

Wetland Day celebrated by Tiger Trust

Wetlands are one of the most unique forms of ecosystem which has drawn attention of several conservationists because of their incomparable benefits. Due to the dependence of numerous resident and migratory species of fauna and various rare and widespread species of flora, the 2nd February was declared as "Wetland Day" to spend one single day for the conservation of the wetlands and its resources.

Tiger Trust in collaboration with Nature club of Rajasthan, celebrated Wetland Day 2014 at with students from Saith Harikishan Somani Adarsh Vidya Mandir School. In the event, approximately 200 students participated. The students were taken to Sambhar lake to teach them about various benefits of a wetland and various species of flora and fauna depending on it. Students were also given some bird watching tips by Ms. Purna Sharma, Project Coordinator Tiger Trust, Jaipur.

The Sambhar Salt Lake, India's largest inland salt lake. Sambhar has been designated as a Ramsar site (recognized wetland of international importance) because the Wetland is a key wintering area for tens of thousands of flamingos and other birds that migrate from Northern Asia.

After coming back from the bird watching experience, the students participated in an essay writing competition for which later they received various prizes. The students were also shown a presentation on Wetlands prepared by Ms. Zaara Kidwai, Project Coordinator Tiger Trust, New Delhi.

Finally, a rally was arranged for the schools kids with slogans and banners which was carried out in the area at a stretch of 1.5 Kms with the school kids for imparting awareness on wetland conservation.

