

# U P STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD, LUCKNOW

## BIODIV NEWS



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### Editorial

#### Esteemed Readers,

This quarter saw the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, on 22 May 2019 on biodiversity as the foundation for our food and health and a key catalyst to transforming food systems and improving human health. The theme aims to leverage knowledge and spread awareness of the dependency of our food systems, nutrition, and health on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. The theme also celebrates the diversity provided by our natural system for human existence and well-being on Earth, while contributing to other Sustainable Development Goals, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, ecosystem restoration, cleaner water and zero hunger, among others.

The U.P. State Biodiversity Board, Lucknow is celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) 22nd May, 2019 on the theme "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health". The aim of the conference is to mobilize and catalyse action around their concerns on health, nutrition, and food systems, together with awareness raising on how to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity for our well-being.

In addition, to IBD Celebration, "Biodiversity Festival" was also celebrated in collaboration with Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow and Regional Science City, Lucknow. The programme aimed to spread the message of biodiversity conservation and its importance amongst school students and common people. During this quarter, Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board also celebrated World Environment on 5th June 2019.

Any comments, suggestions for improvement are most welcome, always!

Regards,

**-Editor**

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## 1- Biodiversity Festival 2019

The U.P. State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow celebrated International Day for biological Diversity on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Regional Science City, Lucknow. The programme aimed at creating awareness among the youth to have a passionate heart for the biodiversity around us. It provides an opportunity to the youth to express their thoughts through various competitions as well as to get involved in Biodiversity conservation through various activities. On this occasion, various competitions like Poster making, Slogan writing, Rangoli, Quiz and PowerPoint presentation were organized at Regional Science City, Lucknow. The details of program organized are furnished below:



**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
for  
BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY**  
*Our Biodiversity,  
Our Food, Our Health*  
— 22 MAY 2019 —

Time	Event	Group
10:30-11:30 am	Poster Competition on “Agricultural Biodiversity”	Group A & B
11:30-12:00 pm	Slogan Writing on “Healthy Food”/Quiz on, “Biodiversity for Food and Health”	Group A, B & C
12:00-1:00 pm	Rangoli Making Competition on “Economically important plants and animals in daily life”	Group A, B & C
1:30 pm-2:00pm	Lecture on “Biodiversity for Food and Health”	
2:00pm-4:00pm	PowerPoint Presentation on “Biodiversity for food and health”	Group B & C
Snake and Ladder Game on Biodiversity		

More than 200 students from more than 20 schools and colleges participated in the events. All the students were divided in three different groups i.e., Group A (Class 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>), Group B (Class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) and Group C (UG and PG students). The students expressed their feelings and creativity in different activities and competitions. The list of the winners of the events is as follows-



### Competition: Poster Making

#### Theme: Agricultural Biodiversity

##### Group A

S. No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Ved Prakash Maurya	St Anthony's Inter College	1st
2	Adit Singh	Red Rose Senior Secondary School	2nd
3	Rajnvi Gupta	St Agnes Loretto	3rd
4	Dhruv	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	Consolation

##### Group B

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Srishti Maurya	St Anthony's Inter College	1st
2	Shivangi Yadav	Central Academy	2nd
3	Devansh Agarwal	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	3rd
4	Amjad Haider Khan	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	Consolation

### Competition: Slogan Writing

#### Theme: Healthy Food

##### Group A

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Ved Prakash Maurya	St Anthony's Inter College	1st
2	Adit Singh	Red Rose Senior Secondary School	2nd
3	Shreya Singh	Central Academy	3rd

4	Aryan Singh	Central Academy	Consolation
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### Group B

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Harshika Verma	New Standard Public School	1st
2	Pragya Singh	New Standard Public School	2nd
3	Srishti Maurya	St Anthony's Inter College	3rd
4	Anadi Mishra	New Standard Public School	Consolation

### Competition: Quiz Competition

#### Theme: Biodiversity for Food and Health

### Group A

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Devansh Agarwal	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	1st
2	Jagriti Singh	Central Academy	2nd
3	Deepanshi Srivastava	Central Academy	3rd
4	Atharv Gupta	Central Academy	Consolation

