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A REPORT ON WORLD WETLAND DAY EVENT

World Wetland Day, celebrated annually on 2nd February, aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet. This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2nd February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar. Nearly 90% of the world's wetlands have been degraded since the 1700s, and we are losing wetlands three times faster than forests. Yet, wetlands are critically important ecosystems that contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability, world economies, and more. It is urgent that we raise national and global awareness about wetlands in order to reverse their rapid loss and encourage actions to conserve and restore them.

Wildlife enthusiasts, nature lovers, birdwatchers and over 1,000 students, of various schools from Anakapalli and Visakhapatnam districts, participated in a mega event organized by the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP) and ICFRE-CEC (Coastal Ecosystem Centre), Visakhapatnam, on the occasion of World Wetlands Day, at Kondakarla Ava wetland on 2nd February 2023. ICFRE-CEC arranged a stall on "The Mangroves of Visakhapatnam" to create awareness amongst the public and students. The stall displayed posters regarding the centre genesis, research and extension activities under taken by the centre. Display boards were exhibited on the Mangroves biodiversity, adaptations, importance, threats and conservative measures. Saplings of various true mangrove species grown in ICFRE-CEC nursery along with their herbarium sheets prepared at the centre were also displayed. Officials from the centre demonstrated the participants about the mangrove ecosystem, different mangrove species, their adaptations and need to conserve them.

FEW GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT

