

Celebration of Save the Frogs day: 28 April 2018

Save the Frogs Day was first time Celebrated in 2009, since then it is celebrated every year on the last Saturday of April. It is devoted to protecting the world's amphibian species: the frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, and caecilians through environmental education, scientific research, and legal defence.



Competition winners were felicitated by prizes

Initiatives at Lucknow University

The Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Laboratory, Department of Zoology, Institute for Wildlife Sciences, University of Lucknow in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Center for Biodiversity & Wildlife Research and Conservation, Lucknow and Regional Science City, Aliganj is regularly celebrating Save the Frog's Day since 2011. During this period Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab completed



Participants with their paintings

a project “Annotated and coloured checklist of reptiles and amphibians of Uttar Pradesh” having 24 amphibians.

Like every year this year also students from different schools and colleges

of Lucknow have been invited to take part in the events like frogs race, poster, collage competition and quiz competition based on themes related to amphibians. On this occasion faculty members Amita Kanaujia, Madhu



Diversity of Frogs: Collages made by participants

Tripathi and Padma Saxena were present.

Frog race

The junior programme provides station-based learning activities on frog based conservation themes, artwork activities and offers an opportunity for students to explore. Additional elements have been included to make the programme more exciting. One of them is the frog race run. This event was organized entirely by students of various schools and colleges. Similar to the main frog race, the ultimate aims of the Race

was to: to draw public attention, particularly the students towards to the region's rich amphibian fauna, create awareness of nature conservation and amphibian protection, promote the frog race to the student's community and most importantly, and to encourage the public to adopt healthy, active life styles and participate in community-organized events.

Poster competition

About 150 students from more than 10 schools (CMS Gomati Nagar, Lucknow Public School, Green Way

School, C.M.S Indira Nagar, La Martiniere Girls' College, Mount Fort Inter College, Robin Hood Academy, Awadh Academy Inter College, Sri Ayodhya Singh Memorial Inter College, Tagore Memorial School, MLM School, Kendriya Vidyalaya, etc) Participated in the events with great enthusiasm. The theme of poster competition was **"Frog Cartoons"** which depict the life cycle, biology and threats to frogs.

Collage making competition

A collage making completion on theme Diversity of

Frogs was also organized, participants made the very beautiful and knowledgeable collage which show their interest and curiosity about the frogs.

Interactive lecture

A lecture on amphibians was delivered by Dr. P.K. Srivastava, Science-toon, CDRI, Lucknow. Participants enjoyed the information about the frogs scientoon. An interactive quiz on frogs was conducted.

The entire event was organized with the helping hands of research scholars Shivangi Mishra, Ashish Gupta, Daya Sharma, Ankit Sinha, Ruby Yadav, Deepti Verma, Asif Ahmad Siddiqui and volunteers Ruchira nigam, Kashaf Irfan, Anuj Tripathi, Sunita Mishra, Ravi Singh, Rakesh kumar, Amir Rehman, Swapnil kumar, Bholanath, Arushi Pandey, Vidushi, Nitya Dubey,

Devyani Singh Chauhan, Vivek Kumar singh, Virendra Pandey, Ankit Kumar, Ashish Chaturvedi, Mohsina etc.

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Frog Race