### Group B

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Krishna Tulsyan	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	1st
2	Kanika Sachan	Central Academy	2nd
3	Prashant Saxena	Central Academy	3rd
4	Priyanshu Maurya	Central Academy	Consolation

### Group C

S No	Name	Institution	Rank
1	Mayank Singh	Lucknow University	1st
2	Ayushi Singh	Lucknow University	2nd
3	Richa Agarwal	Lucknow University	3rd
4	Richa Gambhir	Lucknow University	Consolation

### Competition: Rangoli

Theme: Economically important plants and animals in daily life

### Group A

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Adit Singh	Red Rose Senior Secondary School	1st
2	Akshat Chaturvedi		2nd
3	Shaurya Gupta		Consolation

### Group B

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Tanu Singh	New Standard Public School	1st
2	Parul	New Standard Public School	2nd
3	Harshita Singh	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	3rd
4	Pragya Singh	New Standard Public School	Consolation



## Competition: Power Point Presentation

### Theme: Biodiversity for Food and Health

#### Group A

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Sarthak Verma	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	1st
2	Prashansa	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	2nd
3	Ansh Yadav	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	3rd

#### Group B

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Prashant Saxena	Central Academy	1st
2	Sparsh Saxena	Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria	2nd
3	Shreya Pandey	New Standard Public School	3rd
4	Shivansh	Central Academy	Consolation

#### Group C

S No	Name	Institution	Prize
1	Ravi Singh	Lucknow University	1st

Poster making competition was also organized at Police Modern School, Lucknow and with students of Robin Hood Academy at Ashiyana. Robin Hood Academy is an open school for the children of slums learns from the books donated by other people and fun activities organized by the volunteers of NGO Robin Hood Army in different cities of the state.

**Winners of Robin Hood Academy are:**

<b>S No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School/College/Institution</b>	<b>Prize</b>
1	Nancy Kumari	Robin Hood Academy	1st
2	Kajal Kashyap	Robin Hood Academy	1st
3	Priyanka	Robin Hood Academy	2nd
4	Kamlesh	Robin Hood Academy	2nd
5	Eshu	Robin Hood Academy	2nd
6	Abhay Singh	Robin Hood Academy	2nd
7	Neha	Robin Hood Academy	2nd
8	Shagun	Robin Hood Academy	3rd
9	Sameer	Robin Hood Academy	3rd
10	Anand Kumar	Robin Hood Academy	3rd
11	Priyanshu	Robin Hood Academy	3rd
12	Aakash	Robin Hood Academy	3rd
13	Ragini	Robin Hood Academy	Consolation
14	Aman	Robin Hood Academy	Consolation
15	Priyanka	Robin Hood Academy	Consolation
16	Neelam	Robin Hood Academy	Consolation
17	Muskan	Robin Hood Academy	Consolation

