

A Report on the Celebration of World Wetlands Day – 2018

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Wetland Ecosystems including Inland Wetland**

SACON ENVIS Activities across India

The SACON ENVIS RP celebrated World Wetlands Day 2018 in collaboration with Bharathiar University, Coimbatore and released a poster carrying the theme “*Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future* “. The poster was released by Dr. K. Sankar, Director, SACON and Dr. Vanitha, Registrar, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. The SACON ENVIS RP also released the poster independently and collaboratively with different organisations and institutions to reach out to the students as well as the common people. The list of institutions is given below.

The SACON ENVIS RP conducted an Essay Writing Competition to the students of Dept. of Zoology of Bharathiar University, Coimbatore titled “Impact of Plastics in Urban Wetlands” and distributed certificate and prizes to the winners. Dr. Goldin Quadros, ENVIS Coordinator gave a brief introduction about the ENVIS activities and the newly launched Green Skill Development Program (GSDP). The GSDP Brochures sent by the ENVIS Secretariat were also circulated to the students of Dept. of Zoology of Bharathiar University. Dr. Ram Pratap Singh, Scientist from SACON delivered a talk on “Impact of Plastics in Urban Wetlands”.

- ❖ Bharathidasan University, Trichy
- ❖ Amritha University, Coimbatore
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Forest Department
- ❖ Environmental Conservation Group (ECG)
- ❖ World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Coimbatore
- ❖ Maharashtra College, Mumbai
- ❖ Sophia college for Women, Mumbai
- ❖ MD College, Mumbai
- ❖ Vartak College, Thane
- ❖ B.N. Bandodkar College, Thane, Maharashtra

Maharashtra College, Mumbai

Sarus Nature Club of Maharashtra College, Mumbai in collaboration with SACON ENVIS RP celebrated “Wetlands Conservation Awareness Day” on February 3rd, 2018 as a part of World Wetlands Day which falls on February 2nd, 2018.

The Celebration included an Essay Writing competition on “Role of students in conserving Wetlands” and a talk on ‘Importance of wetlands’ by Dr. Jayashree Menon. The talk was followed by a question answer session.

The members of Sarus Nature Club actively participated in the events and also pledged to protect and conserve the wetlands in and around Mumbai.

B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane

B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane in collaboration with SACON ENVIS RP celebrated World Wetlands Day 2018 by organising a lecture on Mind Tracing by Prof. Sung Hwan Kim, Board Member of IMEI, Korea.

M.D. College, Mumbai

Nature Club of M.D. College, Mumbai in collaboration with SACON ENVIS RP celebrated World Wetlands Day 2018 with a presentation by Shri Makarand Joshi on bird diversity and the model of ecotourism developed by local villagers at “Ujani Bhigwan Wetland”.

Media Coverage



Dinamalar, February 09, 2018



The Hindu, February 03, 2018

World Wetlands Day 2018 Poster

What are **URBAN** Wetlands?

Wetlands are land areas that are flooded with water, either seasonally or permanently. Urban wetlands are found in and around cities or their suburbs. They include rivers and their flood plains, lakes and swamps as well as coastal variants such as salt marshes, mangroves and coral reefs.



Urban Wetlands: prized land, not wasteland



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As demand for land increases, the tendency is to encroach on wetlands

- ☞ Half of humanity about 4 billion people live in urban areas today. By 2050 that proportion will reach 66% as people move to cities.
- ☞ As cities expand and demand for land increases, the tendency is to encroach on wetlands, they are degraded, filled in and built upon.

Yet when left intact or restored, urban wetlands make cities liveable



To make cities sustainable into the future:
retain, restore and preserve urban wetlands

- ☞ Include wetlands in urban land use planning
- ☞ Preserve and restore urban wetlands
- ☞ Involve local residents in wetland management
- ☞ Reduce water consumption and harmful runoff



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Wetlands for a sustainable urban future



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