NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

"Wetland Biodiversity and Its Conservation"

Date: 2nd and 3rd February 2024.

New Education Society's Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja has organized a two days National Conference on "Wetland Biodiversity and Its Conservation" in collaboration with Mangrove Society of India, Goa, Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation of Maharashtra, Sky N Earth, Division Forest Department (T), Chiplun, Ratnagiri, Shree Chemicals, Ratnagiri. The conference were been held on 2nd and 3rd February 2024.

The conference has been inaugurated on 2nd February 2024 in the presence of Hon. Mr. Kiran Thakur. RFO, Mangrove Cell, Ratnagiri as a chief guest, Hon. Mr. Jayvant Shetye, Chairman, New Education Society, Lanja were the president of the inaugural function. Hon. Mr. Shriram S. Vanjare, CEO, New Education Society, Lanja, Hon. Mr. Mohammad Rakhangi, Director, New Education Society, Lanja, Hon. Dr. Kishor V. Sukhtankar, Director, Sub-Centre University of Mumbai, Ratnagiri, Hon. Adv. Sandhya Sukhtankar, Ratnagiri, Dr. Niranjana Chavan, Shivaji University, Dr. K.R. Chavan, Vice Principal, Dr. Rajendra A. Shevde, Organizing Secretary, Hon. Dr. A. S. Kulkarni, Principal of Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja were present on the dais.

Introductory speech has been delivered by Dr. Arvind S. Kulkarni, Principal and Chairman of the organizing committee of National Conference. Abstract volume has been published by the auspicious hands of Mr. Kiran Thakur, Dr. Kishor Sukhtankar, Mr. Jayvant Shetye, Mr. Shriram Vanjare, Mr. Mohammad Rakhangi, Dr. A. S. Kulkarni, Dr. K. R. Chavan.

Dr. Kishore V. Sukhtankar delivered an inaugural speech. In his speech she elucidated about Wetland, Wetland biodiversity, need of organization of such National Conferences. He wished the Grand Success to the National Conference.

Mr. Mohammad Rakhangi delivered their speech on the occasion of inauguration function and wished the organizing committee success for conducting the conference with enthusiasm. Presidential address has been delivered by Mr. Jayvant Shetye and he wished all great success to the conference. The inaugural function has been concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Rajendra A. Shevde. The entire anchoring has been done by Dr. Vikrant B. Berde.

Total 150 numbers of participants have been registered including Students, Research Scholars and Teachers.

On first day of the conference, that is, on 2nd February 2024, in session I, total 2 plenary lectures have been conducted –

- Dr. Ketan Chaudhari, Professor & head, College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri delivered the first plenary lecture on the topic, "Sustainable Development of Wetlands".
- Dr. Niranjana Chavan, Ex. Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Shivaji University, Kolhapur has delivered plenary lecture on the topic "Mangrove Biodiversity and Eco-restoration".

In Session II, 2 plenary lectures have been conducted -

- Dr. Ganesh Margaj, Associate Professor, SPK College, Sawantwadi, Sindhudurg delivered plenary lecture on, "Study of Wetland Birds of Sindhudurg District".
- Adv. Sandhya Sukhtankar, Ratnagiri has delivered a plenary lecture on the topic " Legal Provision about CRZ in India"

At the same time, oral presentations competition has been held at the given venue.

Total 08 participants have presented their research work. Second session has been concluded with a tea break.

On 3rd February 2024, Session III conducted with following 3 plenary lectures -

- Dr. Swapnaja Mohite, Head & Professor, College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri delivered plenary lecture on, "Participatory Approach Towards the Conservation of Aquatic Biodiversity Along the Konkan Coast".
- Dr. Mangesh Jambhale, HOD, Zoology, SRM College, Kudal, Sindhudurg, delivered plenary lecture on, "Mangrove Diversity: Overall Ecology and Conservation".
- Dr. Prasad Karni, Vice Precedent, Enviro-Vigil, Thane, Mumbai delivered plenary lecture on, "Scientific Perspectives of Wetland Research for Students".

Session - III were concluded with tea break.

Valedictory function has been chaired by Hon. Mr. Kiran Thakur, RFO, Mangrove Cell, Ratnagiri and Hon. Dr. Arvind S. Kulkarni, Principal New Education Society's Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja, Dr. Kishor Sukhtankar, Director, Sub Centre, University of Mumbai, Adv. Sandhya Sukhtankar, Ratnagiri were present on the dais along with Dr. K.R. Chavan, Convener, Dr. R. A. Shevde Organizing Secretary and Dr. Vikrant B. Berde, Joint Organizing Secretary. The prize distribution of Oral presentation has been conducted. In all 4 prizes for oral presentations have been given. The details of the prizes are given below:

.i Presentation Competition Results:

Rank	Name of Participant	Name of College
First (1st)	Ms. Ayesha R. Karmali	Environment Science Program, School of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University, Goa
Second (2 nd)	Ms. Habiba Sayekar	DUB Senior Science College, Dapoli
Third (3 rd)	Ms. Shradha Naik	PES's RSN College of Arts and Science Farmagudi Ponda Goa
1st Consolation	Mr. Rushikesh R. Surve	NES Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja
2 nd Consolation	Ms. Bhagyashri K. Parab	SRm College, Kudal

Hon. Kiran Thakur, RFO, Mangrove Cell addressed the participants and present dignitaries about the successful organization of the conference and congratulated one and all. Dr. A. S. Kulkarni, in his speech presidential congratulated dignitaries and participants of the conference and passed on good wishes to organizing committee for future. The valedictory function has been concluded by giving vote of thanks by Dr. Rajendra A. Shevde. Anchoring of the valedictory function has been done by Dr. Vikrant B. Berde.

2 days National Conference on "Wetland Biodiversity & Its Conservation" has been concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants and collecting feedback forms for further improvement.





Registration



Plenary Lecture by Dr. Ketan Chaudhari



Plenary Lecture by Dr. Swapnja Mohite



Participants attending Conference



Display of Exhibition by Len Art, Ratnagiri



Plenary Lecture by Adv. Sandhya Sukhtankar



Valedictory Function

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