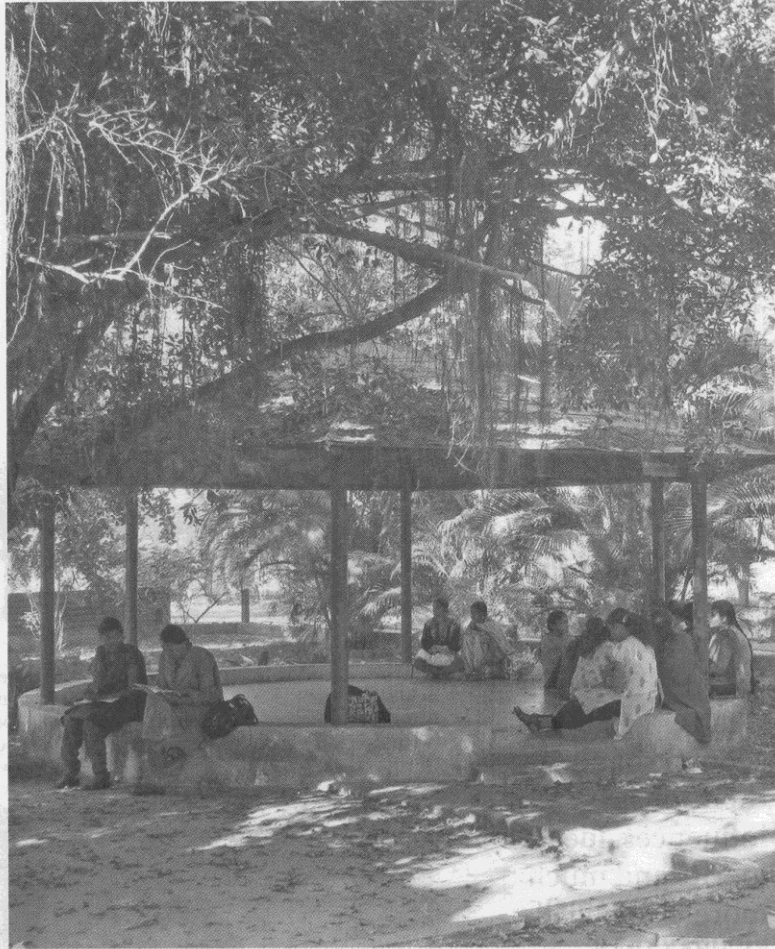


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The grounds: Hundreds of trees, squirrels, mongoose, mynahs, caterpillars, ladybugs, bees, butterflies and kittens: just some of the life found on the Stella Maris College Campus. One of the most peaceful and well maintained places I have been to, the students find 'hangouts' at various spots. In the monsoon, storks visit us and the NCC grounds are our favourite hangout. Kingfishers and woodpeckers have been spotted too!

Green Hut: While the canteen is one of the most sought after hangouts, we particularly love our Green Hut at Stella. This lovely spot in the middle of the campus has a beautiful garden, plenty of greenery and mosaic stone benches. It has been a place for loud class discussions, singing rehearsals, quiet contemplation, prayer by the statue of Our Lady Star of the Sea and last minute exam study. Outdoor classroom sessions are a common sight at the Hut, and everyday the students hope it isn't occupied before they get there.

Gangotree and Fruit Shop: Favourite hangouts just outside college include Gangotree and Fruit Shop and you will find these places dotted with Stella Marians after college hours. Apart from the *chaats* and the juices, these places end up being our hangouts for post-college discussions as they are a stone's throw away and accessible to everyone. Besides, who doesn't love a good plate of *pani puri* after college?!

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