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पोर्ट ब्लेयर / Port Blair

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To

The Director,
Information & Publicity,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Observance of World Wetland Day on 02nd February 2018- request for publishing the news item for information of the General Public –reg.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a Press Note along with relevant photographs regarding observance of World Wetland Day 2018, organized by Forest Extension & Publicity Division, Port Blair with the active participation of Staff and students from neighbouring schools on 02nd February 2018.

It is requested to publish/ broadcast/telecast the news item in the forth coming issue of leading news papers/All India Radio/Doordarshan for wider coverage and awareness of the subject matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: A/a

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(Joju. P. Alappatt)

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Copy to:-

1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegram, Port Blair with the request to publish the enclosed News Item in your esteemed paper.
2. The Chief Editor, Dweep Samachar (Hindi) with the request to publish the enclosed News Item in your esteemed paper.
3. The Deputy Director, News section, All India Radio for information with the request to broadcast the contents of the News Item for wider publicity and information of general public.
4. The Director, Doordarshan Kendra, information with the request to telecast the contents of the News Item in the news bulletin, "Dweep Darpan" for wide publicity and information of general public.
5. The Chief Conservator of Forests (R&WP), Haddo for kind information please.

Dated the 02nd February 2018

Press Note

WORLD WETLANDS DAY OBSERVED

World Wetland Day, commemorating the adoption of International Convention on Wetlands was observed in a befitting manner by the Forest Extension & Publicity Division, Department of Environment & Forests, Port Blair with the active participation of students from neighbouring schools on 02nd February 2018. The Day marks the date of the adoption of Convention on Wetlands of international importance especially as Waterfowl habitats held on 2nd February 1971, in Ramsar, Iran.

‘Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future’ was the theme for World Wetlands Day celebrations this year. As part of observance of the day, an awareness programme was arranged in the vicinity of wetlands at Sippighat, South Andaman. About 40 students accompanied by teachers from Govt. Sr. Sec. School Bathubasti, Govt. Sr. Sec. School Garacharma and Govt. Sec. School Dairy Farm, Port Blair were taken on a study tour to the wetland areas of Sippighat for creating greater awareness and wide publicity on wetland conservation. During the programme, the students were explained about the importance of wetlands followed by bird watching under the guidance of Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Scientist-D, Officer-Incharge, Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair. The students identified about 15 wetland birds and migratory birds in the area under his guidance using long range telescopes and other equipments. The students also visited nearby mangrove habitats and identified many mangrove species.

Earlier, the students were briefed on the importance of wetlands by Shri. Joju. P. Alappatt, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Extension & Publicity Division. During his speech on the importance of wetlands, he highlighted the role of wetlands including mangroves and its biodiversity values and asked the students to come forward in protecting and conserving wetlands and its biodiversity. He elaborated the importance of mangroves of the islands and appealed the student community to extend their full support to the Forest Department in conserving this unique habitats. The Range Officer, Forest Extension & Publicity Division, Port Blair, Shri S K Roy along with other staff of the Division guided the students during the entire programme.

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