

Wildlife Week 2013- Wildlife Love it or lose it.....

A brief report on Wildlife Week-2013

U.P. State Biodiversity Board, Lucknow celebrated Wildlife Week (01st -07th October, 2013) in collaboration with Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, Regional Science City, Lucknow and South Asian Network of the International Zoo Educators Association, Coimbtore Tamil Nadu. The programme aimed at creating awareness among the youth to have a passionate heart for the biodiversity around them. Wildlife Week provides an opportunity to the youth to express their thoughts through various competitions as well as to get involved in wildlife conservation through various field activities. The details of the events are as follows:



Programme Schedule

Date	Event/Theme	Duration	No. of Participants from each Institute
01-10-13	Wildlife Play on Wildlife theme like panchtantra stories	20 Minutes	Maximum 7 students in each play (For Group A & B only)
02-10-13	Debate in English and Hindi on भारत में वन्यजीव संरक्षण अधिनियम एवं नीतियां: प्रभावी या अप्रभावी Wildlife Conservation Acts & Policies in India: Effective or ineffective	3 Minutes	2 X3 (for group A, B, C) for Hindi and English each
	Poem recitation in Hindi and English on नन्ही गौरैया "Little Sparrow"	2 Minutes	2 X3 (for group A, B, C) for Hindi and English each
03-10-13	Painting on Human and Animal Conflicts Ex: Tiger-human conflicts Elephant-human conflict Crocodile-human conflict Gharial-human conflict	1 hr 30 Minutes	2X3 from each institute for group A, B, C
	Collage on Freshwater Biodiversity	1 hr 30 Min	2X3 from each institute for group A, B, C
	Greeting card making (Wild Flora)	1 hr 30 Minutes	2X3 from each institute for group A, B, C
04-10-13	Power Point Presentation on "Biodiversity loss and Climate Change"	7 slides max.	2X2 from each institute for group B & C
	Slogan Writing on Wildlife	30 Minutes	2X3 from each institute for group A, B, C
05-10-13	Unnao Field Visit		
06-10-13	Rangoli on Pollinators	2 hrs	2X3 from each institute for group A, B, C
	Pictorial Quiz	1 hr 30 Min	2X3 from each institute for group A, B, C

The 7 day programme for Wildlife Week started from 1st October 2013 at Regional Science City involving participants from more than 100 schools and Colleges of Lucknow. The Chief Guest Prof. Dinesh Sharma, Mayor, Lucknow City inaugurated the “Wildlife Week”. Mrs. Pratibha Singh, Conservator of Forests was the Guest of Honour and Prof. Aqil Ahmed, Dean Science University of Lucknow presided over the function. On this occasion, a “Wildlife Awareness Car” was also flagged off by the Chief Guest Prof. Dinesh Sharma, Mayor and Guest of Honour Mrs. Pratibha Singh, Conservator of Forests joined by Prof. Aqil Ahmad, Dean Science and Prof. Madhu Tripathi, Head, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow. Mr. Neeraj Srivastava, the State Coordinator for Uttar Pradesh for Indian Bird Conservation Network delivered a lecture on “*Bird watching and their identification*”.



Flagging off “Wildlife Awareness Car”

On 2nd October, Debate and Poem Recitation Competitions were held on the topic “*Wildlife Conservation Acts & Policies in India: Effective or ineffective*” and “*Little Sparrow*” respectively. In these competitions, more than 200 students enthusiastically took part from more than 20 schools and colleges of Lucknow. A lecture on Biodiversity Conservation in India was delivered by Dr R. L. Singh (Retd.) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. He briefed the participants about the biodiversity and its conservation in India.



Debate competition



Painting, collage and greeting card making competition

On the 3rd day, Painting, Collage and Greeting card making competitions were held. More than 200 students took part from 25 different schools and colleges of the Lucknow. The topic of painting was “*Human and Animal Conflicts*”. Greeting card making competition was on the topic of “*Wild Flora*”. Collages were created on “*Freshwater Biodiversity*”.

