



TWO DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS ON BIODIVERSITY AND WATER CONSERVATION IN GANGA BASIN IN COLLABORATION WITH BAL GANGA DEGREE COLLEGE, SENDUL KEMAR, TEHRI GARHWAL

Dated: 2nd-3rd February, 2023

Under the Wildlife Institute of India - National Mission for Clean Ganga project 'Planning and management for aquatic species conservation and maintenance of ecosystem services in the Ganga River basin for a Clean Ganga', a two-day training workshop for college students on biodiversity and water conservation in Ganga Basin was conducted from 2nd to 3rd February 2023, in Bal Ganga Degree College, Sendul Kemar, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitizes about the importance of the biodiversity and water conservation in the Ganga Basin among college students and to educate them about various initiatives and projects that are being undertaken for the same.

WII-NMCG team: Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat, Project Associate; Ms. Neha Negi, Assistant Training Coordinator; Ms. Sana Seikh, Assistant Training Coordinator; Mr. Danish Kaleem, Project Assistant.

Participant Details: A total of 94 College students participated in the workshop. The participants were from Bal Ganga Degree College, Sendul Kemar, Tehri Garhwal.

Program Details:

Day-1: 2nd Feb,2023

The workshop started with the registration of participants on the 2nd of February 2023 at 1030 hours. After the registration, the participants were assessed through a pre-assessment questionnaire form. The welcome address was given by Dr. Reena Purohit, Assistant Professor, Bal Ganga Degree College, and an inaugural address by Dr. Bipin Chandra Uniyal, Principal, Bal Ganga Degree College, followed by vote of thanks and group photo.

The first day's session also included an overview of the WII-NMCG project by Ms. Sana Seikh, she described the project objectives and the initiatives taken to achieve those. The next session was initiated by Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat, where he had an interactive session on "Catch the Rain Campaign" in relation to the biodiversity conservation, he described about the different Rain water harvesting techniques and how the students and local community can help in recharging ground water at individual level. The day ended with a lecture on Namami Gange: A perspective by Prof. Sanjay Badoni and a wildlife Game.

Day-2: 3rd Feb,2023

On the second day of the workshop, the session began with some wildlife related games and thereafter the workshop started with an introduction to stable water isotopes in relation to water conservation in mountains by Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat. This was followed by a session on the biodiversity profile of the Ganga Basin by Ms. Neha Negi, where she focussed on the importance of biodiversity conservation and threats to the biodiversity of Ganga River Basin. The concept and objectives of Bal Ganga Prahari Programme was also explained by Mr. Danish Kaleem, where he introduced the students to their role in cleaning Ganga River and how they can be the guardian of the River.

The students also participated in a painting competition and the paintings were displayed and judged by the WII-NMCG team. The valedictory session was held and the prizes for the competition were distributed. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Reena Purohit.

Conclusion: The two-day training workshop on 'Biodiversity and Water Conservation' in the Ganga Basin was a successful event. The participants gained a comprehensive understanding of the importance of biodiversity and water conservation and various initiatives and projects being undertaken at the Basin level. The interactive sessions and games made the workshop engaging and memorable for the participants.

Programme Schedule

2nd Feb., 2023	Day 1: Session I	Resource persons
1030-1100	Registration of the participants	Ms. Sana Seikh and Mr. Danish Kaleem
1100-1130	Pre-training Assessment	Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat
1130-1150	Welcome address	Dr. Reena Purohit, Assistant Professor
	Inaugural Address	Dr. Bipin Chandra Uniyal, Principal, Bal Ganga Degree College, Sedul Kemar, Tehri Garhwal
1150-1255	Vote of Thanks and Group Photo	Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat
1155-1225	An overview of WII-NMCG Project: 'Planning and management for aquatic species conservation and maintenance of ecosystem services in the Ganga River basin'	Ms. Sana Seikh
1225-1300	"Catch the Rain Campaign" in relation to Biodiversity Conservation	Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat
1330-1430	LUNCH	
Session II		
1430-1530	Namami Gange: A Perspective	Prof. Sanjay Badoni

1530-1600	Wildlife Games	Ms. Sana Seikh, Mr. Danish Kaleem
3rd Feb.,2023	Day2: Session III	Resource Persons
0900-1000	Introduction to Stable Water Isotopes in relation to water conservation in mountains	Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat
1000-1100	Biodiversity of Ganga Basin	Ms. Neha Negi
1100-1200	Concept and Nature of Bal Ganga Prahari Programme	Mr.Danish Kaleem
1200-1230	Interaction with students/faculty	WII-NMCG Team
1230-1300	Valedictory Session	WII-NMCG Team
1300-1310	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Danish Kaleem

PHOTO GALLERY



Inauguration session



Group photograph



Project Overview by Ms. Sana Sheikh



Lecture by Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat



Wildlife Games



Distribution of Training Material



Presentation on Biodiversity of Ganga River by Ms. Neha Negi



WII-NMCG team examining the displayed painting for painting competition



Mr. Danish Kaleem explaining the concept of Bal Ganga Prahari Programme



Dr. Aakash Mohan Rawat addressing the Participants



Winners of Painting Competition



Prize Distribution