## Glimpses of Various Events

### Poster Competition



Nancy Kumari- First Prize



Kajal Kashyap- Second Prize



Priyanka- second prize

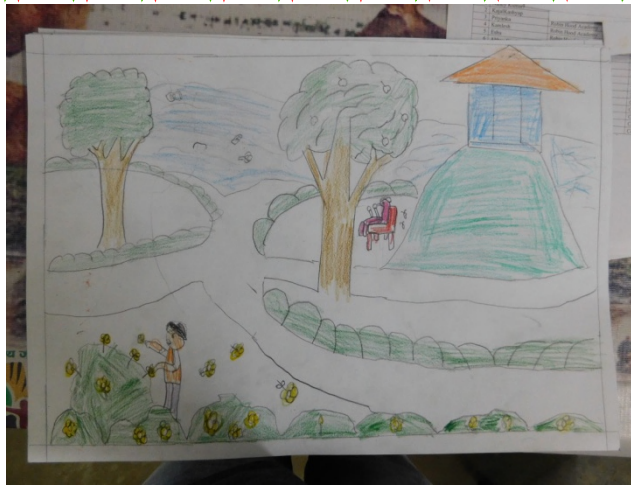


Kamlesh –second Prize





Eshu – Second Prize



Abhay Singh- Second Prize



Neha- Second Prize



Shagun- Third prize



Sameer – Third Prize



Anand Kumar- Third prize

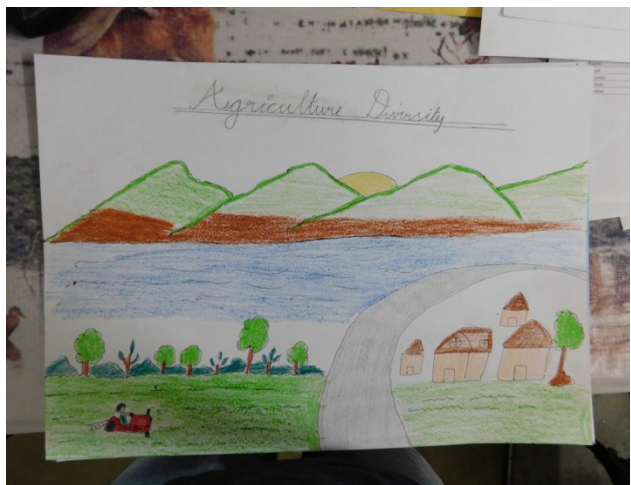




Priyanshu- Third Prize



Akash- Third prize



Ragini- Consolation



Aman-Consolation





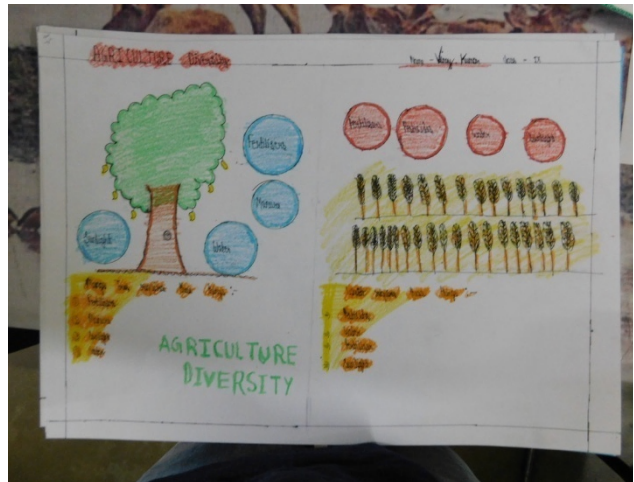
Priyanka- Consolation



Neelam- Consolation



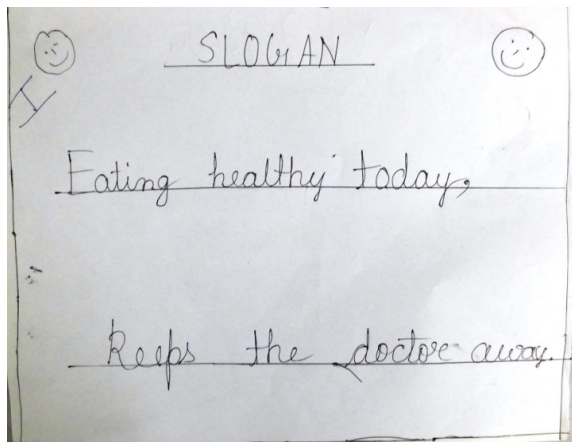
Muskan- Consolation



Aman- Consolation



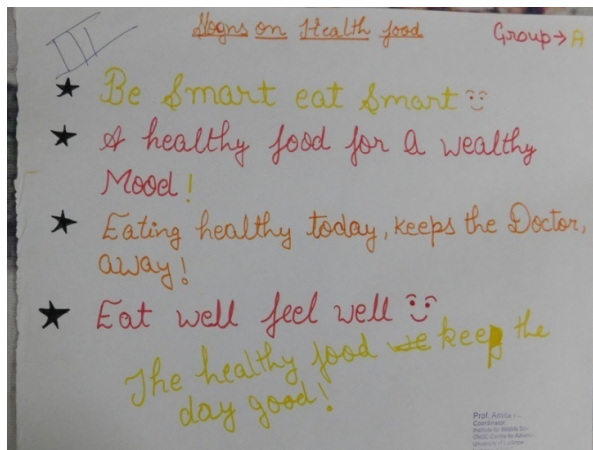
## Slogan competition



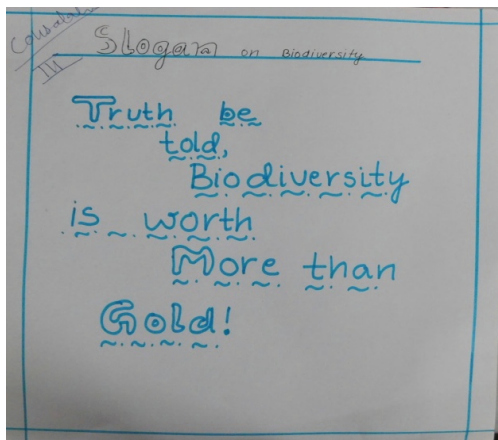
Ved Prakash Maurya- First prize



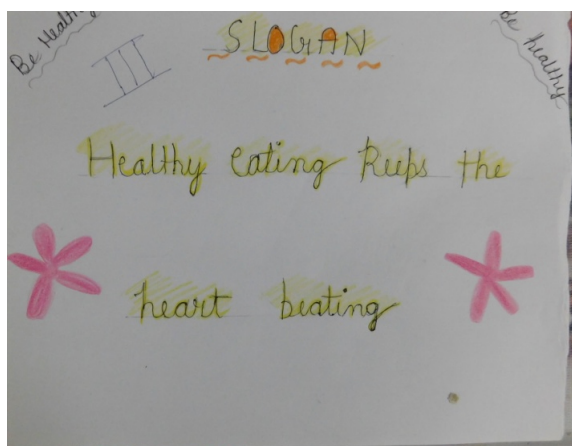
Aditi Singh- Second Prize



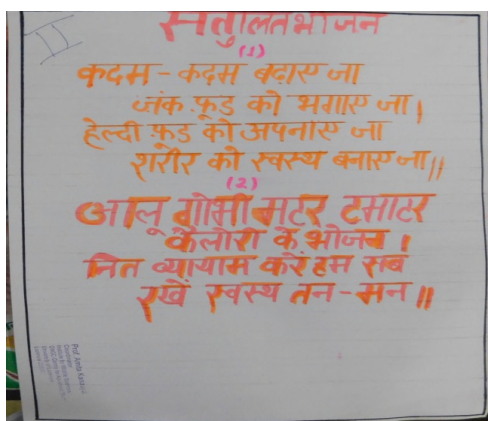
Shreya Singh- Third Prize



Shristi Maurya- Third prize



Aryan Singh- Third Prize



Anand Mishra-Consolation



## Rangoli Competition



First prize-Aditi Singh



Second Prize-Aditi Singh





Shruti Maurya- Third Prize



Pragya Singh- Consolation



## Glimpses of various competitions



Banner display



Poster making by participants



Poster making by participants



Poster making by participants





Poster making by participants



Certificate distribution



Group photo of winners



Snake ladder game



Rangoli making by participants



Rangoli making by participants





Rangoli making by participants



Rangoli making by participants



Snake ladder game based on biodiversity



Snake ladder game based on biodiversity



Quiz competition



Power point presentation by participants





Power point presentation by participants



