## **Eco-tourism Programme of BCCL**

BCCL has taken necessary steps to remediate the degraded mined out lands and OB dumps in its mining area to reduce the impacts of the environmental pollution and transform the degraded mined out areas in ecologically restored forest like areas through the ecological restoration method. Since 2011, BCCL has adopted ecological restoration for restoration, stabilization and establishment of biodiversity over the degraded mined out areas and OB dumps being generated due to the mining activities in JCF. Ecological restoration has helped in establishment of the natural forest comprising of the native species of grasses, bushes and trees of the region within a short period of 5-7 years. This method not only helps in formation of the natural forest but also helps in establishment of biodiversity of flora as well as fauna of the region and ecological food chains. This helps in development of the habitat for the wildlife of the region.

Since 2016-17, BCCL has been promoting the Eco-mining tourism in its mines and ecological restoration sites /Eco-Parks for showcasing the mining activities and ecological restoration sites /Eco-Parks.

Every year various schools, colleges and professional institutes have been visiting these eco-restoration sites and eco-parks to know about the mining and the suitable method to restore these degraded lands into natural vegetation of the region.



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Mahato Koylanchal University (BBMKU) Dhanbad visited eco restoration sites/eco parks at Parasnath Udhyan, Katras; and Govardhan Eco- Park, Bastacolla, respectively for enhancing their knowledge about mining and reclamation works being done in BCCL.





In FY 2024-25, approx. 400 students/delegates from various renowned institutes such as BIT Sindri; IIT (ISM), Dhanbad; BBKMU, Dhanbad; DAV School, Moonidih; DPS, Dhanbad and DAV School, Koyla Nagar Dhanbad etc visited these eco-parks.

They praised the work being done by BCCL in form of eco-park development in the coalfield areas and were also surprised to see the lush greenery over once a degraded mined out land.



