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**On the role of Sanjay Gandhi National Park:**

The trees of Sanjay Gandhi National Park are the green lungs of Mumbai and they are really important for Mumbai to survive.

In the park we have almost 40 species of mammals and more than 250 species of birds including migratory and 1900 species of plants. Each and every bird and animal has their own habitat. For example, leopards are the biggest cats and they prefer dense forest areas and always climb on the mango tree and neem tree, trees which are 20 meters and above.

**On the dangers faced by the trees of Mumbai:**

Increasing population of humans, large amount of concretisation, the authorities coming and chopping the sides of the trees and pouring concrete over the roots. If we have a tree on a footpath, we must keep at least two feet circumference from the concrete but they don't keep the circumference, which is very dangerous for the trees.

The other thing is development. Nowadays if they want to widen any road or path then they cut trees on both sides.

**On his favourite tree:**

My favourite tree is kusum because of its colour and shape.