INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION ACROSS THE GANGLA STATES; DEVPRAYAG AND UTTARKASHI, (UTTARAKHAND); VARANASI AND NARORA, (UTTAR PRADESH); SAHIBGANJ, (JHARKHAND); SERAMPORE (WEST BENGAL) ON 12\textsuperscript{TH} MAY 2018.

DETAILED REPORT

The WII-NMCG project team celebrated the ‘International Migratory Birds Day’ on 12th, May 2018, by organizing various activities in different locations along the Ganga River States. The main objective was to sensitize the local community and youth about the different species of migratory birds, important characteristics of bird migration, threats to migratory birds, their ecological importance and the need for the conservation of these species and their habitat along the Ganga River and its floodplains.

In Uttarakhand, the activities were organized at two sites Devprayag and Uttarkashi. At Omkarananda Public School, Tehri Garwal, Devprayag an awareness programme on different species of Migratory Birds and their importance to conserve were organized for 18 students by three representative members of Ganga Praharis. All the total 18 students were enthusiastic to join as Bal Ganga Prahari. In Uttarkashi, a sensitization workshop for students of Class VI-XII was organized at Gosoami inter college, Uttarkashi. During the programme, a total of 35 students were sensitized on conservation significance of Migratory birds and their habitat.

In Uttar Pradesh, at two sites of Narora and Sarnath, conservation awareness on Migratory birds was organized. Around 150 Students of intermediate level and 6 teachers from Raghunath Inter College, Narora and 70 primary students and 3 teachers from Primary School, Rajghat, Narora were participated at the event. During the programme the students were sensitized on important characteristics of bird migration and the need for the conservation of these species and their habitat. At Sarnath, a total of 70 students from both Primary and Junior High School including 6 teachers and Principal participated in the event. The participants were sensitized on different species of Migratory Birds, their ecological importance and the need for the conservation of these species.
In Sahibganj, Jharkhand a sensitization programme on hands-on experience was organized at the bank of the Ganga, Sahibganj. A total of 51 Students (Class VIII to X) and 2 Teachers from Utkramit High School participated with great enthusiasm. Around 8:00 am the participants were assembled on the bank of Ganga. They were briefed about the Migratory Birds and importance of the Migratory birds’ day. The team explained the identification characters of the bird's species, diversity and their habitat. Different bird’s species like Red Naped Ibis, Lesser Adjutant, Asian Open Bill Stork, Great Egret, Cormorant, and Pond Heron were observed during bird watching programme. The team also briefed and demonstrates two counting techniques viz. point count method and total count method with the help of onsite example. Other than birds the students were also informed about other species that are found in the Ganga River. Students actively interacted with the team and asked their doubts.

At Serampore, West Bengal, the International Migratory Bird Day was celebrated in the Department of Zoology at Serampore College. Forty one Postgraduate students and two Professors participated in this awareness program. Two interesting lectures on “Bird Migration: A Natural Marvel” and “Knowing Migratory Birds of West Bengal” was delivered. Subsequently, in the interactive session, some common migratory bird species that visit West Bengal, their breeding ground and food habit were described to the participants. Both sessions were followed by extensive interaction with the participants regarding various concerned issues. A short documentary film on bird migration was also organized.

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

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**PHOTO GALLERY**

(i) Devprayag, Uttarakhand
Photo: Presentation by Ganga Prahari, Devprayag on conservation significance of migratory birds of Ganga River.

(ii) Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

Photo: Group discussion with students on important characteristics of migratory birds.

(iii) Sarnath (Varanasi) Uttar Pradesh

Photo: Presentations and discussion with students on ecological importance of Migratory birds of Ganga river, Sarnath.
(iv) Narora, Uttar Pradesh

Photo: Presentations and discussion with Teachers and students on conservation significance of Migratory birds of Ganga river, Narora.

(v) Sahibganj, Jharkhand

Photo: Presentations and discussion with Teachers and students on conservation significance of Migratory birds of Ganga river, Narora.

(vi) Serampore, West Bengal

Photo: Presentations by Professors and Ganga Praharis on Migratory Birds of West Bengal.
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