

World Wetlands Day 2019: Wetlands and Climate Change, University of Lucknow, UP



Water birds in Tattoo

World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2 February to raise global awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet. It also marks the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar. Wetlands and Climate Change is the theme for World Wetlands Day 2019.

To observe the day, we organized a one-day workshop on Wetlands and Climate Change on 31st January, 2019 at the University of Lucknow. On that occasion Prof. Amita Kanaujia (Department of Zoology) delivered a lecture on “What are Wetlands, Wetland Ecosystem”, Dr. Shailendra Singh (Director T.S.A.) delivered a lecture on “Reptiles of Wetland”, Shri. Praveen Rao Koli (IFS) delivered a lecture on “Birds of Wetland”, Shri. Amit Mishra and Dr. Neeraj Srivastava (State Coordinator, Wetland International IBCN) delivered a lecture on Bird Behaviour and Ecology. Eighty schools & colleges, UG students of different streams like BBA, BCA, BTC and BSc attended the programme.

Volunteers, spread awareness on 1st February 2019 by distributing pamphlets and flyers based on wetlands conservation amongst several schools, colleges and general public. Prof. Amita Kanaujia motivated the volunteers and students to explore the wetlands and explained about threats to the ecosystem. Different teams with volunteers were set out to

various places to spread the awareness and cleaning, maintenance, management of urban wetlands. They explained the local people of urban locality how wetlands control flooding, filter waste from water, improve air quality, source of drinking water, promote human wellbeing and source of livelihoods.



Bird walk at Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary

A group of students along with volunteers and Prof. Amita Kanaujia has visited Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Unnao to attend the Uttar Pradesh Bird Festival and to explore the wetland biodiversity. A bird walk was organized for students within Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary premises.

During the bird walk, some common birds like Water Hen, Jacanas, Coot, Comb Duck, Bar-headed Goose, Mallard, Open-bill Stork, Sarus Crane, migratory birds like Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveller, Red-crested Pochard, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Grey-headed Lapwing, White-tailed Lapwing, Temminck's Stint, pisces, amphibians, reptiles, and common wetlands flora were spotted.

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