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To Whomsoever it may concern

This is to certify that **Mr. Sanjeet Gaonkar**, a Master's student at the Goa university completed his internship for one month (1st - 31st January 2022) in the project "**A comprehensive study on the ecology and population status of a human commensal – House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* in Uttarakhand State**" under my guidance. During his internship, he assisted in the fieldwork to assess the distribution and status of House sparrows in parts of Garhwal Himalaya in the Uttarakhand State. He specifically carried out questionnaire surveys to record the knowledge of local people about the sparrows and gathered information on agricultural practices including types of crops grown, their cropping pattern, and the use of pesticides and fertilizers. He also undertook point count and line-transect surveys to estimate the population of house sparrows at select sites and learned about the challenges in using these methods for this species. I found Mr. Sanjeet Gaonkar to be very sincere in undertaking the tasks assigned to him and showed high levels of eagerness to learn new things. I wish him the very best in all his future endeavours.

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