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## Birds' Paradise

### Discuss

1. Have you seen a sparrow?
2. Besides the sparrow which other birds have you seen?
3. Have you heard about any place having different kinds of birds in Rajasthan ?

**Let's read about the Keoladeo National Park, a famous bird sanctuary located at Bharatpur.**

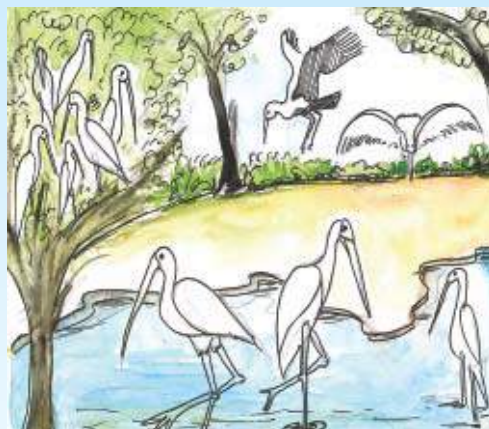


The Keoladeo Ghana National Park is located in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan. It is the birds' paradise. The park is named after an ancient mandir of Keoladeo, devoted to Lord Shiva. The Hindi name Ghana means, 'thick'. Here Ghana, therefore, refers to a thick area of forest. Bharatpur town used

to be flooded regularly every monsoon till 1760. The Maharaja of Bharatpur constructed a 'Kuchha dam' to save the town from floods.

The area from where the soil was taken out, became

the Bharatpur lake. It became one of the best duck-shooting wetlands in the world. But in 1965 the government banned the shooting of birds. The area was declared a national park in 1982. It was recognized as a world heritage site in 1985.



Bharatpur park is the bird-watchers' delight. It is best known for the Siberian cranes. They arrive in December and stay till March every year.

Several other migratory birds also arrive from as far as Siberia and Central Asia to spend their winters in Bharatpur. Deer, jackals, foxes and hyenas, blue bulls, black bucks and other fishing cats and monitor lizards can also be seen here.

## Glossary

located	-	स्थित, बसा हुआ
paradise	-	स्वर्ग
ancient	-	प्राचीन
regularly	-	नियमित रूप से
constructed	-	निर्माण किया,
recognized	-	पहचाना जाता हैं
heritage	-	धरोहर

delight	-	आनन्द
migratory	-	प्रवासी
lizards	-	छिपकलियाँ
sanctuary -		अभ्यारण्य

## Activity I

### A. Write T for the statements which are true and F for the false ones:

1. The Keoladeo Ghana National park is located in Bharatpur. ( )
2. The Maharaja of Bharatpur constructed a pucca dam. ( )
3. The Bharatpur lake has become one of the best duck shooting wet lands in the world. ( )
4. Bharatpur is the animal watchers' delight. ( )

### B. Answer the following questions:

1. What does the word Ghana mean?

Ans.....

2. Why did the Maharaja of Bharatpur construct a dam?

Ans.....

3. When did the government ban the shooting of birds at Ghana?

Ans.....

4. When do the Siberian cranes visit the park?

Ans.....

5. Name the animals that live in the forest around the lake.

Ans.....

