secretary, Goa giving an informative explanation about those medicinal plants, their uses and their importance in one's lives. The session helped us develop a deeper appreciation for nature and its valuable resources. Students also observed 13 varieties of birds in the camp site.

Thereafter students participated in a school drive and visited a church before beginning the return journey from Madgaon Railway Station at midnight.

We gratefully acknowledge the valuable guidance and support received by Mr. Sidharth Mohanty, Project Director Youth Adventure camp, NHQ Delhi, and timely assistance of Mr. Gautam Kumar, Rover from Goa, which contributed to the smooth conduct of the activities throughout the camp. The dedicated efforts of the three accompanying teachers also played an important role in ensuring the students' safety, discipline and well-being throughout the journey.

After an exciting and educational week, we reached Yeshwanthpur Railway Station at 7:30 p.m. on 23rd September.

Outcome:

The National Youth Adventure Camp was much more than a journey—it was an opportunity to build courage, develop leadership, strengthen teamwork, nurturing service minds, appreciate nature and create lasting memories. The hikes, treks, adventure activities, cultural visits, nature study and campfires made the experience truly unforgettable.