On the 4th day, students expressed their views through power point presentation on the assigned topic “*Biodiversity loss and Climate Change*”. The students wrote slogans on Wildlife in slogan competition. The students also performed “*Nukkad Natak*” during the Wildlife programmes. The competitions were followed by Wildlife Conservation Rakhis as well as interaction between the experts and students. The wildlife photography exhibition was the centre of attraction for all. A lecture on “*Enchanting*



Power Point presentation

Snakes: Our Friends” was also delivered by Dr. Amita Kanaujia, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Lucknow University. More than 300 students from 25 schools participated.



A view of Bird Sanctuary

the sanctuary.

On the 5th day, all the winners of the competitions held till 4th October were taken to Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Unnao. The students learnt about bird watching as well as the dos and don'ts during field visits. They were shown the nesting of Asian-Open Bill in the sanctuary. Other birds seen were cormorants, pond herons and egrets. The migratory birds can be watched from November onwards in

On 6th day, Rangoli and Quiz competitions were held. The theme for Rangoli was “Pollinators”. Students made eye-catching and attractive rangolis showing various pollinators such as bees, butterflies, ants, spiders, monkeys and bats. The students as well as the teachers enjoyed the game of snakes and ladders designed on wildlife with its dos and don'ts related to wildlife conservation. The students participated actively in the open quiz on wildlife. For the correct answer, they were felicitated with a pocket biology dictionary. A lecture on “*History of Wildlife Conservation in Uttar Pradesh*” was also delivered by Dr. R.S Bhaduria PCCF, Wildlife (Retd.). More than 300 students from 30 schools attended the events.



Rangoli competition

The seven days Wildlife Week programme was successfully concluded with valedictory ceremony and prize distribution done by the Chief Guest Prof. S.B. Nimse, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow and Mrs. Sulabha Nimse, wife of Vice - Chancellor, University of Lucknow.

More than **800** students from **40** schools, colleges and universities with teachers participated in different events throughout the programme. Publicity materials on various aspects of wildlife conservation were also distributed among the students and general public. The list of prize winners of the Wildlife Week competitions is given below:

October 1, Tuesday

Event: Wildlife Play

Group	Name of School	Name of the Winners
Group B	H.A.L School Class XI	Swarnima Gupta Aman Gupta Ajeet Pandey Rashi Tandon Parthsarathy Trivedi Tarunkant Trivedi Aproova Gaurav

October 2, Wednesday

1- Event: Debate English /Hindi

Group	Mode	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Hindi				
	English	Siddhant Dubey, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	Lavanya Gupta, IV, Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow	Anshul, IV, Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow	1.Shubra Srivastava, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow 2.Devansh Shukla, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow
Group B	Hindi	Uddeysha Sharma, X, G.I.C. Nishatganj, Lucknow	Prerna Dwivedi, X, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial School, Lucknow	Rahul Singh, Awadh Academy, Lucknow	Tanishka Verma, X, Awadh Academy, Lucknow
	English	Pratikshya Mohanti, X, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow	Akshay Mall, IX, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	Shubhangi, XI, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Lucknow	Bhavya Agrawal, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow
Group C	Hindi	Pragya Tiwari, B.Sc. II, N.P.G. College, Lucknow	Rishi Shakya, B.Sc. III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Oshine Agarwal, B.Sc.III, I.T.P.G. College, Lucknow	Nitya Dubey, B.Sc.III, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow
	English	Divya Rai, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Poonam Mishra, B.Sc.II, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow	Shruti Diwedi, B.Sc.II, Career Convent Girls Degree College, Lucknow	Aditya Trivedi, B.Sc. I, N.P.G. College, Lucknow

2- Event: Poem recitation

Group	Mode	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Hindi	Mili Pandey, VI, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow	Piya Sharma, IV, Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow	Rishi Tiwari, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	Rishi, IV, Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow
	English				
Group B	Hindi	Mohammad Kaush, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Tanishka Verma, X, Awadh Academy, Lucknow	Anshuman Tripathi, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Kishan Yadav, XII, Awadh Academy, Lucknow
	English				
Group C	Hindi	Divya Rai, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Pooja Singh, B.Sc.II, N.P.G. College, Lucknow	Priyanka Shukla, M.A. III semester, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Jyoti Singh Viseh, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow
	English				

