



“WORLD TURTLE DAY” CELEBRATION ACROSS GANGA STATES ON 23RD MAY 2019

DETAILED REPORT

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun and National Mission for Clean Ganga under the project “Biodiversity and Ganga Conservation” organized a “Sensitization and Conservation awareness programme” on the occasion of World Turtle day on 23rd May 2019 across the Ganga states. The objective aims to impart awareness about the biodiversity conservation to different stakeholders and the purpose is to educate school children, teachers and local communities that they can do to protect the habitats of turtle and their habitats. The event spread awareness among the school children about the significance of biodiversity conservation in Ganga River especially on various species of Turtles and their significance to the environment.

WII TEAM AND GANGA PRAHARIS

The event was conducted by WII team Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Ms. Suneeta Rawat, Ms. Monika Mehralu, Mr. Rahil Khan, Mr. Keshav Kumar, Mr. Ratish Singh, Ms. Camellia Biswas, and *Ganga Praharis* from Uttarkashi, Varanasi and Narora.

DETAILS OF THE EVENT

UTTARKASHI, UTTARAKHAND

A sensitization and conservation awareness programme was organised on the occasion of World Turtle day on 23rd May 2019 at Government Girls Inter College, Uttarkashi. More than 200 middle school and high school students (class 6th to 11th), 3 teachers and 3 Ganga Praharis attended the programme. Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Training Coordinator and Project Scientist of

WII gave an overview of Ganga and its biodiversity, and the efforts being taken by the Wildlife Institute of India for its conservation. Various activities and quizzes were carried out for the students. Subsequently, an interactive session was held, where some common Gangetic species and a thorough description of turtles and tortoise was explained to the participants. The students were given mementoes, certificates and publications at the end of the event, in order to motivate and inspire the students towards sensitizing them about the Gangetic Biodiversity and its conservation significance.

VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

An awareness rally was organised with local communities and *Ganga Praharis* at the bank of Ganga River from Dhaka to Molnapur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to impart awareness for fisherman community about the entanglement of turtles in the net and safely release of the species in their habitat.

NARORA, UTTAR PRADESH

An awareness workshop was conducted at Nibari Khader village, Narora, Uttar Pradesh by the *Ganga Praharis* to impart awareness about conservation importance of Turtles of Ganga River. A total of 5 *Ganga Praharis* and 52 local people were present during the event.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

“World Turtle Day” celebration across Ganga River States (22nd May, 2019)		
Time	Activity	Resource Person
10:00-10:05	Welcome	WII Team, and <i>Ganga Praharis</i>
10:05-10:30	About the Workshop	
10:30-11:30	Conservation Awareness Programme:- Workshops, Awareness Rallies and competition of word scramble on Ganga Aqualife theme	
11:30-12:00	<i>Namami Gange</i> Anthem	
12:00-12:15	Prize & Certificate distribution	

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