

International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD)

The International Vulture Awareness Day has grown from vulture awareness days run by Birds of Prey Programme in South Africa and Hawk Conservancy Trust in England, who decided to work together and expand the initiative into an International event. This day is dedicated to vulture conservation so as to publicize the conservation and importance of vultures to wider audience and highlight the important work being carried out by world's vulture conservationists. The first international vulture awareness day was celebrated on first Saturday of September 2009 and since then.



The International Vulture Awareness Day is celebrated each year on the first Saturday of September. The aim is to carry out the conservational activities by the different institution and stakeholders /participating in it from different countries.

The Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology and Institute for Wildlife Sciences, ONGC, Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Lucknow celebrated International Vulture Awareness Day 2018 during 1st to 4th September 2018.

1st September 2018: Like previous years the IVAD was celebrated with great enthusiasm several activities were organized among the school students of Lucknow as well as fieldwork in different districts of Uttar Pradesh. Approx. **150 Students of 15 schools** viz. CMS, Navyug Radiance, Ramadhin Inter College, New Way School, Bright Way College, Universal public Inter College and many more involved in different events like Painting on Flying Vultures, Power Point presentation on Vultures and Quiz competitions based on Vultures. Winners of the events were awarded with prizes and certificates. The details of the events organized are given below:

Time	Event	Group
10:30-11:30 am	Quiz Competition on “Vultures”	Group A & B
11:30-12:00 pm	Lecture on “Vultures and Vulture Restaurants”	Amita Kanaujia
12:00-1:00 pm	Poster Making Competition (Hall I) on “ Flying Vultures”	Group A & B
	PowerPoint Presentation (Hall II) on “Vulture Restaurants”	Group B
1:30 pm onwards	Valedictory function & Prize distribution	

Winners of events held at Institute for Wildlife sciences (ONGC) University of Lucknow

Quiz Competition

Theme: “*Vultures*”

Group-A

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Mauli Agarwal	VI	City Montessori School	First



Students participating in Quiz competition

Group-B

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Ananya Mittal	IX	Navayuga Radiance Senior Secondary school	First
2.	Anamika Singh	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	Second
3.	Ashu	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	Third
4.	Vansh Mishra	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	Consolation



Students of Group B participating in Quiz competition



Students of Group B participating in Quiz competition

Group-c

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Arshita Jain	M.Sc	University of Lucknow	First
2.	Rakiya Umar	M.Sc	University of Lucknow	Second
3.	RasheedaKhatoon	M.Sc	University of Lucknow	Third



Students of Group C participating in Quiz competition



Students of Group C participating in Quiz competition

Poster Competition

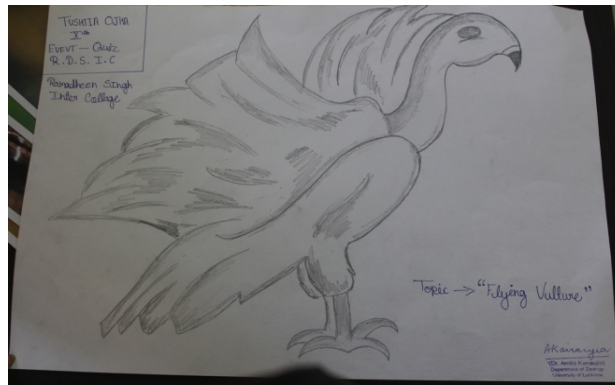
Theme: *"Flying Vultures"*

Group-A

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Mauli Agarwal	VI	C.M.S	First

Group-B

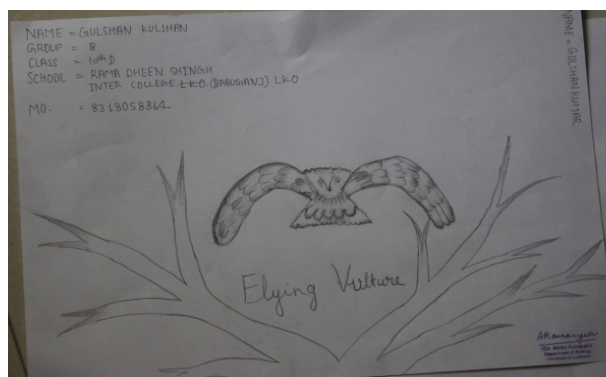
S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Tushita Ojha	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	First
2.	Anamika Singh	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	Second
3.	Gulshan Kumar	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	Third
4.	Vansh Mishra	X	Ramadhir Singh Inter College	Consolation