Power point presentation by participants



Lecture by eminent Professor on biodiversity



Lecture by eminent Professor on biodiversity



Lecture by eminent Professor on biodiversity



Lecture by eminent Professor on biodiversity





Evaluation of rangoli competition by experts



Evaluation of rangoli competition by experts

### Glimpse of Programme



Students enjoying Snake and Ladder Game





**Students participating in different competitions**





**Students of Police Modern School participating in Poster competition**

## 2-International Day for Biological Diversity 22nd May, 2019

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.



INTERNATIONAL DAY  
for  
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Our Biodiversity,  
Our Food, Our Health  
— 22 MAY 2019 —

This year's celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, on 22 May 2019 was focused on biodiversity as the foundation for our food and health and a key catalyst to transforming food systems and improving human health.

The U.P. State Biodiversity Board, Lucknow in collaboration with U.P. Forest Department celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) **22nd May, 2019** on the theme "**Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health**" at **75 districts of Uttar Pradesh**.

The programme aimed to spread the message of biodiversity conservation and its importance amongst school students and common people.

On this occasion, school/colleges were identified at District Level and several competitions *viz.* **Painting, Slogan, Jingle, App Based Games, Puzzle, Rangoli, Poster, Word Chart for Birds/Animals** was organized. The students from different schools and colleges participated enthusiastically in different events based on Biodiversity theme.



