

CONSERVATION AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AT WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA, DEHRADUN ON 12TH OCTOBER 2017

DETAILED REPORT

A 'Conservation awareness workshop' was organized on 12TH October 2017 at WII for the students of St. Patrick's Academy, Dehradun and Rabea Girls Public School, Delhi. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce and acquaint the participants about the existence and importance of faunal diversity of India, NMCG-WII Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation project. The team from WII comprised of Dr. Gopi G.V. (Scientist 'E') and Dr. Sandeep Gupta (Scientist 'E'). Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Dr. Shivani Barthwal and Dr. Deepika Dogra, Ms. Monika Sharma, Ms. Aditi Dev and Ms. Ekta Sharma from the NMCG-WII Project participated in the event. Mr. Deepan Chakkaravarthy, Mr. Mujahid, Mr. Umar, Mr. Anurag Vishwakarma, Ms. Surabhi Sati, Mr. Kumar Ankit and Mr. Balraj Naik and Mr. Krishan Murari, and the forensic department team were also present during the event. Dr. Gopi G.V commenced the workshop by welcoming the participants of the workshop. He briefed about the role of Wildlife Institute of India in Wildlife conservation. The workshop was conducted in two sessions. In the first, Session Dr. Gopi G.V. delivered a talk on the Wildlife diversity in India, Zoogeographic regions of the World, Biodiversity hotspots, Biodiversity of Biogeographic Zones in India. The students were also briefed about NMCG-WII project "Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation". Dr. Gopi emphasized on the importance of the Ganga River, its course, role of aqualife in maintaining a healthy ecosystem and threats to the Ganga River.

In the next session, Mr. Kumar Ankit conducted a quiz for the participants based on the Biodiversity of India. Later on Dr. Sandeep Gupta briefed about importance of forensic science in wildlife conservation and showed some specimens of animal's skin including Tiger, Leopard, Clouded Leopard, Python, Alligator etc.

The workshop ended with an interactive walk and discussion at Nature Trail of WII in which students were briefed about the floral and faunal diversity found in the campus area. The participants were divided into four groups, each with experienced wildlife biologists. The main purpose of the nature trail was to give a live exposure of wildlife and nature to explain the

significance of biodiversity conservation. Students actively participated in both the sessions, interacted with the team and came up with the interesting questions and innovative ideas.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

12 th October, 2017		
0900 -0930	Welcome Address	Dr. Gopi G.V.
0930 -1030	Aquatic fauna of Ganga river	Dr. Gopi G.V.
1030 - 1130	Nature Trail walk, WII	Mr. Deepan Chakkaravarthy, Mr. Mujahid, Mr. Umar, Mr. Anurag Vishwakarma, Ms. Surabhi Sati, and Mr. Balraj Naik and Mr. Krishan Murari
1130 - 1230	Wildlife Quiz	Mr. Kumar Ankit
1230 - 1330	Forensic Science in wildlife conservation	Dr. Sandeep Gupta
1330 -1400	Distribution of Certificates	
1300 - 1330	Vote of thanks	Dr. Gopi G.V.

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