

MY TRIP TO UTTARAKHAND



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Travelogue with Sketches

This is my first travelogue that I have written for my trip to Uttarakhand where I visited Jim Corbett National Park and Nauchikiatal in Uttarakhand.

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Our trip started on 15th April. We went to Delhi by Indigo flight. In Delhi we stayed in Hotel Vishal residency.

Next day morning, we started our journey to Jim Corbett national park by cab.

On the way we entered Embassy read. We saw different countries Embassy offices.

We saw Rashtrapati Bhavan, Parliament house and North block, South block.

Then we went to see India Gate. We took photo at India gate.



We reached our resort in Jim Corbett. It was on the bank of Kosi river. We played in the river water and took photos. We enjoyed some resort activities, had dinner and slept that night.



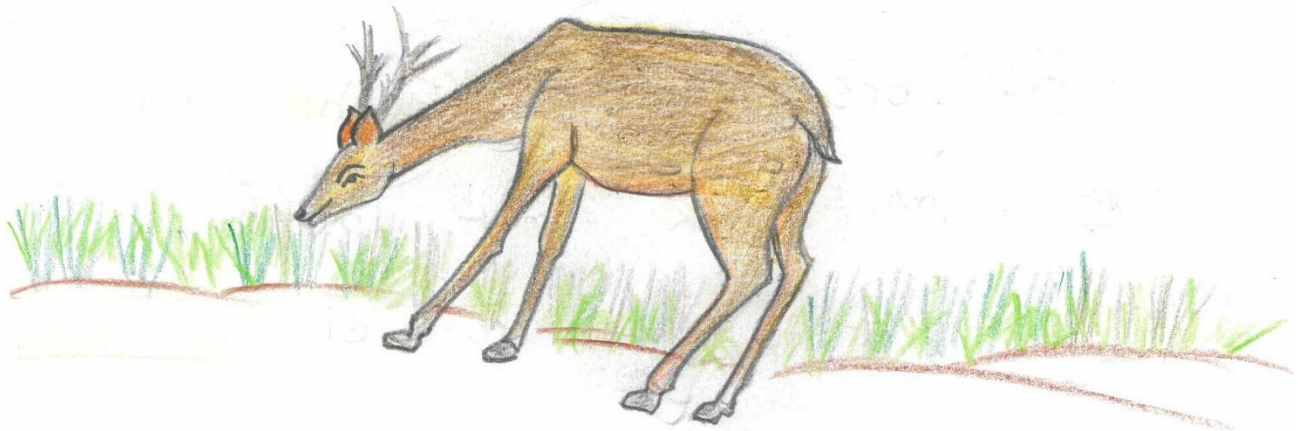
Next day we woke up early and went for gypsy safari.

On the way we saw a tusker on the road.



We reached the Bijrani gate, one of the four gates for entrance to the safari. I bought one tiger hat and guide uncle entered the gypsy. We started our safari exact at 6:00 am. The guide uncle told us about the forest. Our safari was of total 36 km inside the forest. The safari duration was of 3 hours. We spotted many animals like tusker, sambar, deer, fox, eagle and peacock.

