



BKL Walawalakar Rural Medical College is located at the foothills of Sanhyadri range of mountains and has diverse flora and fauna which attracts variety of bird species such as Pied Kingfisher, Plum Headed Parakeet, Asian Openbill Stork, Greater Flameback, Pied Crested Cuckoo/Jacobin Cuckoo, Great Egret, Red Whiskered Bulbul, Black-Naped Monarch, Black Shouldered Kite etc.

“Hornbill Club” has been established on 26<sup>th</sup> march 2023 and Dr. Rahul Rajaram Chopade, Professor, Department of Community Medicine is appointed as in-charge & mentor for all the activities to be conducted by this group. The club has been named Hornbill Club. Name was inspired by Malabar Pied Hornbill a large black-and-white hornbill with a huge bill found in abundance in this region of Konkan. Hornbill club plans various activities for Medical students such as

- Understanding bird biology
- Practicing birding and seeing as many birds as possible
- Field trips

