

**REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD WETLANDS
DAY BY PUNJAB STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY, CHANDIGARH, INDIA.
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World Wetlands Day, 2007 was celebrated in the Punjab region of India by several NGOs and schools in collaboration with **Punjab State Council for Science & Technology**, MGSIPA Complex, Near Sacred Heart School, Sector 26, Chandigarh. Rallies, lectures, competitions, field visits, etc were carried out to mark the occasion with much fervor.

Punjab State Council for Science & Technology held a meeting regarding celebration of World Wetlands Day on 2nd February, 07 at Common Wealth Youth Auditorium, Sector 12, Chandigarh. Teachers from Punjab, Chandigarh and about 100 NGOs attended the meeting. Presentations were made to apprise them of the importance of wetlands so that they could work towards protecting the wetlands and biodiversity in their local communities. Schools were motivated to organize educational tours to wetlands and take up activities such as exhibitions, lectures, competitions and cultural programmes to celebrate World Wetlands Day, 07 with the theme '**Wetlands and Fisheries**' and slogan '**Fish for tomorrow**'.

A visit was made by Dr. S.K. Saxena, Senior Scientific Officer and Vivek Sharma, Project Associate, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology (nodal agency for the conservation and management of wetlands in the state of Punjab, India) to vill. Garhbagga, Distt. Ropar, Punjab to participate in a function carried out with the help of NGO ASRA (Association for Social and Rural Advancement) in Govt. High School, Garhbagga.



Students of High School attending the function and listening carefully to the lectures of experts.

Officials from Department of Forests & Wildlife also attended the function. Lectures on wetlands stressing threats, conservation measures and biodiversity was given by Vivek Sharma. Dr. Saxena displayed and explained poster and other resource material received from RAMSAR. He asked simple questions relating to wetlands from students and gave away prizes to the winners in the form of educational material developed by council. The function ended with vote of thanks by the school principal.



Dr. S.K. Saxena giving away prizes to winners of on the spot quiz competition while Vivek Sharma looks on.

Wetlands Day celebrated

CHANDIGARH: In collaboration with NGO ASRA, Punjab State Council and Technology celebrated the World Wetlands Day at Government High School in Garhbagga on Monday. This day is celebrated to propagate message of "conservation of wetlands at global level." About 100 students and teachers participated in the programme.

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