## GLIMPSES OF THE PROGRAMME ORGANIZED AT DISTRICT LEVEL ON THE OCCASION OF IBD-2019







# अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस

## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

हमारी जैव विविधता, हमारा भोजन, हमारा स्वास्थ्य

Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health

दिनांक :- बुधवार 22 मई 2019

स्थल: कानपुर प्राणि उद्यान, कानपुर

सामाजिक वानिकी वन प्रभाग, कानपुर

कानपुर प्राणि उद्यान, कानपुर





Besides, on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD-2019), Uttar Pradesh Biodiversity Board, Lucknow in collaboration with Department of Zoology, Lucknow University also organized various events like ***Poster, Rangoli, Slogan writing, Quiz, Power Point Presentation, Ladder Game*** on **20-05-2019** at Regional Science City, Aliganj.

More than **200 students** from different schools/colleges participated actively in competitions. The winners of the various events held at Regional Science City, Lucknow were felicitated on 20th May, 2019

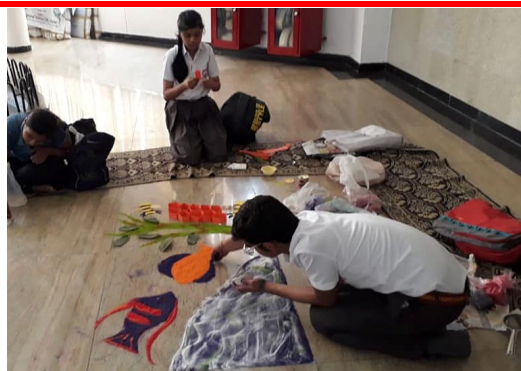


**Felicitations of Winners**



## GLIMPSES OF BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL -2019

### ORGANIZED ON 20-05-2019



### 3- World Environment Day: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

World Environment Day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June every year, and is United Nations major vehicle for spreading awareness and action for protection of our environment. It was first established by General Assembly United Nations in 1974. First held in 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution, human overpopulation, and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime. WED has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually.



Each year, WED has a new theme that major corporations, NGOs, communities, governments and celebrities worldwide adopt to advocate environmental causes. Like every, year this year also it was celebrated on 5 June with the theme “**Air Pollution**” hosted by China. For almost five decades, World Environment Day has been raising awareness, supporting action, and driving changes for the environment.

The U.P. Biodiversity Board in collaboration with Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow and Regional Science city, Lucknow celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2019.

On this day, a campaign stall was set up near the gate of Regional science city where we can access and interact with common mass. Tissue bags and Plants have been distributed to common mass as an awareness measure and raised the most important issues regarding prevailing environmental issues like Air pollution and water pollution. Common people were made learnt to how to make biodegradable paper bags with the help of volunteers. It was also emphasized to use non-fuel bike instead of fuel motor bike and also to save water and food. Volunteers were invited by Radio Mirchi to share their message regarding various environmental issues through its channel. The glimpses of the campaign has been shown in photo gallery.



## PHOTO GALLERY OF THE VARIOUS CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES



Signature campaign on air and water Pollution issues



Distribution of Plants



Campaign stall at Regional Science City



Signature to take oath to save our environment





Distribution of Plants to common mass



Emphasizing use of paper bags instead Plastic bag



Awareness among people regarding environment issues



Visitor taking oath to save environment





Promoting common mass to use non-fuel bike



Promoting common mass to use non-fuel bike



Distribution of awareness material and tissue bags



Distribution of awareness material and tissue bags





Distribution of awareness material and tissue bags



Spreading awareness regarding environmental issue to police personnel



Visitor taking oath to save environment



distribution of awareness material and tissue bags



Discussing environmental issues with visitor



A volunteer sharing her message regarding environmental Issues on Radio Mirchi



## 4- Newspaper Clippings

### i) International News

#### The Hindu 03-04-2019

THE HINDU  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

## Romeo and Juliet get their first date

Endangered Sehuenecas water frogs have been living in the same aquarium for a month now

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LA PAZ

The fate of a species may just rest on this love story.

Happily, the first date between Romeo, once the last-known Sehuenecas water frog, and Juliet, who was discovered deep inside a Bolivian cloud forest in January, went so well the two have been living together in the male's aquarium since.

