

## Trekking to Pndavva Caves by BBA and B.Com Students

Uka Tarsadia University aims at holistic development of students through its various innovative courses. One such elective course titled Nature and Adventure offered in the second year at B.V. Patel Institute of Business Management, Computer & Information Technology focuses on creating an interest in the bounties of nature, adventure tourism and adventure sports besides promoting a better understanding of the environmental issues.

102 beginner adventure enthusiasts opting this course went on a trekking trip to pandavva caves near Ahwa in Dang on 17 October 2012. The sixteen kilometer long trekking path to and fro the caves provided glimpses of a variety of tribal villages, picturesque landscapes, dense forests, colorful fields of paddy and flowers , birds, butterflies etc. to the beginner trekkers. Every one relished the pure air and silence of wilderness while trekking. This experiential exercise was a small step to develop a bonding with nature. Students were seen competing with themselves and getting out of their comfort zones to complete the trail and reach the destination. The thrilling experience boosted their sense of accomplishment, helped them overcome the fear of unknown besides teaching team spirit. The members of Nature Club, Surat under whose expert guidance the trip was conducted constantly motivated the trekkers and boosted their morale. This exhilarating exercise taught everyone the importance of physical fitness and endurance too. The trekkers had a memorable experience to be cherished for a lifetime.