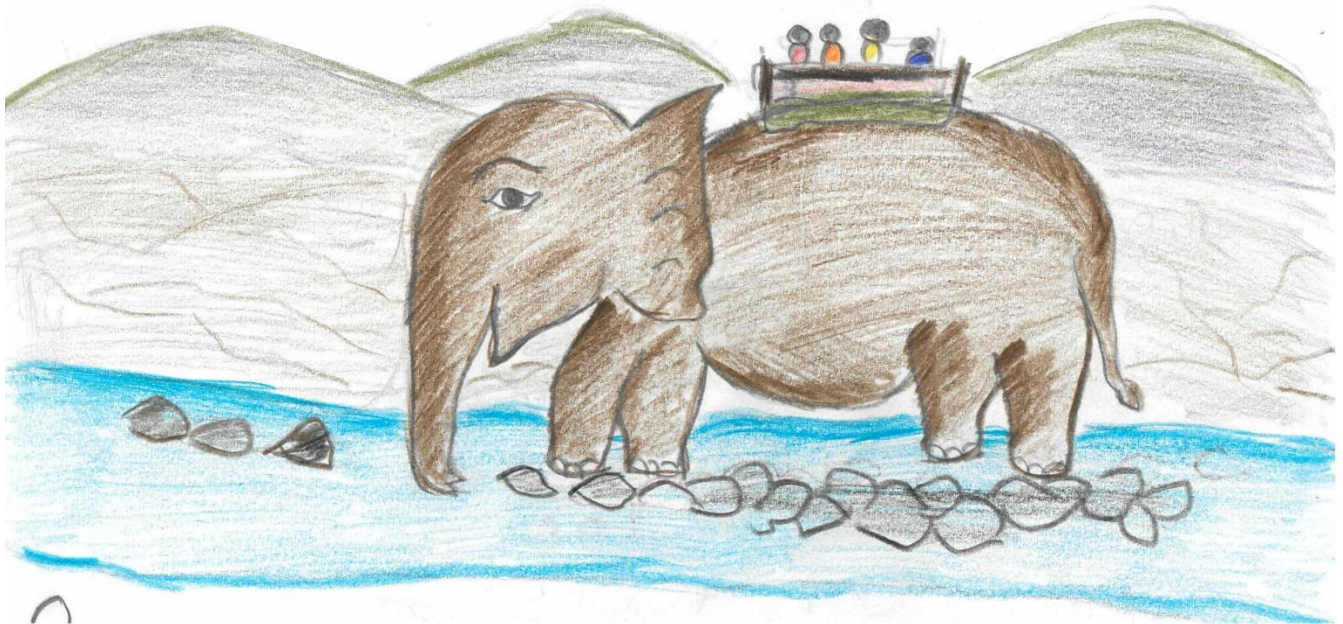
We spotted many animals in the forest. We saw different types of deer.



We spotted dancing peacock looking so beautiful.



We also spotted eagle, fox and monitor lizard. Then we returned to resort at 10:00 am. After that we had breakfast and went to our room. Took rest for a while. In the evening we went for elephant ride. Our elephant name was Ladlee. She also splashed water on us.

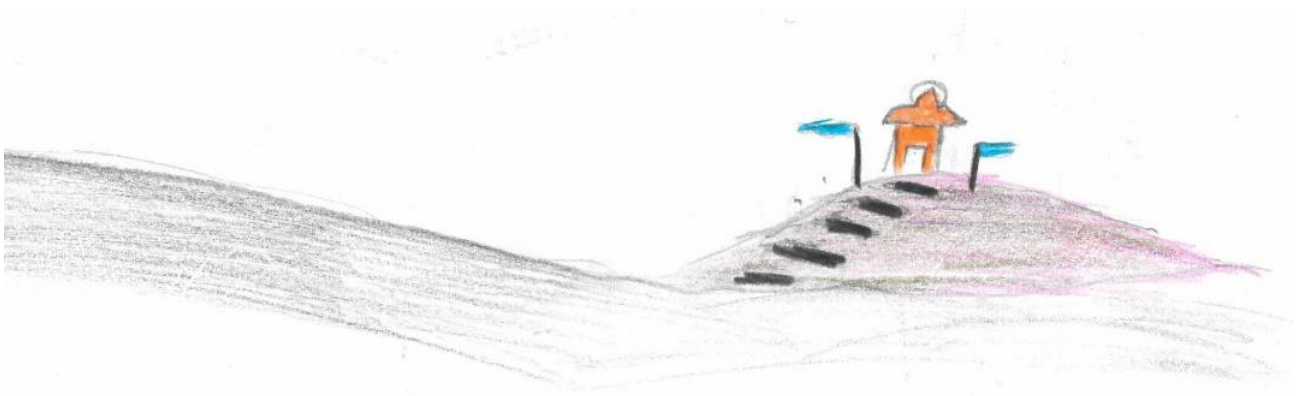


I was excited when she went into the river. It was fun.