According to a statement by Global Wildlife Conservation (GWC) on Monday, the pair were introduced on March 1 after being cleared of chytridiomycosis, which has decimated amphibian populations throughout the Neotropics region.

After a period of observation, they were moved into Romeo's aquarium, where he made a mating call for the first time since 2017: a clear sign he is eager to breed.

Romeo has been really



Romeo, left, and Juliet. • AFP/ALCIDE D'ORBIGNY MUSEUM

sweet to Juliet, following her around the aquarium and sacrificing his worm meals for her," said Teresa Camacho Badani, chief of herpetology at the Museo de Historia Natural Alcide d'Orbigny in Bolivia, which is working on the project with the GWC.

"After he's been alone for so long, it's wonderful to see him with a mate finally."

Romeo had been found in the same cloud forest a decade ago and it was feared

that he was the last survivor of his species.

With a lifespan of 15 years, time was running out to find Romeo a mate to ensure the survival of the species, although the frog himself never gave up hope, continuing to call out for a mate during his decade in captivity.

But it's not quite happily ever after, at least not yet.

Romeo hasn't fully figured out amplexus — the mating position for frogs where the

male holds the female until he can fertilize her eggs as she lays them.

Some species of frog need to go into amplexus for weeks or even months, but it isn't known how long it lasts for the Sehuenecas.

So far Romeo has gotten into the correct position a handful of times — the longest for about 15 minutes on the first day the two were put together.

Since meeting Juliet, Romeo has also exhibited a behavior water frog experts had not encountered for this species: a performance in which he rapidly twinkles the toes of his back feet, likely intended to impress the female.

Apart from Juliet, four other Sehuenecas water frogs were brought in from the wild during the same expedition: two males and two additional females.

They were the first Sehuenecas frogs that researchers had seen in the wild in a decade. The others have just begun showing signs of being ready to breed, and remain together in a single aquarium.

According to the GWC, Bolivia has the 10th highest level of amphibian diversity in the world, but 22 percent of those species now face the threat of extinction.

The Sehuenecas frog, which is completely aquatic, was once found in abundance at the bottom of small streams and rivers or in ponds deep inside mountain forests.

A combination of climate change, habitat destruction, contamination, chytridiomycosis and the introduction of invasive trout provoked the abrupt demise of many aquatic frog species in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

#### The Pioneer 22-04-2019

the pioneer  
LUCKNOW | MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

## Protections sought for otters as online trade booms

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Worried over the booming online illegal trade of two species of otters — the Asian small-clawed otter and the smooth-coated otter — India along with Bangladesh, Nepal and Philippines are seeking complete ban on all international commercial trade in the water loving mammals for their protection.

The four Asian nations have moved a proposal in this regard at the forthcoming 18th Conference of the Parties (COP18) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to be held in Sri Lanka in May 2019.

Currently, both the species are listed on Appendix II of CITES, which allows regulated international trade. If the CITES members approve the proposal, these carnivores, whose number is dwindling owing to habitat loss and increasing online trade for pets in various countries, would be transferred to Appendix I, banning all global commercial trade.

More than two-thirds of all the CITES Parties in attendance must vote to adopt the proposals for the ban to take effect. CITES is an international agreement between governments that sets regulations on the trade in wild animals and plants.

Both species of the otters are currently listed as "Vulnerable" on the IUCN Red List but wildlife activists warn that growing online demand will put further pressure on the species in the wild.

In fact, recent investigations by TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, has revealed that their populations have declined by more than 30 percent largely due to destruction of their habitat and exploitation for the global trade in otter skins and pet trade.

Nobody knows exactly how many Asian small-clawed otters or smooth-coated otters are left in India and Southeast Asia, but the general consensus is that numbers are declining.

Overall, there are 13 species of otter, all listed in the IUCN Red List which live in Europe, Asia, Africa, North-Central and South America; Eurasian otters, smooth-coated otters, Asian small-clawed otters, hairy-nosed otters, sea otters, North American river otters, neotropical otters, giant

otters, Southern river otters, marine otters, African clawless otters, Congo clawless otters and spotted-necked otters.

In the past 35 years, seizure records reveal that otters are traded in around 15 Asian countries, the majority being in China, India, and Nepal. However, in recent years, there have been a growing number of seizures of "live otters" in Southeast Asia which suggested an emerging trend of otters being caught for the commercial pet trade in this region.

