



भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान  
Wildlife Institute of India

**ONE-DAY SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON “BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF TURTLES IN GANGA RIVER” FOR WELHAM BOYS SCHOOL, SARNATH ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

**DETAILED REPORT**

Under an initiative to enhance the awareness of students as part of the NMCG-WII project “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation”, the training team organised one day training-cum-conservation awareness workshop on “Biology and conservation of Turtles in Ganga River” for Welham Boys (School) on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh. This event was also covered by the NDTV crew as part of their “*Behtar India*” initiative, in which the Welham Boys School is an active participant. The workshop was attended by students and teachers of Welham Boys School, Dehradun and their parents. The workshop was inaugurated with message to conserve and save the turtles of Ganga River by Dr. Sangeeta Angom. The programme was followed by an introductory session of the students with WII team and Mr. S.K Singh, Forest Range Officer, Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, Sarnath. The students were introduced to classification, characteristics, morphology, feeding habit of the turtles, and reproductive biology of soft and hard shelled turtles. The participants were also provided hands-on training and were introduced to rehabilitation techniques for turtles by Dr. S.A. Hussain. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitize the school children on the ecological significance, importance of conservation of turtles of Ganga River, their role in cleaning the River and maintaining ecological balance in wetland ecosystem.

The workshop concluded with discussions on threats and conservation strategies of turtles of Ganga River, with emphasis on the role of students and citizens. Dr. Ruchi Badola

concluded the workshop with vote of thanks and distribution of certificates to the participants. The WII team included Dr. S.A. Hussain, Dr. Ruchi Badola, Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Dr. Rajeev Chauhan, Mr. Gaura Chandra Das, Mr. Vipul Maurya and Mr. Narendra Mohan.

#### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	RESOURCE PERSON
10:00-10:05	Welcome Address	Dr. Sangeeta Angom
10:05-10:20	Introductory session of the students with WII team about the importance of Turtle Rehabilitation Centre	Mr. S. K Singh, Forest Range Officer
10:20-11:00	Introduction to classification, characteristics, morphology, feeding and reproductive biology of soft and hard shelled turtles.	Dr. S. A Husain
11:00-11:15	Hands-on training and introduction to rehabilitation techniques for turtles	Dr. S. A Husain and Mr. Gaura Chandra Das
11:30-12:00	Distribution of Certificates	Dr. S. A Husain, Dr. Ruchi Badola and Dr. Sangeeta Angom
12:00-12:15	Concluding remarks, future actions, and vote of thanks	Dr. Ruchi Badola

#### PHOTO GALLERY



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- A. Welcome of the Students by Dr. S. A. Hussain at Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, Sarnath
- B. Student's introductory session with WII team and Mr. S.K Singh Forest Range Officer, Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, Sarnath, UP
- C. Dr. S. A. Hussain showing the Turtle Egg to the students
- D. Hands on training on biology of Turtle species