

World Wetlands Day 2019 at Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamshedpur



Lecture on “Importance of wetlands and their sustainable use”

As cities grow and demand for land increases, the tendency is to encroach on wetlands which lead to decreasing of surface area of wetlands and subsequently all other uses. Today’s current development of human settlements is a major concern for wetland conservation. World Wetlands Day is celebrated all over the world every year on 2 February to create awareness among the public, discuss the value of wetlands, its beneficial aspects as well as to promote its conservation and use for enhancing the overall level of the human health, growth and development.

Jamshedpur is also on the journey towards being one of the developed cities of the world. On this journey our city is losing its natural wetlands. These wetlands are being destroyed to construct buildings and houses. To make the general public as well as school children of Jamshedpur aware of this crisis, Tata Zoo organized a program to celebrate World Wetland Day.

The main purpose of this celebration was to spread the message of wetland conservation and its importance in human life to the audience present. Tata Steel Zoological Park organized a lecture on “Importance of wetlands and their sustainable use by Dr. Hishmi Jamil Husain, Head, Environment and Forest Management Raw Material- Strategy Group, Tata Steel Ltd at Nature education centre. A total of 135 School children from rural areas participated. The program was coordinated by the author along with her education team: Pratap Singh Gill, and zoo volunteer, Bharti.

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