



“WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY” CELEBRATION ACROSS FIVE GANGA STATES ON 5TH JUNE, 2018

Venue: Ganga states: Chilla and Devprayag (Uttarakhand); Varanasi, Farrukabad, Kannauj, Allahabad, Kanpur and Narora, (Uttar Pradesh); Kahalgaon (Bihar); Sahibganj, (Jharkhand); Burdwan (West Bengal)

DETAILED REPORT

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with State Project Management Group (SPMG), Forest Departments of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand celebrated the “World Environment Day” on 5th June, 2018 across five Ganga states viz. Chilla and Devprayag (Uttarakhand); Varanasi, Farrukabad, Kannauj, Allahabad, Kanpur and Narora, (Uttar Pradesh); Kahalgaon (Bihar); Sahibganj, (Jharkhand); Burdwan (West Bengal) under the project “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation”. The theme of the event was “*Beat the plastic pollution*”.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

“World Environment Day” celebration across Five Ganga states on 5th June, 2018		
TIME	EVENT	RESOURCE PERSON
0930 -1000	Welcome Address	WII, Scientist
1000-1030	Introduction to the NMCG-WII project “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation”	WII Team
1030 -1100	Beat Plastic Pollution	WII Team and <i>Ganga Praharis</i>
1100 - 1230	Awareness Activities: Cleanliness drive/Plantation drive/Painting & Drawing competition	WII Team

1230 - 1240	Vote of Thanks	
1240 - 1300	Refreshment	

Uttarakhand

- (i) At Chilla, the event was attended by 228 participants from various stakeholder groups viz., Forest department, Uttarakhand, GMVN staff and officials, Eco-development community members, Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited officials, Rajaji National Park, Safari drivers, Tourist guides, Local shopkeepers, Farmers from nearby villages, School students, School teachers, *Ganga Praharis* and Media personnel. The event commenced with an introductory remark from Dr. Ruchi Badola, Scientist-G, WII and a talk on how to reuse and recycle the plastic and its effects on biodiversity, rivers and on the humans. After that, Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Project Scientist & Training Coordinator (Training-NMCG-WII Project) made the participants take a pledge to unite and fight against plastic pollution in order to decrease the pressure on the environment and also to help rejuvenate the Ganga River. Subsequently Dr. S.A. Hussain, WII, talked about the important aquatic species of the Ganga River, and their importance for the restoration and rejuvenation of the river. He outlined the major threats the species are facing, with plastic being one of the major pollutants and conservation methods to reduce the same. Dr. Bivash Pandav, Scientist-F, WII, gave an introduction about the Rajaji National Park, its rich biodiversity and the threats the species are facing. Dr. Sangeeta Angom, presented on the theme of the day i.e., “Beat Plastic Pollution” and highlighted the drastic impact of plastic waste on earth. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sangeeta, she urged the participants to make changes in our everyday lives and reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on wildlife, natural resources and human health.



Figures (i) Workshop and pledge to “beat the plastic pollution” (ii) Interaction with participants

- (iii) At Devprayag, the event was attended by 89 participants from various stakeholder groups viz., Forest department, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, River Front Development, local politicians, local shopkeepers, journalists, social activists, women from Godavari Silai Kendra, and students from Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and other educational institutions. The program commenced with a welcome address and a brief introduction about the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation” project under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), by Ms. Monika Sharma, Project fellow, WII. Afterwards Arvind Jiyal, *Ganga Prahari* from Uttarakhand gave a brief introduction about their work progress at Devprayag. Subsequently Ms. Monika Mehralu, Assistant training coordinator, WII, talked about the importance of local communities and various stakeholders towards restoration and rejuvenation of the Ganga River. Afterward Shri Jaipal Pawar, Block Pramukh, Devprayag; Ms. Hemlata Khanduri, Eco development Officer, WII; Shri D.P. Balooni, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), Uttarakhand Forest Department and Dr. Prabhakar Joshi from *Amar Ujjala Hindustan* highlighted how plastic products have become an integral part of our daily lives, the huge amount of non-biodegradable sewage it is producing, which in turn is thrown into the Ganga River and causing detrimental effects on humans, environment, aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity. Several mitigation measures were also recommended to beat plastic pollution viz., carrying own cloth bag made by the local women for shopping, reducing single use plastic during wedding ceremonies and other social events, refuse the use of plastic and lessen its demand to decrease its supply; ban on all plastic manufacturing factories and changes in lifestyle to reduce everyday dependency on plastic. The gathering agreed to act on WII’s initiative to make Devprayag a plastic free zone. The program concluded with an interactive session with the participants and a group photograph.