A TRAFFIC report released last year revealed all. Researchers found 560 advertisements for up to 1,189 otters over a four-month period in 2018. In addition, the report found that 59 live otters, most of which were juveniles, were seized by officials from 2015-2017. From 2015 to 2017, four

Southeast Asian countries confiscated 59 otters in 13 seizures, most of them in Thailand and Indonesia where commercial breeding may be taking place, the group said, with at least 32 seized en route from Thailand to Japan.

According to the International Otter Survival Fund, the mother otter is often killed by poachers so they can capture the cubs.

"Chances of survival for newborn otters in the trade appear to be low; this is reflected from the juvenile otters which that offered at a higher price as a result of increased survival chance.

However, the much higher volume of newborn pups supplied in the trade indicates that otters are indiscriminately extracted from the wild, even as a newborn, despite the risk of death.

"While each trader individually sells a small number of otters each time, the overall volume of the trade itself is significant, raising concerns for the wild populations of smooth-coated otter and Asian small-clawed otter" noted a report titled "Illegal pet trade on social media as an emerging impediment to the conservation of Asian otters species," published in the December 2018 edition of Journal of Asia-Pacific Biodiversity.

"Weak national laws hinder enforcement action and widespread trade in otters online throws the survival of remaining wild populations in Southeast Asia into question," said a regional TRAFFIC official, Kanisha Krishnasamy in the report.

### ILLEGAL OTTER TRADE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

SOUTHEAST ASIA IS HOME TO FOUR SPECIES OF OTTERS





## ii) National News

The Hindu 07-04-2019

THE HINDU LUCKNOW  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

### Will 'neelakurinji' bloom in next season?

Recent wildfires could have wiped out all seeds of the endemic flower: experts

**GIJI K. RAMAN**  
IDUKKI

Next season, the 'neelakurinji' blossoms may not carpet the hillocks on the western side of the Western Ghats in a ravishing purple.

Wildlife experts say the recent large-scale wildfires on the grasslands where Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*) blossomed widely last year after a period of 12 years could have wiped out all the seeds of the endemic flowers from the area. The Forest Department suspects that the recent wildfires were man-made. Some areas are still engulfed in flames in the Munnar region. About 1,000 ha of forestland, granites and eucalyptus plantations and grasslands have been destroyed in the fire.

There are allegations that the areas coming under the proposed Kurinji sanctuary were set on fire to destroy the Neelakurinji seeds.

It is alleged that the areas coming under the proposed Kurinji sanctuary were set on fire to destroy the Neelakurinji seeds.

A senior forest official told *The Hindu* on Saturday that in the proposed Kurinji sanctuary, there were encroachments and land grabbers wanted to keep the area off the limits of the sanctuary.

According to P. Sujanapal, scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi, Neelakurinji seeds are sensitive without a hard cover and are unlikely to survive a massive fire. As a habitat, the Western Ghats is known for its rare collection of flora and fauna. There are some rare orchids in the area and even a flash of fire could destroy the seeds. The grasslands are important agents for protecting the biodiversity, both for plants and animal species. The damage done by a wildfire to its ecosystem would depend on the intensity of it. A massive fire could wipe out an entire habitat and there are many rare plants in the Western Ghats which are yet to be studied. All these and insects endemic to the area might face extinction in a massive fire, he added.



The Hindu 24-04-2019

THE HINDU LUCKNOW  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

### A 'resort' for endangered fishes

Raja Varma collects rare species from across the globe

**K. SRINIVASA RAO**  
VIZIANAGARAM

At a time when the population of many fish species is dwindling, sending them to endangered lists, a businessman here has launched an effort to protect them.

I.A. Raja Varma, Managing Director of Sun Ray Resorts, travels to different corners of the world to procure many endangered fish species and provides them a safe haven in his resort located near Bhogapuram of Vizianagaram district. He has set up a massive pond where the endangered species thrive under the supervision of experts.

"As many as 455 fish species are on the critically endangered list of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Environmentalists fear that 87 more varieties may go extinct in no time. Given the overexploitation of fish resources in freshwater and the sea, many varieties may not be seen by future generations. I am contributing to the preservation of various species in my own little way," Mr. Raja Varma says.

