

## University of Lucknow observed *International Day for Biological Diversity and World Environment Day*

### International Day for Biological Diversity

“Biodiversity Festival” was organized by the Biodiversity & Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow in collaboration with Institute for Wildlife Sciences, University of Lucknow, and Centre for Biodiversity & Wildlife Research & Conservation, U.P. State Biodiversity Board, and Regional Science City, Lucknow.

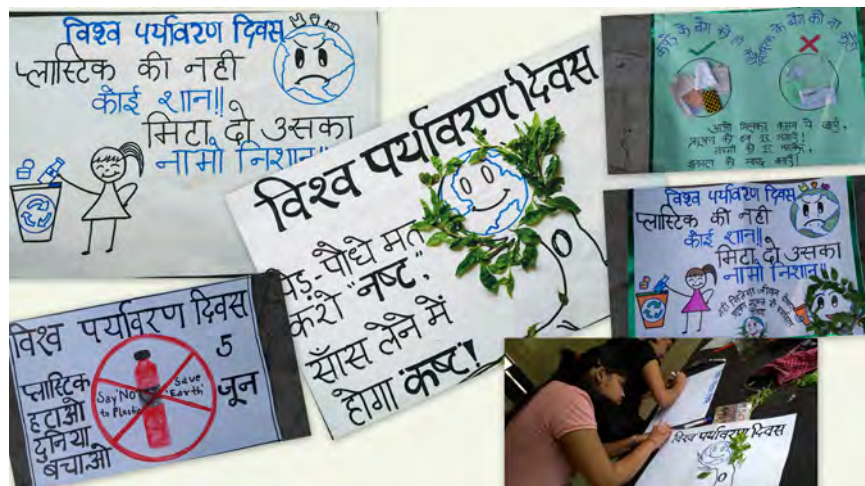
The aim was to spread the message of biodiversity conservation and its importance amongst school students and common people thereby sensitize them towards biodiversity conservation. Celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity under the theme, therefore provides an opportunity to raise awareness and action towards the safeguarding life on earth.

### Activities

On 20th May 2018 different events were organized at



Participants of poster competition



Beat the plastic pollution: The Posters

the Regional Science City and around 300 students from different schools and colleges of Lucknow enthusiastically participated in different events like quiz, poster, slogan, photography and extempore competitions based on biodiversity. The winners were felicitated

with books and certificates as prizes. In between the programme Prof. Amita Kanaujia delivered an informative lecture on Biodiversity and its conservation and at the end, Professor Padma Saxena appealed to the children along with their teachers

and guardians, to think about the importance of biodiversity and the duties of every human being towards the nature. On 22nd May during International Day for Biological Diversity, the first and second prize winners of events held at Regional Science City, Lucknow were felicitated by Hon'ble Forest & Environment, Zoos' Minister Shri Dara Singh Chahuan. An awareness stall was also set up at Ram Manohar Lohiya Law University.



**Posters made by the participants**

### Awareness Stall and exhibit

The stall was decorated

with the posters designed by Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab on common reptiles,

amphibians, birds, butterflies, wetlands of Lucknow etc. People from different sectors visited the exhibit and collected posters. Research scholars of the lab spread awareness regarding the role of flora and fauna in our ecosystem using posters.



**Distribution of awareness materials from stall set up at Ram Manohar Lohiya Law University**



## World Environment Day 2018

India is the global host for this year's World Environment Day celebration which was held on 5 June 2018 with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution".

Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, University of Lucknow in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Centre for Biodiversity and Wildlife Research and Conservation, Lucknow celebrated World Environment Day 2018 at University of Lucknow on 5th and 6th June 2018 with great enthusiasm.

**Awareness activities**  
We have been continuously distributing biodegradable bags and planting trees in the city for the past few years. This year as well we distributed around 200 saplings and 500 paper bags. Volunteers distributed the paper bags to the public and appealed and convinced



**Volunteers collecting the plastic bottles from the selected area of campaign**



**Preparation of flower pots from plastic water bottles**

them to stop using of polybags.

A plantation drive was also started from early morning till afternoon, near the bank of river Gomti and near University of Lucknow. Around 200 plants were planted and watered. The volunteers promised to take care of those saplings until it grow and becomes strong. Moreover, we collected

used plastic bottles from the city and our volunteers and local people made beautiful flower pot out of it and it was also used in grow plants such as basil, aloe vera, and other creepers.

The whole awareness, plantation and cleaning program got operated under the expert supervision of Prof. Amita Kanaujia, Dept. of Zoology, University of



## Mass awareness by volunteers to reuse or refuse of plastic products

Lucknow and her research scholars Adesh Kumar, Shivangi Mishra, Ruby Yadav, Ankit Sinha, Daya shanker sharma and

volunteers Asif Ahmad Siddiqui, Ravi Singh, Pratishtha Singh, Aakriti, Deepti Verma, Ankit, Aditya, and many more.

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## Street awareness: Say No to Polythene or Plastic