October 3, Thursday

1- Event: Art competition

Group	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Mohd. Aslan, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	Vansh Shukla, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	Akhilesh Yadav, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	1.Aditi Pandey, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow 2.Sakshi Lodhi, VIII, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow
Group B	Devanshi, XI, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow	Aman Gupta, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Prachi Prajapati, X, Mahatma Gandhi Montessori Inter College, Lucknow	1.Abhijeet Bose, IX, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow 2.Adarsh Bajpai, IX Jublee Inter College, Lucknow
Group C	Smita Mishra, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Sahiba Firdaus, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Smriti Pandey, B.Sc.III, N.P.G. College, Lucknow	1. Sudha Pal, M.Sc., Lucknow University, Lucknow 2.Shruti Dwivedi, B.Sc.III, N.P.G. College, Lucknow 3.Ashwin Kumar Shukla, B.Sc. III, Lucknow University, Lucknow

2- Event: Greeting cards

Group	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Anushka Gupta, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow	Harsh Agrawal, VII, Amity International , Lucknow	Shivam Chandani, VI, Amity International, Lucknow	1.Sonali Singh, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow 2. Sakshi Lodhi, VIII, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow
Group B	Arzoo Parveen, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Archana, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Aman Gupta, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	1.Rakhi Singh, XI, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow 2.Jai Aman Dev, XII, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow
Group C	Pragya Singh, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Smita Mishra, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	1.Anjali Verma, B.A.I, Ramadhin Girls Degree College, Lucknow 2.Ashwin Kumar Shukla, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	1.Sristy Maurya, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow 2.Haseena Bano, B.Sc.I, Ramadhin Girls Degree College, Lucknow 3. Garima Singh, LLB Hons., Lucknow University, Lucknow

3- Event: Collage making

Group	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Shashank Nayar, VIII, H.A.L, Lucknow	Bushra Siddiqui, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow	Pihu Srivastava, VIII, H.A.L, Lucknow	1.Prakriti Singh, VIII, H.A.L, Lucknow 2.Vanshika Verma, VIII, R.L.B, Lucknow
Group B	Krishika Yadav, X, M.G.N. Inter College, Lucknow	Riya Dixit, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Apurva Dwivedi, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	1.Komal Srivastava, XII, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow 2.Abdullah Tahir, XII, L.C.I.C., Lucknow 3.Jai Aman Dev, XII, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow
Group C	Pragya Chauhan, B.Sc.III, N.P.G. College, Lucknow	Nivedita Tripathi, B.Sc.I, BVB Girls College, Lucknow	Swati Tripathi, B.Sc.I, N.P.G. College, Lucknow	1.Ekta Chhibber, M.Sc., Lucknow University, Lucknow 2.Vinay Saxena, M.Sc., Lucknow University, Lucknow 3.Yashasvi Srivastava, M.Sc., Lucknow University, Lucknow

October 4, Friday

1- Event: PowerPoint presentation

Group	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group B	Sonakshi Singh, XI, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow	Ayusha Rawat, XII, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Lucknow	Sundaram Srivastava, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Ujjawal Singh, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow
Group C	Divya Rai, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Sanjana Saxena, B.Sc.I, K.H.D College, Rishi Shakya B.Sc.III Lucknow University, Lucknow	Poonam Mishra, B.Sc.II, BVB Girls College, Lucknow	Ankit Bajpai, B.Sc.III, N.P.G. College, Lucknow