The fish pond at Sun Ray Resorts at Bhogapuram.

Resorts looks like a safe aquarium where fish species from various countries thrive. Topping the list is alligator gar, a native of the Mississippi river of North America with a life span of around 26 years. It grows up to 148 kg.

**Exotics find a home**

Stingray, an endangered species, known for its electrical sensors has eyes on its dorsal side. Doctors of ancient Greece reportedly used its barb venom for anaesthesia.

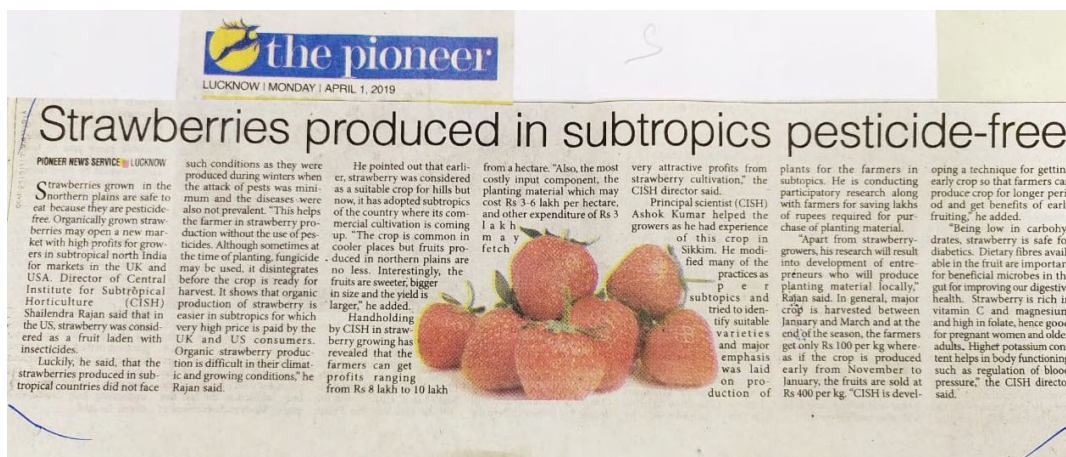
The Amazon basin's biggest fish, Arapaima, also finds a place here. It can grow up to 9 feet and 200 kg, with a life span of 20 years. 'Archer Fish', usually found in Papua New Guinea off Northern Australia, is another resident.





### iii) State News

**The Pioneer 01-04-2019**



**22- May-2019**

## प्रतियोगिताओं के साथ मना जैवविविधता दिवस

सीतापुर (एसएनबी)। अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस के अवसर पर इलसिया वन चेतना केन्द्र में एक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि के प्रवीण राव आईएफएस, मुख्य वन संरक्षक, लखनऊ मण्डल रहे तथा कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता डा. अनिरुद्ध पाण्डेय प्रभागीय निदेशक सामाजिक वानिकी वन प्रभाग द्वारा की गयी एवं कार्यक्रम का संचालन अरुण कुमार मिश्र, उप प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम में सीतापुर वन प्रभाग के सभी अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों सहित सुमित्रा माडर्न स्कूल के छात्र छात्राओं व अध्यापकों तथा जनपद के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के ग्रामवासियों द्वारा प्रतिभाग किया गया।

स्कूली बच्चों ने चित्रकला एवं वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया। जिसमें चित्रकला में मदालसा श्रीवास्तव, फाड़का फारुकी एवं ईश श्रीवास्तव क्रमशः प्रथम, द्वितीय व तृतीय स्थान पर रहे तथा वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता में सूर्यश अवस्थी, श्रद्धा शर्मा एवं अरुणिमा वर्मा ने क्रमशः प्रथम, द्वितीय व तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। इन सभी विजेताओं को मुख्य अतिथि द्वारा प्रशस्ति पत्र एवं पुरस्कार देकर सम्मानित किया गया। इस अवसर पर प्रभागीय निदेशक, सामाजिक वानिकी वन प्रभाग तथा मुख्य अतिथि द्वारा जैव विविधता के संरक्षण, जागरूक ग्रामवासियों की प्रशिक्षण/सेवाकारण कार्यशाला का



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संरक्षण एवं महत्व के सम्बंध में विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला गया।

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