



WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATION ACROSS GANGA STATES FROM 2ND TO 8TH OCTOBER 2017

DETAILED REPORT

At Janki Children Academy, Banjarawala, Uttarakhand

As part of the Wildlife week celebration during 2nd to 8th October, 2017, the training team organised various activities to mark the celebration of “Ganga River Dolphin Day” on the 5th of October, 2017 to spread awareness and significance of conservation of indicator species with the focussed on “National Aquatic animal” Gangetic Dolphin at Janki Children Academy, Banjarawala, Dehradun. The celebration was organised for 1500 students and several competitions were organised from classes 4th to 12th viz. poster making, hand painting, face painting, slogan writing, drawing etc. All the students took part with great enthusiasm and penned down their thoughts through these events. The students were given the theme “Biodiversity conservation and Ganga rejuvenation”.

Consecutively on 6th October 2017, sensitisation workshops for 100 students of 11th and 12th classes were organised. During the workshop, the WII-NMCG Project objectives and goals were briefed. Experts and researchers highlighted the importance of the Ganga River basin and sensitised the students on direct and indirect benefits derived from the Ganga River. They also emphasized on the role of young generation in the conservation of the biodiversity by contributing at an individual level. The aquatic biodiversity of the Ganga River was described profoundly during the workshop. The workshop concluded with feedback by the students and teachers followed by prize distribution to the winners of various events.

5 th October, 2017		
0900 -0930	Welcome Address	Dr. Sangeeta Angom
0930-1100	Introduction to the NMCG-WII project “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation”	Dr. Deepika Dogra
1100 -1140	Key biodiversity of Ganga	Dr. Sangeeta Angom

1140 - 1230	Refreshment	
<i>6th, October, 2017</i>		
1000 - 1200	Activities I. Poster making, II. Hand painting, III. Face painting, IV. Slogan writing V. Drawing competition	Ms. Monika Sharma
1200 - 1230	Training Impact Assessment/ Feedback	Ms. Monika Sharma and Ms. Shatakshi Sharma
1230 - 1300	Distribution of Certificates	Dr. Sangeeta Angom
1300 - 1330	Concluding remarks, future actions, and vote of thanks	Dr. Sangeeta Angom

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Drawing competition (Classes: 4th to 6th)



Poster making (Classes: 7th to 8th)



Hand Painting (Classes: 8th to 12th)



Face Painting (Classes: 8th to 12th)



Slogan Writing Competition (Classes: 9th to 12th)



One day sensitisation workshop (Classes: 11th & 12th)

AT INTER-COLLEGE, NARORA, BULANDSHAHR, UTTAR PRADESH

On 3rd October 2017, during the Wildlife Week the NMCG-WII team organized drawing and quiz competition for students from class 6th-9th and 10th- 12th at Irrigation Inter-College, Narora, Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh. About 40 students and 6 teachers participated in the events. The school students were briefed about the significance of celebrating Wildlife Week, importance of wildlife in maintaining the ecological balance. The students were also introduced to the NMCG-WII project “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation”.

A presentation was delivered on the importance of the Ganga River, its course, role of aqualife in maintaining a healthy ecosystem, threats to the Ganga River and role of youth in conserving the River. After the presentation, drawing and quiz competitions were conducted for the participants. The topic for drawing competition was ‘Ganga Aqualife and Conservation Issues’. Quiz competition consisted of general questions on environment and wildlife, origin of Ganga River, its course and aqualife. Students actively participated, interacted with the team and came up with questions and innovative ideas to conserve the Ganga River. The competitions were concluded with prize distribution ceremony, vote of thanks to teachers and students and

refreshments. The WII-NMCG team members consisted of Dr. Deepika Dogra, Ms. Aditi Dev, Ms. Ekta Sharma, Ms. Monika Mehralu, Ms. Sunita Rawat and Mrs. Shashi Joshi.



At Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna, Bihar

On the occasion of “Ganga River Dolphin Day” and “Wildlife Week”, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun conducted a sensitization workshop for the students of Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar at Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna, Bihar. The team comprised of two scientists (Dr. Gopi GV, Scientist – E; Dr. Gautam Talukdar, Scientist – E) and two researchers (Mr. Goura Chandra Das, Research Associate; Ms. Amanat Kaur Gill, Project Fellow) from the WII. The workshop was attended by 31 students from the ‘School of Ecology and Environment’, Nalanda University chaperoned by Assistant Professor, Mr. Bharath Sundaram, and two Foresters. The attendees were formally welcomed by Mr. Kamaljeet Singh, Director, Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, followed by a brief introduction on WII by Dr. Gautam Talukdar. A presentation was given by Mr. Goura Chandra Das (WII) on the NMCG-WII project entitled “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation” to sensitize the students about the Ganga River and its biodiversity and to inform them about the relevance, scope, objective and activities undertaken in the aforementioned project. The salient features of the project were explained in detail by Dr. Gopi. G.V., with emphasis on the ecological and conservation significance of Ganga River. This was followed by an interactive question and answer session with the students wherein the students were encouraged to ask questions pertaining to the conservation of Ganga’s biodiversity — conservation significance issues and potential solutions. Questions were raised about the role of different stakeholders, tackling heavy metal pollution, developmental and anthropogenic concerns, and methodology for monitoring the species of concern. Lack of awareness among the people working for the conservation of the Ganga, such as religious leaders, was an interesting avenue of discussion that came up during the workshop.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

<i>5th October, 2017</i>		
0900 -0930	Welcome Address	Dr. Gopi G.V.

0930-1100	Introduction to the NMCG-WII project "Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation"	Mr. Goura Chandra Das
1100 -1200	Ecology and conservation significance of Ganga River	Dr. Gopi G.V.
1200 - 1230	Group discussion	
1200 - 1230	Training Impact Assessment/ Feedback	Ms. Amanat Kaur Gill
1230 - 1300	Distribution of Certificates	Dr. Sangeeta Angom
1300 - 1330	Concluding remarks, future actions, and vote of thanks	Dr. Gautam talukdar

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