In dinner I ate buffet and mamma and baba had taken Kumaoni Thali, which had bajra roti and different types of dal.

On day-4 we had planned canter safari. In the morning I did adventure activities like Burma bridge and zip line. I was little scared at first but then I enjoyed the zip line so much that I did the same for three times.





After doing all the activities we got ready for canter safari. Our canter safari was in Dhikala zone. We went to Dhangari gate. On the way we visited Girjya temple. It is goddess Parvati's temple. The idol was beautiful.

Then we reached our destination. We boarded our canter bus. Our Canter ride was of 5 hours.

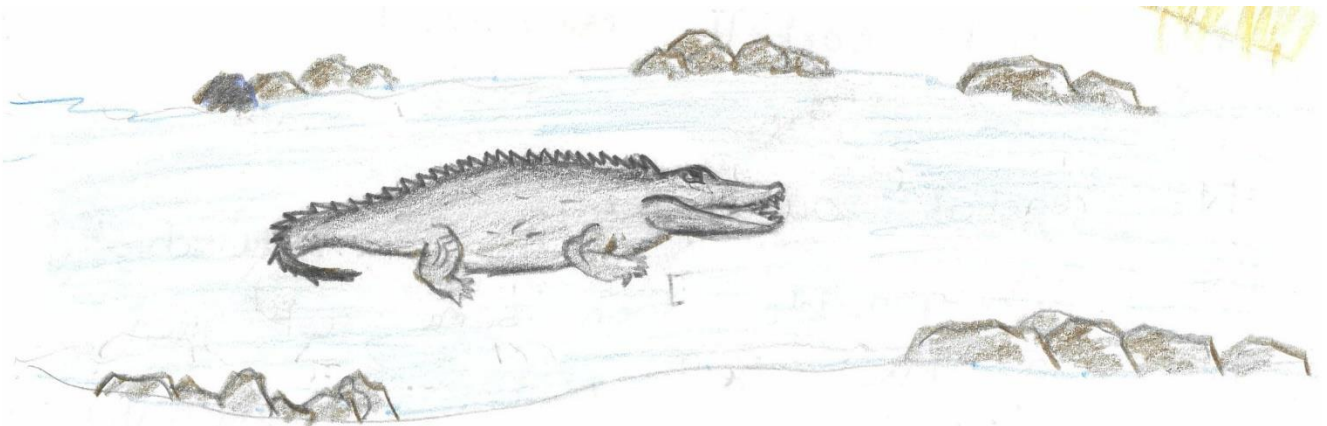


We spotted different animals like fox and crocodile. Then we spotted different types of deer and we spotted a tusker crossing and drinking the water. We heard the calling of the deer that tiger is around, but we could not see tiger.