## Activity II

**A. Identify the pictures of birds and write their names by choosing a suitable word from the box.**

crow

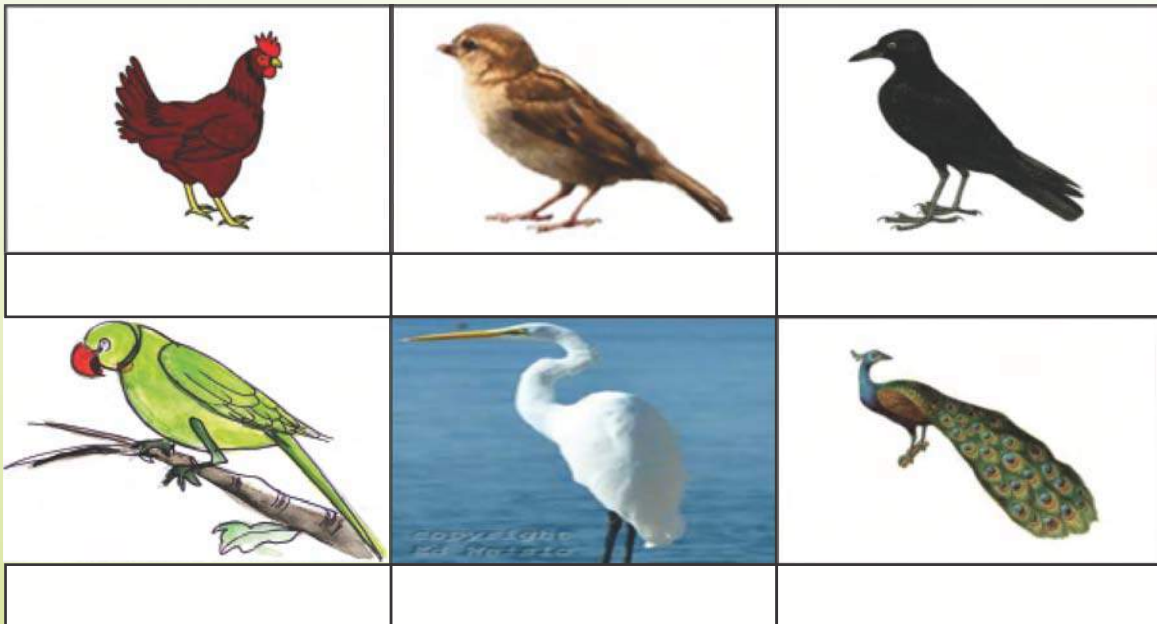
parrot

siberian-crane

hen

peacock

sparrow



**B. Match the name of the animals which are found in Ghana national park with their pictures.**

1. deer



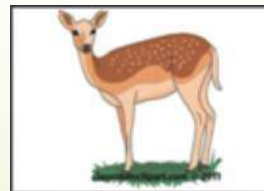
2. jackal



3. fox



4. hyena



5. black buck



6. fishing cat



7. monitor lizard



### A. Look at the following word –

nation+al= national

Here '-al' is a suffix. A suffix is added at the end of a root word.

Rewrite the following words by adding the suffix '-al':

1. magic .....
2. logic .....
3. mechanic .....
4. electric .....
5. classic .....

### Activity III

#### Look at the following sentences and pictures

- This is a cuckoo.



- These are cuckoos.



(We notice that 'this' is used with one thing and 'these' with more than one thing.)

#### Fill in the blanks with 'This is' and 'These are'

1. -----a goose.



2. -----geese.





3. -----duck.



4. -----ducks.



5. -----a dove.



6. -----doves.



7. -----a wood pecker.



8. -----wood peckers.



## Activity IV

**A. Listen to the following short poem about birds and their sounds and recite it after your teacher.**

Cocks crow.  
Crows caw.  
Swans cry.  
Ducks quack.  
Pigeons coo.  
Geese cackle.





Eagles scream.

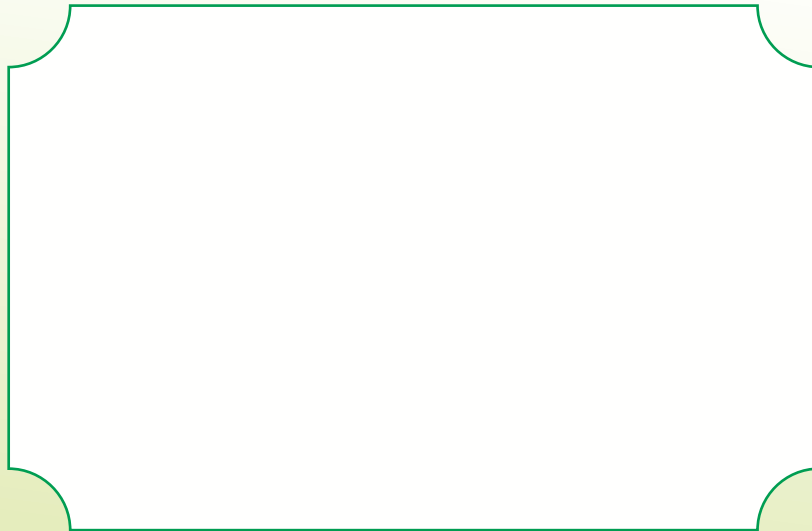
Bees hum.

Sparrows chirp.

**1. The teacher will divide the whole class into two groups. The first group will call the name of a bird and the second will make the sound of that particular bird. Then the second group will call the name of another bird and the first group will make the sound of that bird. Enjoy the game.**

## **Activity V**

**A. Draw a picture of your favourite bird and colour it.**



**B. Write three sentences about your favourite bird.**



## Process writing

Let's make a bird

Things you need:

- old greeting card
- *dal*/black *bindi* for eyes
- scissors
- gum bottle
- old newspaper
- old shoe lace



## Steps

1. Make an outline of the bird on a greeting card and cut it out.
2. Cut a small square from an old newspaper and fold it to make a fan. Keep the fan closed.
3. Pass the folded fan through the cut on the bird's back and now open the folds of the fan.
4. Make the eye by sticking a *bindi*/ *dal*.
5. Paste a string or old shoe lace to hang the bird.

