

Man-Animal Conflict workshop at University of Lucknow

Man-Animal Conflict refers to the interaction between wild animals and people and the resultant negative impact on people or their resources or wild animals or their habitat. The conflict takes many forms ranging from loss of life or injury to humans and animals both wild and domesticated, to competition for scarce resources to loss and degradation of habitat. The main reason of Man-Animal Conflict is occurring due to growing human population overlap with established wildlife territory creating reduction of resources or life to some people. This is mainly due to expanding human populations and the continued loss of natural habitats.

Keeping this in notice, Institute for Wildlife Sciences, ONGC Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Lucknow organised a one-day Workshop on “Man-Animal Conflict” on 24 October 2018. The chief guest Rupak De (Retd. Principle Chief Conservator Forests of Uttar Pradesh) inaugurated the workshop in the presence of R.K. Singh, Shailesh Prasad, A.K. Sharma, Madhu Tripathi and U.N. Dwivedi (Director, ONGC Center for Advanced Studies).

The chief guest gave inaugural lecture on Big Cat Conflict. He also discussed about the animals around Lucknow and elucidated his case study on tiger conflict about man eating tiger conflict mitigation measures of Man-Animal Conflict and role of media. He also deliberated status of Tiger in India.



Experts delivering the lectures on Man-Animal Conflict

Shri Shailesh Prasad spoke about Man-Animal Conflict: General introduction and overview of man and animal conflict. He explicated the topic by using Moradabad tiger example. He also shared his experiences on conflict and how to deal with the situation and also tranquilizations methods of wild animals.

After the lunch Praveen Rao Koli, IFS, talked about legal aspects and legislation about the Man-Animal Conflict. He also talked about Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 which deals with prosecution and punishment of hunting of wild animals. He further shared the case study of leopard incident of Ashiana. Prabhat Singh continued his presentation with snakes, monitor lizard, big cats, monkey and wild boar conflicts with man.

Dr. Shailendra Singh, Director, TSA, India, talked about gharial and crocodile conflict. He also enlightened the topic by giving several examples. A brain storming session on local Man-Animal Conflict was moderated by him. Through the experts talks, participants acquired great knowledge on the subject.

An exhibition of posters made by students was also exhibited which represented the Man-Animal Conflict and management very well. The workshop was closed with a valedictory function in which Praveen Rao Koli and R.K. Singh Director, Lucknow Zoo distributed the certificates.



A Poster exhibition on Man-Animal Conflict display during the workshop

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