2-Event: Slogan writing

Group	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Vansh Shukla, VIII, Montfort Inter College, Lucknow	Aviral Singh, VIII, Adarsh Vidhya Mandi, Lucknow	Sudhanshu Srivastava, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow	1.Kirti Pandey, VIII, H.A.L, Lucknow 2.Shyam Sunder, G.I.C., Lucknow
Group B	Narendra Kumar, XII, L.C.I.C., Lucknow	Shivangi Singh, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Kishan Yadav, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow	1.Vineet Kumar, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow 2.Shagupta Jabi, X, M.G.M.I. College, Lucknow
Group C	Tripti Yadav, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Ritika Shukla, M.Sc.II, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Ekta Chibber, M.Sc. II, Lucknow University, Lucknow	1. Ambreen Khan, M.Sc. I, Lucknow University, Lucknow 2.Shiny Rizvi, M.Sc. II, Lucknow University, Lucknow

3-Event: Nukkad natak

Group	First	Second
Group C	Avinash Mishra, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Asif Ahmad Siddiqui, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Astik Sharma, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Ayushi Sahsi, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Rishi Shakya, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Arpita Singh, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Shailja Singh, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Richa verma, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	Jyoti Singh Viseh, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Shweta Mani Tripathi, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow Pragya Singh, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow

October 5, Saturday

Event: Field visit to Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Unnao

October 6, Sunday

Event: Rangoli making competition

Group	First	Second	Third	Consolation
Group A	Anushka Gupta, VII H.A.L, Lucknow	Shivangi Vishwakarma, VII, H.A.L, Lucknow	Mansi Gaur, VIII, H.A.L, Lucknow	1.Sahiba Khan, VIII, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow 2.Ayushi Tripathi, VIII, H.A.L, Lucknow
Group B	Arzoo Parveen, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	Devanshi, XI, B. V. Bhawan, Lucknow	Aman Gupta, XI, H.A.L, Lucknow	1.Kishan Yadav, XII, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow 2.Asiya Naaz, XI, Awadh Academy Inter College, Lucknow
Group C	Mahi Verma, M.A .I, Kanpur University, Kanpur	Haseena Bano, B.Sc.I, Ramadhin Girls Degree College, Lucknow	Shalini Prajapati, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University, Lucknow	1.Kamlesh Pal, B.Sc.III, Lucknow University 2.Vindhya Mishra Karamat, H.M.P.G. College, Lucknow

Besides, U.P. State Biodiversity Board also organized poster and essay competitions in different schools/colleges. A total of **138** students from different schools of Lucknow actively participated in these competitions. Out of which, **24** students of Group A (Class V to VII) and **50** students of Group B (Class VIII to XII) participated in the Poster Competition. About **20** students of Group A and **44** students of Group B participated in the Essay Competition. The winners were awarded prizes accordingly. The details of the programme and results are as under:

1- Programme schedule

Sl No.	Event	Category	Size for Poster	Topic
1	Poster competition	Class Vth to VIIth	1/2 Chart paper (14 inches x 22 inches)	A Zoo My Dreams
		Class VIIIth to XIIth		Conserving Indian Wildlife

Sl No.	Event	Category	Topic
2	Essay competition	Class Vth to VIIth	Are Zoos relevant in the modern context?
		Class VIIIth to XIIth	