Figures (i) Registration of participants (ii) Different target groups

Uttar Pradesh

- (i) In Uttar Pradesh, activities were organized at different sites viz. Varanasi, Farrukabad, Kannauj, Allahabad, Kanpur and Narora, Bulandshahr. At Anupshahr, Bulandshahr, a workshop was organized at Durga Prasad Baljeet Singh Post Graduate college, the inaugural function was commenced with the presence of Dr. U.K Jha , Principal, D.P.B.S.P.G, College, teaching staff, technical staff etc. A total of 150 Post Graduate and under Graduate student were present during the event. The activities include presentations on the theme “Beat plastic pollution” and a plantation drive at the banks of Ganga. The celebration was concluded with certificate distribution to the participants. During this event, Mrs. Shashi Joshi and Rahil Khan were present from WII.



Figure: (i) Plantation by participants (ii) Certificate distribution

- (i) At Allahabad, a sensitization programme was organized at Jal Nigam Training Centre at Sangam Ghat. A total of 25 participants consisting of trained cadre created by WII under the project known as *Ganga Praharis*, which involves motivated local youth, Water Wing in-charge of Rapid Action Force (RAF) Shri Ramakant, Chairman of Navik Sangh Shri Pappu Lal Nishad, members of Navik Sangh, officers of RAF, post-graduate students of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, local people from villages located on the banks of Ganga River, religious leaders and frontline staff of Jal Nigam Uttar Pradesh were present during the workshop. Dr. Pariva Dobriyal, explained the WII and its mandate and presented about the objectives and approach of the project “Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation”. She highlighted the impact of plastic pollution on environment, health, wetland and aquatic wildlife. She pledged people to join the initiative and become *Ganga Prahari* and take active part in the goal of Ganga conservation. Mr. Kumar Ankit, who is working in the Allahabad region on aquatic bird Indian Skimmer, presented his work and results. He explained the factors affecting the survival of the species in the area. Shri Ramakant talked about development of coordination among various stakeholders. He said WII can be agent to bring stakeholders

together for Ganga conservation. Shri Pappu Lal Nishad proposed that such sensitization workshop should be conducted with boatman and fisherman communities as they are the primary stakeholders for the river and are completely dependent on it and understand the river system. Dr. Pariva presented the vote of thanks.



Figure: (i) Presentation session (ii) Group photo with participants

- (ii) In Farrukabad, awareness programme was organized at four different sites viz. Khanpur, Block Badhpur and Sringerampur, Block Kamalganj. Gram Pradhan, VDO, Soil and water village committee member and village pradhan participated in the workshop. During the workshop, Dr. Rajeev Chauhan explained about the NMCG-WII project and its objectives. He highlighted the impact of plastic pollution and discussed the mitigation measure to reduce the plastic. He also motivated the participants to plant more trees on the river bank, organized cleanliness drive and conservation of aquatic species. At village Kamalganj Farrukabad, a cleanliness and plantation drive was organized by the *Ganga Praharis* and Volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra at Block Campus. Total 52 participants attended the programme. During the programme, the participants were informed about the plastic pollution and importance of plantation. In Kannauj, activities were organized at two different sites. At village Faraharan, Block Ghughrapur awareness programme was organized at school campus. Mr. Sanjeev Chauhan explained the impact of plastic pollution and discussed the mitigation measure to reduce the plastic. He also motivated the participants to plant more trees on the river bank, organized cleanliness drive and conservation of aquatic species. Target groups were local community. Total 76 participants attended the workshop. At village Mitrasenpur, Kannauj awareness programme was organized by village Pradhan Mr. Pushpendra Singh. Total 23 participants attended the programme. During this programme the Pradhan discussed the impact of plastic pollution and discuss measures to reduce plastic pollution in their village. At Kanpur zoo, awareness programme and plantation drive was organized. Zoo Staff, teachers, Students & Visitors total 106 attended the workshop. Students of BND College performed street play on hazards of plastic wastes on

Gangariver, Competition organized on beat plastic pollution, encouraged best three. Motivational display by two kids on use of cloth bags beside polythene bags and a lecture given by Professors and naturalists.





