

## **World Wetland Day**

**“Upstream, Downstream : Wetlands connect us all”**

**February 2, 2009**

**Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary  
Uttar Pradesh, India**

Nawabganj wildlife Sanctuary is one of the finest Bird Sanctuary and an Important Bird Area (IBA) of the country, It is located in the heart of Uttar Pradesh. Total area of this sanctuary is 225 Ha. Out of which 85 ha is a water body. The aim of this 25 year old sanctuary is to protect and conserve the wetland with special emphasis to the local and migratory avifauna. This wetland is included in the list of wetlands identified under Wetland Conservation Programme by the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India.

World Wetland Day was celebrated on February 2, 2009 by state unit of Indian Bird Conservation Network at Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary. More than 100 students from two local schools actively participated in the event. They were taught, entertained and rewarded through Audio-visual, In-house lecture and interaction, Nature trails and Essay/Short Story competition. Apart from students, teachers and other staff of the school felt very happy with the event and urged that this type of programme should be conducted at regular intervals to keep them aware and active towards conservational values of our ecosystem. Prizes were distributed among the student after the competition. Dish TV, country's leading direct-to-home cable T.V. company financially supported the event, bearing the cost of souvenirs like caps and T-shirts.

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