2- Results

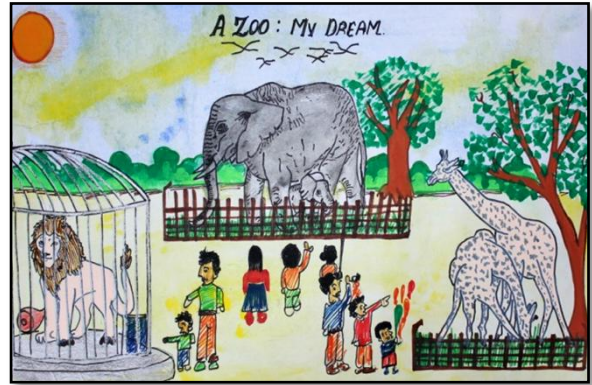
A) Poster Competition

Group A Category: Vth – VIIIth

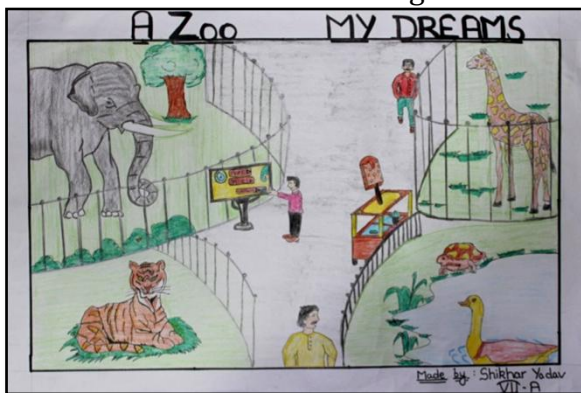
S. No	Name	Name of School	Class	Result
1	Alok Singh	Riverside Academy, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow	V	First
2	Ankit Kumar	Central Academy, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	VII-C	Second
3.	Shikhar Yadav	Central Academy, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	VII-A	Third
4.	Nargis Bano	Avadh Academy Inter College, Chinhat, Faizabad Road, Lucknow	VII	Consolation



1st Prize Alok Singh



2nd Prize Ankit Kumar



3rd Prize Shikhar Yadav



Consolation Prize Nargis Bano

Group B Category: VIIIth – XIIth

S. No	Name	Name of School	Class	Result
1	Durgama Yadav	Riverside Academy, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow	X	First
2	Priyanka Birla	Rani Laxmi Bai Memorial School, Sec-C, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	XI-A3	Second
3.	Shweta Pandey	Rani Laxmi Bai Memorial School, Sec-C, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	XI-A2	Third
4.	Tanay Pandey	Central Academy, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	X-D	Consolation



1st Prize Durgama Yadav



2nd Prize Priyanka Birla



3rd Prize Shweta Pandey



Consolation Prize Tanay Pandey

B) Essay Competition

Group A Category: Vth – VIIth

S. No	Name	Name of School	Class	Result
1	Aishwarya Pandey	Central Academy, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	VII-F	First
2	Vibha Shukla	Avadh Academy Inter College, Chinhat, Faizabad Road, Lucknow	VII	Second
3.	Arjita Maurya	Central Academy, Indira Nagar, Lucknow	VII-C	Third
4.	Twisha Dixit	Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow	VI	Consolation

Group B Category: VIIIth – XIIth

S. No	Name	Name of School	Class	Result
1	Diksha Srivastava	Riverside Academy, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow	XI	First
2	Srishti Tandon	Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow	X	Second
3.	Yamini Chawla	Riverside Academy, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow	XI	Third
4.	Rahul Singh	Avadh Academy Inter College, Chinhat, Faizabad Road, Lucknow	XII-B	Consolation

Glimpses of various events organized during “Wildlife Week-2013”



Students taking vow to conserve wildlife



A view of exhibition



Students making greetings cards and collages



Students performing Nukkad Natak



A visit to Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Unnao



A view of Rangoli making competition

Newspaper Clippings:

1- The Pioneer: 01-October-2013

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LUCKNOW TUESDAY | OCTOBER 1, 2013

Wildlife Week celebrations begin today

Lucknow (PNS): The Wildlife Week celebrations will kick off from Tuesday. The Forest Department and the Department of Zoology, Lucknow University, will be celebrating the Wildlife Week from October 1 and these will continue till October 7. The Forest Department will organise the inaugural function of the statewide Wildlife Week celebrations at the Indra Gandhi Pratishthan on Tuesday. The chief guest at the programme will be the Principal Secretary, Forest, VN Garg, and the special guest will be the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, JS Asthana. The Wildlife Week will see the organisation of several events which include debates, speeches, painting competitions, photography exhibitions and film shows dealing with wildlife conservation at schools at the district and state levels.

At the Lucknow Zoological Gardens celebrations will see a wildlife quiz competition on October 3, a wildlife rangoli competition on October 4, a poster design competition on October 5, a slogan competition on October 6 and the closing ceremony on October 7.

The Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, is celebrating the Wildlife Week for the fifth year in Lucknow with the Regional Science City, the UP State Biodiversity Board and the South Asian Network of the International Zoo Educators' Association, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The seven-day-long programme for Wildlife Week will kick off at the Regional Science City on Tuesday 100 schools and colleges of Lucknow. The events are open for all this year.

The chief guest, Prof Dinesh Sharma (Mayor, Lucknow City) will inaugurate the Wildlife Week. Pratibha Singh (Conservator of Forests) will be the guest of honour and Prof Aqil Ahmed, Dean, Science Faculty, University of Lucknow, will preside over the function. On the occasion Umesh Kumar, Prof Madhu Tripathi, head, Department of Zoology, Prof AK Sharma, and Dr Ashish Kumar will also be present. Neeraj Srivastava, state coordinator for Uttar Pradesh for Indian Bird Conservation Network will deliver a lecture on 'Bird watching and their identification'.

The aim of the programme is to create awareness among the youths to have a passionate heart for the biodiversity around them. They will get an opportunity to interact with the wildlife conservators and enthusiasts. The Wildlife Week provides an opportunity to the youths to express their thoughts through various competitions as well as to get involved in wildlife conservation through various field activities.

The organisers stated that the holding of the Wildlife Week was a multi-disciplinary integrated approach for wildlife conservation.

"The main aim of the Wildlife Week is to teach people of all ages the importance of wildlife and the need of every citizen to contribute to what has become a monumental task to ensure that all species and sub-species of wild animals and plants continue to survive in the environment. This programme will create mass public awareness and support for nature conservation activities through targeted campaigns and formal and non-formal education," said Amita Kannappa, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology.

The aim of the programme is to create awareness about conserving nature, especially endangered species and threatened habitats, in partnership with communities and governments, to catalyse the people in general for conservation of wildlife and its habitat, to disseminate public awareness material and generate communication strategies that will promote the main objectives of the programme, to create awareness for wildlife protection in college and university-going students, to create awareness for wildlife protection among NSS, Bharat Scouts and Guides and NCC.

2- The Pioneer: 02-October-2013

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LUCKNOW WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 2, 2013

Wildlife Week inaugurated

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Wildlife Week was inaugurated at Regional Science City on Tuesday by mayor Dinesh Sharma and Pratibha Singh, Conservator of Forests, UP State Biodiversity Board.

Addressing the gathering, the mayor spoke about Kanha Upan, a centre of rehabilitation for stray cow, pigs, dogs and monkey. Pratibha Singh elaborated human-animal conflicts in which the animals have been robbed of their habitat in the name of development.

Associate professor of Lucknow University's Zoology department Amita Kannappa, who is also the organising secretary, briefed the audience about the seven-day programmes. She also spoke about the importance of wildlife and need for its conservation with active involvement of the youth.

Aqil Ahmad, dean of LU's Science faculty, head of Zoology department Madhu Tripathi, RSC's project coordinator Umesh Kumar and AK Sharma of Zoology department besides many teachers were present on the occasion.

A wildlife exhibition was organised by the biodiversity and wildlife conservation lab of Zoology department.

Amit Mishra spoke to the urban wildlife and briefed the audience about conservation of moths, snakes, raptors etc. A wildlife play on the importance of jungle was performed by HAL College students of class XI. A wildlife car was also inaugurated by the mayor.

Mayor Dinesh Sharma inaugurating Wildlife Week celebrations at Regional Science City. (Above) School girls form a human chain to spread the message of wildlife conservation on Tuesday.

This car will distribute awareness material regarding vultures, sparrows, turtles, butterflies, wetlands and on medicinal plants. A public wildlife quiz, Hungama, has been floated among the general public and the first 20 winners will be felicitated during the valedictory session on October 7. Meanwhile, Principal Secretary, Forest, VN Garg inaugurated Wildlife Week celebrations at Indra Gandhi Pratishthan on Tuesday. Citing an example of Dadri wetland, he said people believed that they had the first right on natural resource. It was not the case. He said people were carrying out development without paying attention to the conservation of species. "It is necessary that we balance our moves and carry out development in a balanced way. A total of 5.5 crore saplings have been planted in the state. Fischer Forest in Etawah saw plantation of 1000 saplings in the process of eco-restoration," said Garg.

