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HABITAT SURVEY REPORT ON INDIRA PARK (Siraj A. Taber)

Indira Park situated at Donalguda below the Hussaini Bagh

This is a Municipal Park situated at Donalguda in Hyd. City. It is a fairly wooded <sup>with manicured</sup> Fairly well planned with both built up areas, lawns & ponds and some spots with natural vegetation ~~to~~ marshes & woods. A large pond, mainly used for boating is

At the entrance & just inside the park there is a very good small but good marshy pond full of 'typha' reeds. Further inside on one side, there are lawns & gardens & on the other a man-made pond (mainly used for boating) & open extensive open grounds. The naturally wooded spots have a bit of thorny scrub & bushes & some ~~wastelands~~ wastelands, areas which have not yet been developed. A couple of structures like a rest house, canteen & a few rooms for offices etc can be seen spread here & there. Clumps of bamboo & cactus are found in a few areas. ~~There is also another area with~~ quite a few

of tall reeds. There are also a lot of <sup>quite a few</sup> large old trees of banyan, mesquite & various ~~the other flowering or fruiting~~ varieties and a grove of <sup>date palms &</sup> Pandanus ~~and date palm~~. (I suspect the whole area below park had been known as 'keodervan' in the recent past because of the Pandanus - Keode in Hindi.)

The naturally growing <sup>moderately</sup> areas of the park are ~~extremely~~ monitored in faunal life & needs to be studied in greater detail.

Unfortunately the Municipal authorities do not seem to <sup>flavour</sup> ~~realise~~ the <sup>importance</sup> of these areas and are systematically <sup>replaced</sup> ~~decis~~ replacing them with lawns, gardens & flower beds for visitors.