- (iii) A grand celebration of World Environment Day took place near the bank of River Ganga in Dhanka, Varanasi. A total of 143 participants participated in the programme. A motivated cadre of people comprising all age groups was actively involved in a cleanliness campaign followed by a pledge to replace single use plastic bags with reusable cloth bags stitched at home. The Campaign was successfully led by the Ganga Praharis. A training centre to provide alternative livelihood skills was also inaugurated in the village with Women Ganga Praharis in the first batch to learn sewing. The First batch would additionally be responsible to stitch reusable cloth bags and encourage their use in village. A brief plantation programme of different plant samplings under the auspices of the Gram Pradhan, Shri Satyanarayan Nishad and the head priest within the premises of the village temple marked the end of the event. The women volunteered adopt these samplings and look after them regularly.





Bihar

- (i) In Kahalgaon on 3rd June 2018, cleanliness drive was organized by the Ganga Prahari at the Kahalgaon Ghat. An Awareness rally was also organized by Ganga Prahari on 5th June at Kahalgaon to reduce the use of plastic. At Bhagalpur, on the occasion of World Environment an awareness programme was organized. A total 55 plants of different species were planted by Ganga Praharis, Dr. Sunil Aggarwal and Mr. Arvind Mishra member of Mandar Nature Club also attended the programme.



Jharkhand

- (i) At Sahibganj, on the occasion of World Environment an awareness programme was organized at Shakuntala Sahay Ghat and Sahibganj College. A total of 90 participants attended the workshop. During this event participants were given talks on how to reduce plastic pollution and use of plastic. A brief plantation programme was conducted during the event.



West Bengal

- (i) At Burdwan, West Bengal, the World Environment Day 2018 was celebrated in the Panuhat Rajmahishi Devi High School of Burdwan. A total of 61 students and 10 Ganga Praharis participated in this awareness program. The participants were highlighted the impacts of plastic pollution in the rivers and threats to the wildlife and its habitat. During the programmes, a drawing competition was organised on the topic 'Beat Plastic Pollution' and 'Biodiversity of Ganga'. Then the participants were taken near the bank of Ganga for a tree plantation program. Total 9 saplings were planted at different sites. After this session Mr. Ganesh Chowdhury shared his experience as Ganga Praharis to the participants and also inspired them so that they can come forward and dedicate themselves for the protection of Ganga and its Biodiversity.



Figure: Celebration of World Environment Day

Media coverage

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विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस पर भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान की ओर से नियुक्त गंगा प्रहरियों के द्वारा शकुंतला सहाय घाट पर पौधारोपण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। इसके अलावा साहिबगंज महाविद्यालय छात्रावास परिसर में भी इस कार्यक्रम का संचालन मयंक ओझा ने किया। इस दौरान छात्रों ने कॉलेज परिसर में पौधे लगाये। मलाह समुदाय को यह जानकारी दी गई कि वे प्लास्टिक वाले मच्छरदानी वाले जाल का उपयोग न करें। प्लास्टिक या उससे जुड़ी वस्तुओं के उपयोग के बाद खुले में न फेंके। खासकर नदी वाले क्षेत्र में। इससे गंगा के जो जलीय जीव हैं उनको खतरा होगा। उन्हें वृक्षों के



पौधारोपण करते छात्र.

