

## Workshop on House Sparrow: Concern and Conservation in District Institute of Education and Training (DIET)-Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh

With the initiatives of Nature Forever Society, 20 March is celebrated as World Sparrow Day since 2010. The event aims to raise awareness for conservation of House sparrow. The recent declines in the population of House sparrows is a matter of concern but unlike the big cats and master scavengers, the conservation of these little birds is possible with just our concern and small efforts.

To reach out maximum number of students, Indian Biodiversity Conservation Society and Manav Organization organized a one day workshop for the students of Basic Teaching Certificate (BTC) in District Institute of Education and



**Powerpoint presentation on status of House sparrows**

Training (DIET), Lalitpur. The workshop started with a PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Sonika, President, Indian Biodiversity Conservation Society that covered the important issues such as the scenario of house sparrows in India, the threats faced by them and the conservation measures. Through the talk she also shared the initiatives undertaken

by Indian Biodiversity Conservation Society for conservation of House sparrows particularly by installing the nest boxes to overcome the threat of reduced nesting places. The role of Press media was also highlighted.

After the presentation, Abhishek Namdev demonstrated how to make different types of nest boxes for the house sparrows using the discarded shoe boxes and earthen pots. Emphasis was given on the practically right way of installing the nest boxes. The students were asked to come up and try out to make and install the nest



**Outcomes of installing artificial nest boxes**

boxes themselves. The workshop was concluded by Mr. Pushpendra Singh Chauhan, President, Manav Organisation who briefed the participants about further events to be organized on 20th March in Lalitpur. He encouraged the trainees to participate in the painting competition on the theme of House sparrows. The team members and the BTC trainees then installed the artificial nest boxes in the DIET campus.

Seventy persons took part in the workshop. They were felicitated with the participation certificates and earthen pots and nest boxes for sparrows. These participants will be joining various Government schools in Lalitpur for teaching that is a part of BTC.



**Student learning to prepare the nest box & mud pots**

They were all sensitized to spread the message of sparrow conservation in their respective schools and install a minimum of 5 nest boxes. Each school is estimated to have 60-120 students strength that means even if the trainees cover 50 schools with 100 students each, they will reach 5000 students about

World Sparrow Day and install a minimum of 250 nest boxes. This was the target of the organizers on that day. The workshop achieved its aims with the kind cooperation of DIET Principal Shri Maharaj Swami, faculty (Kirti Shukla, Uma Chaubey and Jyoti Kushwaha), staff (Bhajan Lal) and team members Sahib Singh, Rishi Heranandi, Balram Kushwaha, Amit Lakhera and B.S. Kushwaha. All the concerned authorities were venerated with the wooden sparrow nest boxes.



**Authorities and participants venerated with the artificial sparrow nest boxes**

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