PCCF JS Asthana said Wildlife Week was celebrated to spread awareness among the students and educate them about the possible challenges.

Chief Wildlife Warden Rupak De said that there were several projects being carried out for the conservation of rich biodiversity. He said over 100 animals had been rescued this year and the good news was that there had been an increase in the number of sarus. He said that for the conservation of tigers and leopards, the department was using newer technologies.

Use natural resources, but don't render 'wild friends' homeless

WILDLIFE WEEK Experts say DNA of humans and animals is almost the same — and that's another reason why we should help them live

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LUCKNOW: Here's another reason to do your bit for the animals this wildlife week.

According to experts, DNA of human beings and wild animals is almost the same and thus their lives should be considered just as precious as we consider that of our fellow human beings.

"The only difference is that human brain has developed manifold in comparison to animals. Thus, it is our responsibility to protect them," Iqbal Singh, managing director of the forest corporation, said while addressing the inaugural function of the Wildlife Week on Tuesday.

Experts participating in the function said we could help lives of many wild animals if we were aware of small but significant things about their behaviour.

"For example, a majority of snakes are not poisonous but still, for the fear of being bitten, we kill them the moment we see them," said an expert.

The experts gave several tips that any human being can incorporate in their daily lives to save our fauna.

"Small steps like putting water or sprinkling grains on the terrace or balcony during the summer season could go a long way in saving birds," said another expert.

VN Garg, principal secretary, forest and environment, said, "Humans believe they have the right to use natural resources but by doing so we have come to a situation where we are rendering animals homeless."

Elucidating on steps being taken to support state's ecology, he said, "The forest department had set a target of planting 4.4 crore saplings this year. Going a step ahead, we managed to plant 5.5 crore sapling by the end of the Van Mahotsava."



■ Mayor Dinesh Sharma flags off the wildlife awareness car on Tuesday from Kanha Upwan. The car will move across Lucknow throughout the week and distribute awareness material on protecting the fauna. HT PHOTO

HOST OF ACTIVITIES LINED UP FOR WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATION

■ The celebration of Wildlife Week, being organised by the Regional Science City, Lucknow in association with the zoology department of the Lucknow University, was inaugurated by mayor Dinesh Sharma and forest officer Pratibha Singh of the UP state biodiversity board on Tuesday.

■ Sharma, in his address, told the audience about the Kanha Upwan located near Amausi airport, which is a centre of rehabilitation of cows, pigs, dogs and monkeys.

■ Pratibha Singh elaborated on human-animal conflict and said human beings have encroached on the habitat of wild animals in the name of development.

■ A wildlife exhibition was also organised by the department of zoology, University of Lucknow on the day. A play on the importance of jungles was performed by the Class 11 students of HAL School while a wildlife awareness car was flagged off by the mayor.

■ This car would move through the city throughout the week

and distribute awareness material on protecting fauna like vultures, sparrows, turtles, butterflies as well as wetlands. It would also carry messages against polythene use. Also, a wildlife quiz would be floated among the general public. The first 20 persons who come up with right answers would be felicitated on October 7 during the valedictory session.

■ In all, about 300 students from various schools of Lucknow participated in the wildlife week celebration on the day 1.

Mahotsava are the two prominent annual programmes of the forest department. While Van Mahotsava promotes plantation to increase green cover, wildlife

the wild animals.

"India accounts for 2.5% of the geographical area in the world but has 7.5% of the total species of trees and animals.

country is among world's 12 mega diversity regions," said JS Asthana, principal chief conservator of forests for Uttar Pradesh.

