

Report on the Celebration of World Wetland day by Environment Department-2018

The World Wetland day is celebrated on 2nd Feb worldwide for the conservation of wetlands at the global level. The theme for the World wetland day, 2018 was “Wetland for sustainable urban future.” The Environment Department Haryana celebrated the World Wetland Day 2018 on 2nd February 2018 at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh, to create the general awareness about wetland and its conservation benefits. The celebration of this event by the Department was done with the school children, so that they may get sensitized at a young age.

On the occasion of the World Wetland Day, a message of Honourable Chief Minister’s was published in the newspaper Dainik Bhaskar and Tribune Chandigarh, for getting the people aware about the function and values of wetlands on this special day. The students were familiarised with the CM’s message on wetland.



The day was celebrated with the school children of Panchkula at Sukhna Lake. One Hundred children participated in the celebration of this event. Drawing & painting and quiz competition were held on the theme of “Wetland for sustainable

urban future.” The caps and literature on wetland was also distributed to the school children.

The meaning and the benefits of wetland was explained in the lecture by Dr R.K. Chauhan Joint Director, Environment Department and Dr Radhye Shyam Scientist Grade -I, Environment Department, Haryana.



Three paintings were selected for the Rank 1,2 and 3.



Prize distribution was done by the Joint Director, Environment Department, Haryana.



This day was concluded with the prize and refreshment distribution. Following are the names of the winners in the drawing and painting competition. Priyanka Gautam of class 7th MRA Modern Public School, sector 7 Panchkula stood 1st. Sandeep Kumar of class 7th MRA Modern Public School, sector 7 Panchkula stood IInd and Sahil of class 7th MRA Modern Public School, sector 7 Panchkula stood IIIrd.

In the quiz competition Sham, Pranav and Rajat of class 8th MRA Modern Public School, Sector 7, Panchkula, attained Ist, IInd and IIrd position respectively.

The message for propagating the wetland conservation in the young children was circulated through these simple exercises with school children.

Report on World Wetland Day 2018 Celebration at Haryana State

The World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2nd February worldwide to commemorate the signing of the international treaty 'Ramsar Convention on Wetlands' in 1971 for conservation of wetlands at the global level. India is also a party to this convention since 1982 and has identified 26 wetlands as Ramsar sites covering 15 States. The theme for the World Wetlands Day 2018 was "Wetland for a Sustainable Urban future". The key message which was to be circulated through the workshops, campaigns painting/poster competitions and quiz was to integrate the urban wetlands into a city's sustainable future planning and adopt the policies and actions to conserve the urban wetlands.

This event was celebrated by the Environment Department at Sukhna Lake with the school children, to create the general awareness about wetland and its conservation benefits. One day workshop was also organised by Haryana Irrigation Research and Management Institute (HIRMI) at campus of HIRMI, Kurukshetra, and the Forest Department, Haryana celebrated this event at Brahamsarovar Community Reserve, village Thana, district Kurukshetra.

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On the occasion of the World Wetland Day, a message was published on the behalf of Honourable Chief Minister's in the newspaper Dainik Bhaskar and Tribune Chandigarh, for getting the people aware about the function and multiple benefits of wetlands and the need to conserve them, so that the coming generation could avail the benefits of these wetlands. (Annexure 1.) The students were familiarised with the



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Dr Radhey Shyam conveying the lecture to the school children.



Dr R.K Chauhan conversing with school children about the wetland.



Paintings are being evaluated for their ranking.



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Wetland Day Celebrated by Irrigation Department

Haryana Irrigation Research and Management Institute (HIRMI), Kurukshetra organized one day workshop on “Wetlands for a sustainable Urban future” at HIRMI. Er. P.K Luthra , Joint Director , HIRMI was the chief guest , Er Muneesh Babbar, Deputy Director/ Trg and Er. Sarwan langyan , Deputy Director/ works were also present in this workshop. The technical lectures were given by Sh. Mandeep, Assistant Director/ Works, SH P.K Luthra, Joint director, Sh. Muneesh Babbar, deputy Director/Trg and Sh. Sarwan Langyan, Deputy Director/Works. They explained about the importance of the Wetlands for a sustainable urban future. They also shared their experience gathered during their life time. The report of Irrigation Department is annexed as Annexure 2.

Wetland day Celebrated by Forest Department

A detailed technical session was organised by the Haryana Forest Department at Golden Jubilee Braham Sarovar Community Reserve, village Thana, district Kurukshetra on 2nd February, 2018 involving school and college students, local villagers, bird watchers, NGOs, academicians and other wildlife enthusiasts. Documentaries on Wetlands and Wildlife were also displayed at the venue. The main focus of the event was awareness generation for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. The Seminar for the villagers was held to sensitize them on the importance of wetland, their significance, biodiversity and need to conserve it. Elders

from the village, students from various schools and other stakeholders were made to learn about the rich biodiversity of the area. Around 300 school and college students and villagers participated in the event.

Officers of the Forest Department, government of Haryana, representative from Bombay Natural History Society and wildlife enthusiast gave their valuable presentations about the need for the conservation of birds, their habitat and their importance in the ecosystem. The gatherings were also given pledge to conserve and protect the wetland for sustainable living. A good media coverage was done in order to aware and sensitize the other public who missed the opportunity of being a part of this golden occasion. Report received from the forest department is annexed as Annexure III.