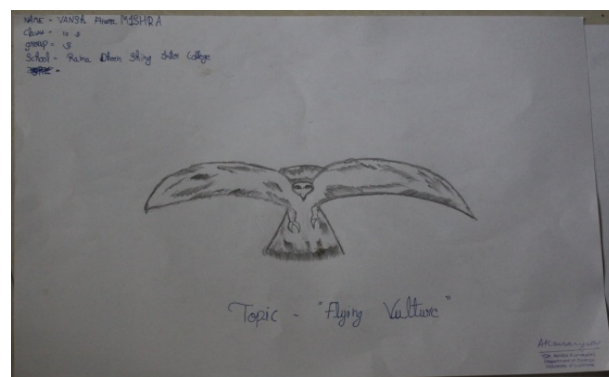
Tushita Ojha, X, RSIC, First prize



Anamika Singh, X, RSIC, Second



Gulshan Kumar, X, RSIC, Third



Vansh Mishra, X, RSIC, Consolation

PowerPoint Presentation

Theme: " Vultures Restaurants "

Group-B (Only for Group –B)

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Ananya Mittal	IX	Navayuga Radiance Senior Secondary school	First



Power Point Presentation on Vulture Restaurant by Ananya Mittal Navayuga Radiance Senior Secondary school



Certificate & Price Distribution by Madhu Tripathi , University of Lucknow



Students with their certificate

2nd -4th September 2018: Awareness campaigns were organized to spread the awareness regarding the importance of Vultures, their role in food cycle and the causes and consequences of their decline globally as well as at regional level in the local mass and school students of remote areas. The students and volunteers visited the vulture's sites in Unnao, Kanpur, Lucknow and Raibareilly to study and explore the habitat of vultures, their roosting behavior and feeding behavior. Students came to know about the association of vultures with other species *i.e.* crows, dogs, black kites, cattle egret in their feeding sites and other environmental factors.



Participants with their Vulture Poster



Awareness campaigns in Schools

Winners of events held at Bright Way College

Quiz Competition

Theme: “*Vultures*”

Group-A

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Divyansh Singh	V	Bright Way College	First
2.	Harshit Tiwari	VIII	Bright Way College	Second
3.	Aryan Prasad	VIII	Bright Way College	Third
4.	Riya Kashyap	IX	Bright Way College	Third
5.	Mohammad Faizam	IX	Bright Way College	Consolation
6	Asif Aziz	X	Bright Way College	Consolation



Certificate distribution to the winners of Quiz competition



Price distribution to the winners of Quiz competition

Poster Competition (Robin Hood Academy)

Theme: “*Flying Vultures*”

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Mohit Gautam	-	Robin Hood Academy	First
2.	Arvind	-	Robin Hood Academy	Second
3.	Anshu	-	Robin Hood Academy	Third
4.	Rohan	-	Robin Hood Academy	Consolation



Mohit Gautam, Robin Hood Academy, First



Arvind, Robin Hood Academy, Second



Anshu, Robin Hood Academy, Third



Rohan, Robin Hood Academy, Consolation

Poster Competition (Universal Public School)

Theme: *"Flying Vultures"*

Group A

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Riya Yadav	8th	Universal Public School	First
2.	Priyanshi Rawat	8th	Universal Public School	Second
3.	Shweta Sharma	8th	Universal Public School	Third
4.	Divayanshi Yadav	5th	Universal Public School	Consolation
5.	Abhishek Verma	7th	Universal Public School	Consolation



Winners of Group A

Group B

S.No.	Name	Class	Institute	Position
1.	Sandhya Verma	12th	Universal Public School	First
2.	Nancy Kashyap	12th	Universal Public School	Second
3.	Ayush Kumar	9th	Universal Public School	Third
4.	Zeeshan Rizvi	9th	Universal Public School	Consolation
5.	Sandhya Jameen	12th	Universal Public School	Consolation



Winners of Group B

Outreach Activity

Awareness programs were organized at various levels to sensitize local peoples about the vulture's declining population. The role and importance of vulture were very well explained to them. Publicity materials like fliers, pamphlets were also distributed to them.



Mass Awareness amongst the Public