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Topic: Araveli: The Lifeline of Gujarat

Speaker: Mr. Mihir Bhardwaj

Founder of YETI (Young Explorers Trek Innovators) and Consultant to Forest Department (GoG)

Profile of the Speaker:

Mihir Bhardwaj has been working in the field of alternative education for more than 20 years to build community-based educational models which facilitate the learning of students with unique interests and perspectives. His work has included a wide range of workshops, programs, and activities with a variety of age groups and subjects ranging from geography to economics to biodiversity to adventure sports.

In 2001 Mihir founded Young Explorers and Track Innovators (YETI) to deliver exclusive outdoor educational and adventure programming in partnership with local tribal communities. Each year 3,000 to 4,000 participants from many schools, colleges, and NGOs and students from foreign universities join YETI India's camps.

Apart from YETI, Mihir also does environmental, cultural, and sociological consultancy. His clients have included the Forest Department, NGOs, and corporates through CSR projects (e.g. National Geography, Tata Consultancy, Tata Communication, HSBC).

Abstract From the Lecture:

Very few of us are aware that the entire north-eastern region of Gujarat is relying over the heights of the Aravelis and the rainfall it receives, which maintains the agricultural cycle and ensures the survival of a great mass of population.

The lecture focused on the story of Araveli, which included the geographical history, natural biodiversity, anthropological developments, and immediate implications.

Such an introduction opened the students' minds to another aspect of their field and context.

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