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सोनिबर रिपोर्टर

लखनऊ। अगर राजधानी में आप इस सप्ताह बच्चों के साथ कहीं घूमने निकले हैं और आपके नौनिहाल को कोई जानवर के फ्लायर्स उपहार वरूप दे तो चौंकिरागी नहीं, क्योंकि गलतफार को लखनऊ के मेयर ने नैचुरल विज्ञान नगरी में वन्य प्राणि सप्ताह के उद्घाटन के साथ ही न्यप्राणि जागरूकता कार का उद्घाटन किया है। यह कार विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में गिफ्ट, दिनेश शर्मा ने लोगों को कान्हा उपवन के बारे में बताया जो कि गाय, सुअर, कुत्तों बन्दर के पुर्नवास केन्द्र जैसे हनुमानशाला, नंदीशाला के रूप में प्रयोग किये जा रहे हैं। प्रतिभा सिंह ने जानवरों व मनुष्यों के बीच बढ़ते मतभेद व विकास के नाम पर जंगली जानवरों के प्राकृतिक आवासों के हनन को उजागर किया। जंगली जीवन पर आधारित नाटक प्रतियोगिता का भी आयोजन हुआ जिसमें एचएएल स्कूल के छात्रों ने जंगल की महत्ता को दर्शाया।

आंचलिक विज्ञान केन्द्र में कार्यक्रम का दीप जलाकर शभारंभ करते महाधायक



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Wildlife Week celebrations come to an end in city

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Wildlife Week celebrations concluded in the city on Monday. The Forest Department organised a programme at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan with the Minister for Forest, Dr. Shri Pratap Yadav, being the chief guest at the function.

While speaking on the occasion, he said that excessive pollution affected the environment in a major way which in turn affected both the wildlife and human beings. He said that tampering with the natural environment in the development processes was making the wildlife move towards human habitats. He said that as per the directions of the Chief Minister the national parks and the wildlife sanctuaries were getting the proper focus. The minister also felicitated the winners of the various competitions which were held during the Wildlife Week.

Principal Secretary, Forest, V.N. Garg, said that human beings because of their life style got separated from nature. He said that there was a need to decrease man-animal conflict. He said that in a bid to protect wildlife an eco-sensitive zone had been formed in ten sanctuaries. A member, Wildlife Board, Purna Baidya, spoke in detail about the need for conservation of animals.

Meanwhile a seven-day-long Wildlife Week programme, jointly organised by Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, the Regional Science City, Aliganj, the UP State Biodiversity Board, Lucknow, and SAN-IZE (South Asian Network of the International Zoo Educators' Association),

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, successfully concluded with a valedictory function and a prize distribution done by the chief guest, Prof SB Nimse (Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow) and his wife, Sulabha Nimse.

More than 800 students from 40 schools, colleges and universities along with their teachers participated in the 10 creative activities which included a wildlife play, a debate competition, an elocution contest, a painting competition, a collage competition, a greeting card-making competition, a powerpoint presentation, a slogan writing competition, a rangoli competition and a pictorial quiz. More than 10,000 pamphlets on medicinal plants, vultures, eagles, house sparrow, wetlands, turtles, butterflies, frogs and a wildlife week hangama quiz were distributed among the students and the public.

On October 1, 2013, a 'Wildlife Awareness Car' was also flagged off by the chief guest, Prof Dinesh Sharma, Mayor, and the guest of honour, Pratibha Singh (Conservator of Forests) joined by Prof Aqil Ahmad, Dean of Science Faculty, and Prof Madhus Tripathi, head of the Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow. The programme was organised by Dr Amna Kannaika, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, Umesh Kumar, Project Coordinator, Regional Science City, and the UP State Biodiversity Board. Besides the various competitions, the students performed a 'malkad natak' on wildlife conservation. The winners of the events were taken to the Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Unnao, for a field visit.

The students enjoyed the snake and ladder game on wildlife with its dots and donks. A wildlife hangama quiz was also floated among the common masses. The winners of the first 20 right answers were felicitated in the auditorium of the Regional Science City and presented books on wildlife. The seven-day-long programme was enthusiastically carried with the help of volunteers, including Sonika, Akhilesh Kumar, Adesh Kumar, Pragy Gupta, Shivang Mishra, Prabhali, Sourav, Aditya and Ashish.



Students awarded at Wildlife Week celebration concluded at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Monday