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Press Note

Chandigarh leads the world in wetlands conservation campaign As usual the Environment Society of India today organised the world Wetlands day celebrations near the regulator end of Sukhna lake Chandigarh. Addressing press correspondents and photographers ESP President S K Sharma said that he has been organizing the wetlands day celebration since 1981 whereas the International Ramsar convention on wetlands started the world wetlands day in 1997. Thus Chandigarh leads the world in wetlands conservation campaign.

About 110 students both boys and girls of Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School, Sector 46 and 35 with their teachers led by Mr. Om Parkash Master Trainers assembled near the Regulator End of the Lake to “Say Hello to the Birdies”. Dr. Satnam Singh, Jt. Director, Environment of the Department of Punjab State Council for Science and Technology who was the Chief Guest of the function in his address said that water and vegetation are essential for the conservation of the Wetlands. He said that the children should propagate the wetlands values to all the peoples around their schools and homes.

Today a survey was carried out in which the group consisting of Dr. Satnam Singh Lddhar, joint director environment Punjab state council for science and technology, Mr. R S Baidwan ex divisional forest officer wildlife Haryana and Prof. M L Sareen ex chairman department of zoology Punjab university counted on 2500 birds far less than the bird count on 2 feb. 2008. For the first time majority of the birds at this lake were Pintails.

Painting competition with slogans was organised. The following is the results:

- (1) Manu Sood and Chander Parkash – I
- (2) Prabhjot Kaur and Krishma – II
- (3) Nav Kiran Kaur and Nisha – III

A Shramdan campaign was organised and led by Mr. Om Parkash in which students and teachers removed the garbage, samgri, Pots and cloth from the bank of the lake.

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