



INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD

Report on the Wildlife Week Celebration

Theme: Wildlife Conservation Through Co-existence

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad is celebrated Wildlife Week 2024 from 2nd October 2024 to 8th October 2024. This week-long event was organized to raise awareness about wildlife conservation and to promote the importance of preserving our natural heritage.

Special Talk on October 3, 2024: As part of an exclusive program under the Wildlife Week celebrations, a talk was delivered at 4.00 PM by Smt. Bharati Patel, Scientist-C, on the theme “Wildlife Conservation through Co-existence” at the conference hall of the institute. During her talk, she discussed several important topics, including biodiversity loss and the living habits of different bird species, highlighting those that are endangered and the efforts needed for their conservation. She emphasized the critical need to protect bird habitats, which are often threatened by human activities such as deforestation, urbanization, and pollution. The talk was actively attended by the Director, Scientists, Officers, and Staff of the institute. The program was organized by Dr. Pankaj Singh, Dr. P. S. Srikanth, and team members of the Extension Division, ICFRE-IFB Hyderabad.

Half-Day Awareness Program: On October 7, 2024, a half-day awareness program from 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM titled as “Wildlife Conservation Through Co-existence” was conducted for office staff at the ICFRE-IFB campus. The program featured an introduction by Dr. P. S. Srikanth, an overview of the program by Dr. Pankaj Singh, and views on wildlife conservation by Shri E. Venkat Reddy, who emphasized the importance of wildlife conservation and the need for a balanced approach involving conservation, law enforcement, and community engagement. Dr. Ashok Kumar from WWF-India, Hyderabad, delivered a key presentation on the relationship between wildlife and Indian traditions, the Wildlife Protection Acts, and the challenges posed by illegal hunting and habitat encroachment. The session included interactive discussions on human-wildlife conflicts, community-led conservation initiatives, and the use of technology in wildlife monitoring. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. P. S. Srikanth, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and speakers.

Photography and Video Documentary Competition

These competitions were held from September 25 to October 5, 2024. Participants from different age groups and backgrounds showcased their creativity and passion for wildlife through stunning photographs and compelling video documentaries. The competitions received an overwhelming response, with 16 nominations submitted online by students, employees, and the public. After thorough evaluation, 6 nominations were found suitable for competition based on the theme and quality. The top 3 entries in both photography and videography categories were selected for prizes. The winners were recognized for their exceptional work in capturing the essence of wildlife and its conservation. Their entries highlighted the beauty and diversity of wildlife, as well as the challenges faced in preserving it.

Photography Competition Winners	Video Documentary Competition Winners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Prize: Adil Choudhary• 2nd Prize: Anoop Gopalan• 3rd Prize: Dinesh Kumar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Prize: Adil Choudhary• 2nd Prize: Konda Rajeshwar• 3rd Prize: E. Manikanta Reddy

Prize Distribution and Closing Ceremony

The Wildlife Week celebrations concluded with a prize distribution and closing ceremony on October 8, 2024. Winners of the photography and video documentary competitions were awarded for their contributions. The ceremony highlighted the importance of wildlife conservation and encouraged ongoing efforts to protect our natural environment.

Organizing Committee

- Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director
- Dr. S. Pattanaik, Sc-G & GCR
- Dr. Deepa M., Sc-E & Head FE&CC
- Dr. Pankaj Singh, Sc-D & Head Extension (I/C)
- Dr. P. S. Srikanth, Sc-B & Program Coordinator
- Dr. Suraj, Sc-B & Program Coordinator

Photography & Video Documentary Competition Evaluation Committee

- Dr. P. S. Srikanth, Sc-B & Program Coordinator
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- Mrs. Aryama Mishra, Scientist-B

The entire program was coordinated by the Extension Division Team of ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad.

Glimpses of the Program