महत्व व नदी के जलीय जीव के महत्व के बारे में जानकारी दी गयी। इस कार्यक्रम में मणिकांत रजक, अखिलेश तिवारी, रामपुकार तिवारी, विशाल, संजय, पप्पू, अजीत पांडेय, राज यादव सहित दर्जनों गंगा प्रहरी व स्थानीय समुदाय के लोग थे।

हुआ वृक्षारोपण

साहिबगंज। विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस पर मंगलवार को भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान के तत्वावधान में नियुक्त गंगा प्रहरियों के द्वारा शहर के शकुंतला सहाय घाट पर वृक्षारोपण किया गया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन मयंक ओझा ने किया। वहां उपस्थित मछुआरे को मच्छरदानी वाले जाल का उपयोग गंगा में मछली मारने के लिए नहीं करने की अपील की। मौके पर मणिकांत रजक, अखिलेश तिवारी, रामपुकार तिवारी, विशाल, संजय पप्पू, अजीत पांडेय, राज यादव आदि थे।

Media coverage from Sahibganj, Jharkhand





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मोडिया प्रभारी तन्मू गुप्ता, संदीप, मिलन लो, सौरभ रहे। उधर, वाष्णय, वीरेंद्र कुमार, जितिन साहनी, पर चौधरी केवा गया ने बताव जीवन क से हरा भर ले के लिए ने पर जो

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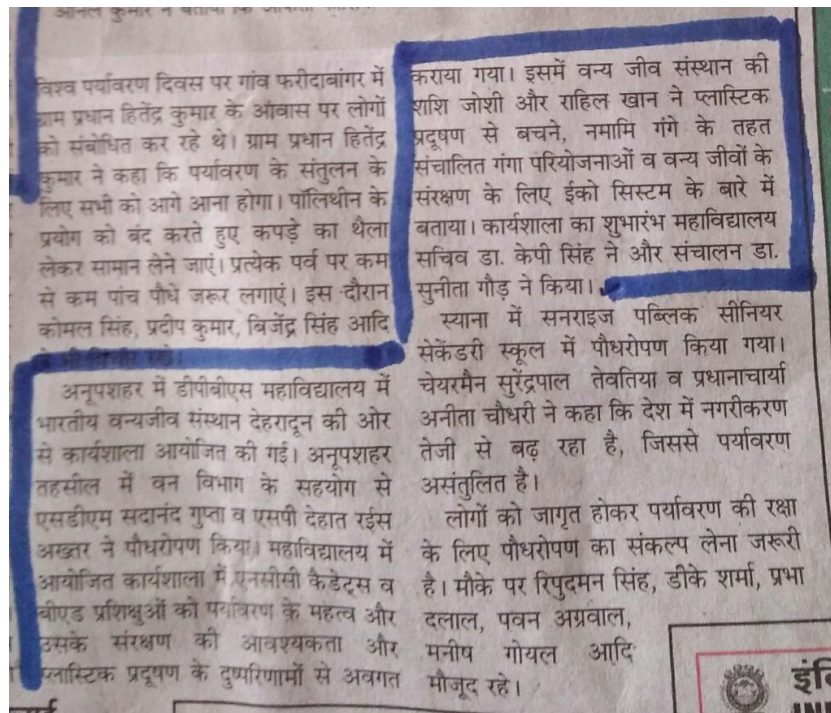
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ग्रास, बुलंदशहर : दिल्ली रोड स्थित आइपी का शिक्षकों और छात्र-छात्राओं ने अपने-अपने विचार दीपन मिश्रा ने कहा कि लोगों को पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा पर्यावरण को हरा भरा बनाने के लिए अधिक से अधिक प्रशिक्षण और पर्यावरण सुरक्षा से संबंधित क लोगों को प्रेरित किया। इस दौरान कालेज परिसर में

संरक्षण करने से पर्यावरण में काफी सुधार होगा। ममता रानी ने कविता प्रस्तुत कर मानव जाति के लिए जीवों के संरक्षण पर कविता का पाठ किया। कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ महाविद्यालय के सचिव डा. केपी सिंह ने किया। कालेज के प्राचार्य डा. यूके झा ने पर्यावरण संरक्षण को लेकर युवा वर्ग से विशेष प्रयास करने का आहवान किया। मौके पर डा. यजवेंद्र कुमार, डा. केसी गौड़, विजय कुमार शर्मा आदि उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डा. सुनीता गौड़ ने किया।

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Media coverage from Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh

