



STATE LEVEL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR GANGA PRAHARIS ON “BIODIVERSITY MONITORING AND RESCUE AND REHABILITATION TECHNIQUES OF AQUATIC SPECIES OF GANGA RIVER” ON 22nd and 23rd JUNE, 2019 AT BHAGALPUR, BIHAR

DETAILED EVENT

A state level two days training workshop on ‘Biodiversity Monitoring and rescue and rehabilitation techniques of Aquatic Species of Ganga River’ was organized for the Ganga Praharis of Bihar on 22nd and 23rd June, 2019, at Aranya Bhawan, Sundarvan, Bhagalpur. The aim of the workshop was to develop the capacity of the Ganga Praharis about the biodiversity of Ganga River, their conservation, and trained them on rescue and rehabilitation techniques. Approximately 50 *Ganga Praharis* from Munger, Kahalgan, Naugachia, along with 10 students of T.M.B.U College, Bhagalpur participated in the workshop.

The workshop comprised of two technical sessions on biodiversity of Ganga aqualife and rescue & rehabilitation techniques of aquatic macrofauna and a field visit to the Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary. The technical session highlights the overview about the biological characteristics of Dolphins, Otters, Crocodilians, Turtles, and Birds, and also highlighted the principles of rescue & rehabilitation of aquatic fauna. Practical session comprised of demonstration of techniques for handling and restraint of aquatic macrofauna. A team building exercise was conducted to highlight the importance of coordination between Ganga Praharis, Forest Department and the community for better biodiversity conservation and Ganga rejuvenation process.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

23rd June, 2019	Technical session I: Ecological Monitoring	Resource persons
0830 - 0900	Registration	Ms. Monika Mehrau/ Ms. Camellia Biswas
0900 - 0925	Pre-Training Questionnaire	Mr. Ratish Singh and Mr. Keshav Kumar
0925 - 0945	Welcome address	Ms. Monika Mehralu
0945 - 1000	Project Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation: An overview	Dr. Sangeeta Angom
1000 - 1030	Tea	
1030 - 1100	Overview of river ecology and function: Case study: Ganga River	Dr. Niladri Dasgupta
1100 - 1130	Aquatic Mammals: Ecological importance, identification & monitoring	Mr. Goura Chandra Das
1130 - 1200	Waterbirds: Ecological importance, identification & monitoring	Dr. Niladri Dasgupta
1200 - 1230	Turtles and crocodiles: Ecological importance, identification & monitoring	Dr. Gowri Mallapur
1230 – 1300	Riparian and aquatic vegetation: Ecological importance and identification	Ms. Sayantika Banerjee/Ms. Monika Mehralu
1300 - 1330	Biological sample collection: role of first responder	Dr. Sangeeta Angom
1330 - 1430	Lunch	
	Technical session II: Participatory Management	
1430 - 1530	Community Participation in Biodiversity and Ganga Conservation	Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Ms. Monika Mehralu
1530 - 1630	Interactive session	Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Ms. Monika Mehralu & Ms. Camellia Biswas
1630 - 1700	Post Training Questionnaire and Conclusion	Mr. Ratish Singh and Mr. Keshav Kumar

PHOTO GALLERY



(A) Inaugural Session of the workshop



(B) Biodiversity Monitoring of aquatic species of Ganga River



(C) Interaction with Ganga Praharis about basic identification of Turtle species of Ganga



(D) Field visit at Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary, Bhagalpur