Fox crossing the jungle

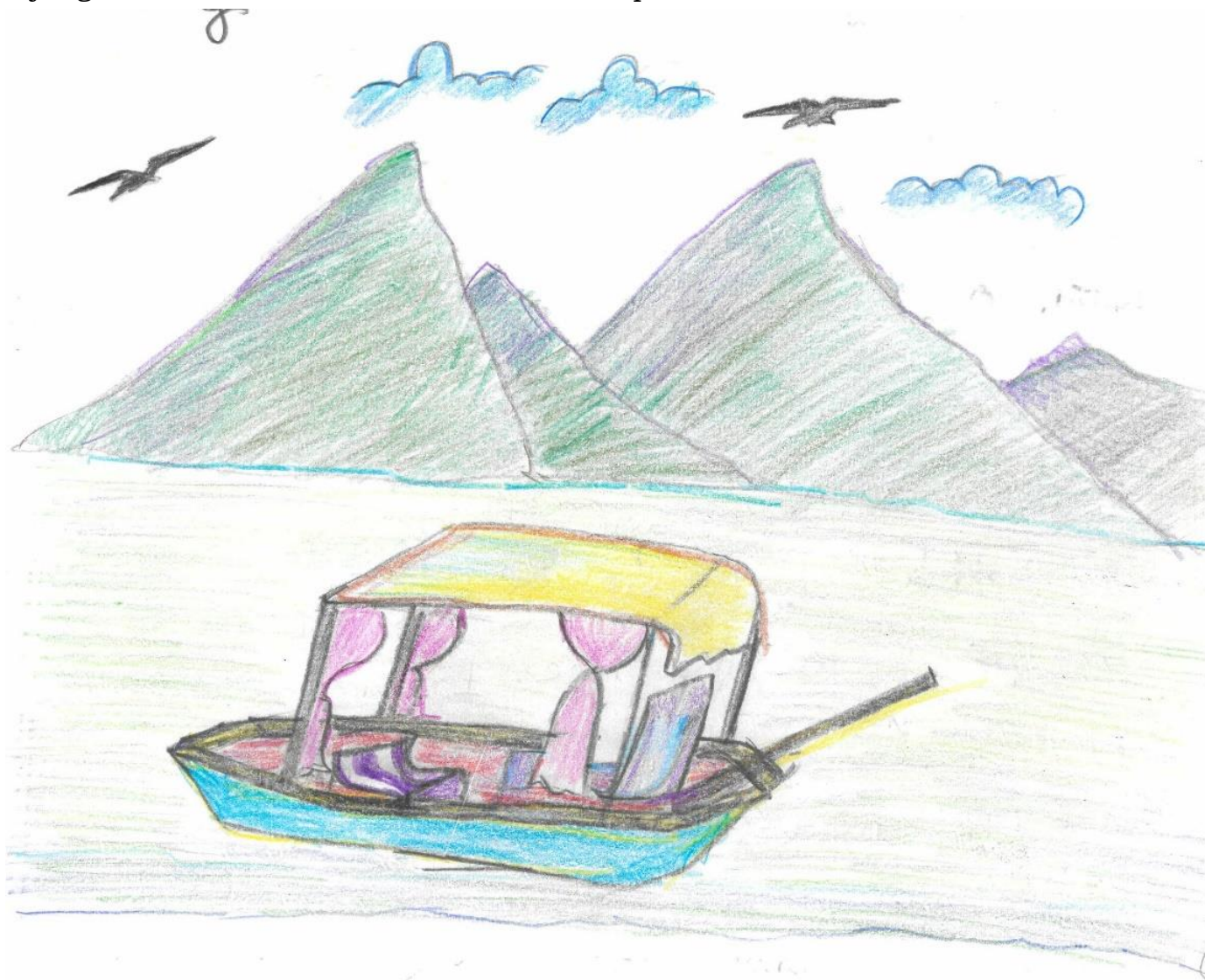


Crocodile enjoying cool water in summer on the river bank.



We returned to the gate at 5:30. After we came to resort I went for swimming.

Day 5 was our last day in Corbett. In the morning we went for cycle ride in the jungle. Then we started for Naukuchiatal trip. Naukuchiatal is a hill station near



Nainital. The road was through the hills with lots of turns. It was a ghat road. I felt little dizzy and sick when I was going to club Mahindra hotel. On the way we saw Corbett falls and Corbett museum.

We reached our resort at Naukuchiatal at 3:30pm. We took some rest and then went to lake for boating. Naukuchiatal means lake of 9 corners. It is very beautiful lake surrounded by hills. There I saw many ducks making funny sounds like me.

We decided to do boating in Shikara. it was nicely decorated with curtains, mattress and pillows. I saw beautiful scenery. We really enjoyed the Shikara boating.

I did horse riding after our Shikara boating.

Next day morning we went for canoeing.

This is the first time I did canoeing. I enjoyed doing that. I also did zipline and dipping in the lake.



We took some rest. In the evening we went to late Sattal. Sattal is a group of 7 lakes. Name of the lakes are Ram lake, Lakshman lake, Bharat lake, Sita lake, Hanuman lake, Garud lake and Nal Damayanti lake.

Out of these four lakes are interconnected.

