



**“INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY” CELEBRATION ACROSS GANGA RIVER  
STATES ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2019**

**DETAILED REPORT**

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the project “Biodiversity and Ganga Conservation” celebrated “International day for Biological Diversity” on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 across Ganga River States. The theme of the 2019 “International day for Biological Diversity” celebration is ‘Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health’. The objective of the programme aims to impart awareness about the biodiversity conservation to different stakeholders and also diversity provided by Ganga ecosystem for human existence and well-being on Earth for clean water, sanitation and healthy ecosystems.

**TEAM MEMBERS**

WII team comprised of following persons: Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Scientist & Training Coordinator; Ms. Suneeta Rawat, Community Officer; Dr. Rajeev Chauhan, Conservation Officer; Ms. Monika Mehralu, Assistant Training Coordinator; Mr. Akshay Bajaj, Research Fellow; Ms. Advaita Ravindran, Project Assistant, Mr. Keshav Kumar, Project assistant; Mr. Ratish Singh, Project Assistant; Ms. Camellia Biswas, Intern.

**DETAILS OF THE EVENT**

**UTTARKASHI, UTTARAKHAND**

In collaboration with spearhead team of Uttarakhand Forest Department, Uttarkashi, organized a community mobilization programme assisted by Ganga Praharis and local communities on the occasion of “International day for Biological Diversity” at Mando village, Uttarkashi district on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019. During the interaction, roles and active involvements of the Ganga Praharis and stakeholders at various levels were discussed. With respect to alternative livelihood options for the local people of Uttarkashi, detailed interaction with the locals and Ganga Praharis was carried out for implementing the livelihood training programme for the womenfolk. The local women

were made aware of the government schemes and agencies that are working on skill development for youth and women. Locals were also sensitized about the importance of biodiversity conservation in Ganga River. The programme was attended by 13 Forest officials from Uttarkashi district; 7 Ganga Praharis; 25 Local communities and two staff from Nehru Yuwa Kendra, Uttarkashi.

#### **KAHALGAON, BIHAR**

On the occasion of International Day for Biodiversity Diversity, celebratory cleaning campaign and wall painting was organised at the Ganga Ghats in Kahalgaon, which was attended by 15 Ganga Praharis, and several local people. The celebrations were started by a cleanliness drive of the ghat by the locals in the morning, followed by a brief discussion about the NMCG-WII project “Biodiversity and Ganga Conservation”. Dr. Chauhan talked about the importance of the conservation of biodiversity, with special emphasis on Gangetic biodiversity. This was followed by an interaction between Mr. Akshay Bajaj and the locals where he discussed the various aspects of conservation of biodiversity in practical conditions on the ground. This was followed by hand printing on the wall painting by everyone present, which represented by the involvement of the Ganga Praharis as well as the locals in conservation of the Gangetic biodiversity. The session was concluded with a group photograph.

#### **VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH**

An awareness rally was conducted at the village Chhitupur Kashividhya Peeth, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. A total of 10 Ganga Praharis and 55 local people participated to impart awareness about the conservation and protection of Ganga Biodiversity and its pristine habitat.

#### **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

<b>“International day for Biological Diversity” celebration across Ganga River States (22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019)</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
10:00-10:05	Welcome	WII Team/ Spearhead team/ Ganga Praharis
10:05-10:30	About Workshop	
10:30-11:30	Conservation Awareness Programme:- Workshops, Wall Painting and Cleanliness Drive	
11:30-12:00	<i>Namami Gange</i> Anthem	

12:00-12:15	Prize & Certificate distribution	
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## PHOTO GALLERY