We took a long boat ride in 4 lakes.

It was very peaceful and pleasant there.

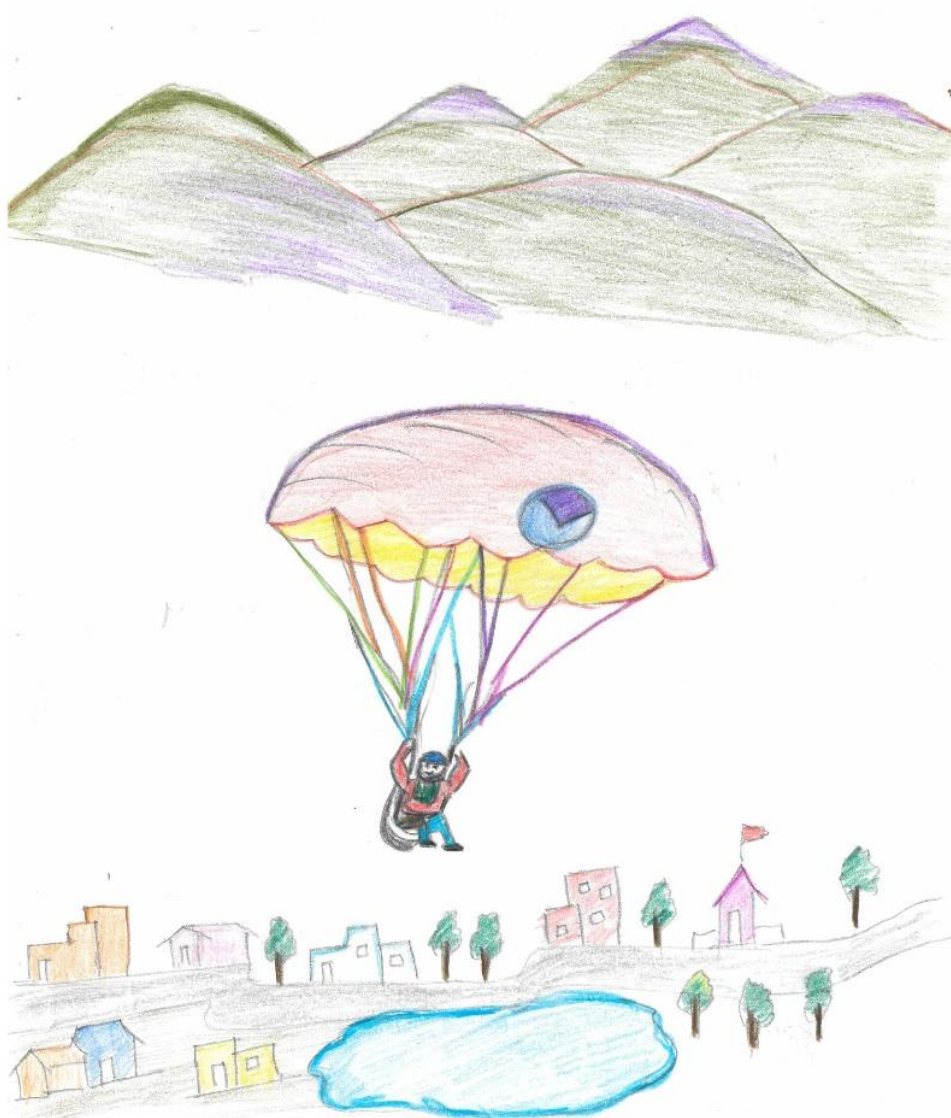
Next day morning it was interesting day for me as I was going to do paragliding.

The guide uncle made me wore safety jackets etc. Then I jumped in the sky. I was scared for few seconds.

I saw the beautiful scenery from up. I flew for 8 to 10 minutes.

Then guide uncle navigated to the landing spot. Then we landed.

After the paragliding we came to the resort. We had breakfast and we started for Delhi. Then we reached Delhi airport. In the airport I went to Hamley store and bought toys for me and my brother. Then we boarded the return flight.



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