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INTRODUCTION

Rivers have always acknowledged for their crucial contributions to humankind. Several native societies have been celebrating river and dedicating festivals to them such as the Willamette River Festival in Eugene, Delaware River Festival in Atlantic coast of the United States or the White River Festival in Indianapolis to name few. The annual "Water Splashing Festival" is celebrated by the Dai ethnic minority during the New Year celebrations according to the Dai Calendar in Southeast Asian nations such as Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and China. The water of the rivers is believed to cleanse the body and soul and the community also seeks blessings from the rivers (Wan and Tang, 2017).

In India, River festival has been an integral part of the traditions in every part of the country. "Pushkaram, celebrated once in 12 years, is a festival dedicated to worshipping rivers in the southern part of the country (Alahari, 2020). Siang River Festival is celebrated in different parts of Arunachal Pradesh in the month of December every year. Earlier this festival was celebrated by the name of Brahmaputra Darshan festival in Tezu (Roy, 2018).

Vulnerable river ecosystems support an array of aquatic flora & fauna including some of the threatened species of conservation concern along with sustaining human wellbeing. This scenario is grave for some of the densely populated river basins supporting large groups of economically & socially backward communities. Thus, a holistic approach is necessary to ensure that our rivers systems are protected with the joint efforts of all stakeholders without compromising the livelihood and development need of dependent populations. Calling upon this matter of great concern, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi; urged the country during his address in Radio talk series "*Mann ki Baat*" on the occasion of World River Day (26th August 2021) to come together and celebrate our rivers. In his words - "*To all people living near every river; to countrymen, I will urge that in India in all corners at least once in a year, a river festival must be celebrated*".

To commemorate the 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

and celebrate our lifelines-our Rivers, a campaign for their protection and conservation; a river festival or "NADI UTSAV" was celebrated across the country. River festival was launched by the Hon'ble Jal Shakti Minister, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat; during the Flag-In Ceremony of the Ganga Mashaal Yatra on 16th December, 2021 in New Delhi.

The Nadi Utsav celebrations were held from 17th - 23rd December, 2021, by the joint efforts of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism with the ground support of various central and state level agencies & departments, district administrations, students from schools & colleges, volunteer organizations and volunteer groups such as Ganga Praharis, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ganga Vihar Manch, National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps, etc. More than 40 different types of activities were conducted under the four chosen themes of Cleanliness, Patriotism, Nature and Ecology, Devotion and Spirituality.

As a knowledge partner institute to National River Conservation Directorate, Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) organized various awareness and sensitization activities as a part of Nadi Utsav 2021 celebration. The activities were mainly focused on river and wetland conservation and cleanliness selected river basins to highlight and appreciate the people-river connect. Involvement and participation of key stakeholders such as district administrations, state forest departments, research institutes, teachers and students of schools and universities, members of self-help groups, local NGOs and civil societies was ensured.

A total of 171 activities were conducted in 18 districts of seven states in seven river basins including Brahmaputra, Barak, Narmada, Mahanadi, Godavari, Cauvery and Periyar. More than 5,000 people were directly approached and sensitized and educated through above-mentioned activities, however, through various print and digital media platforms such as television, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and newspapers, we were able to reach to more than 5 lakh people and aware them on river conservation.



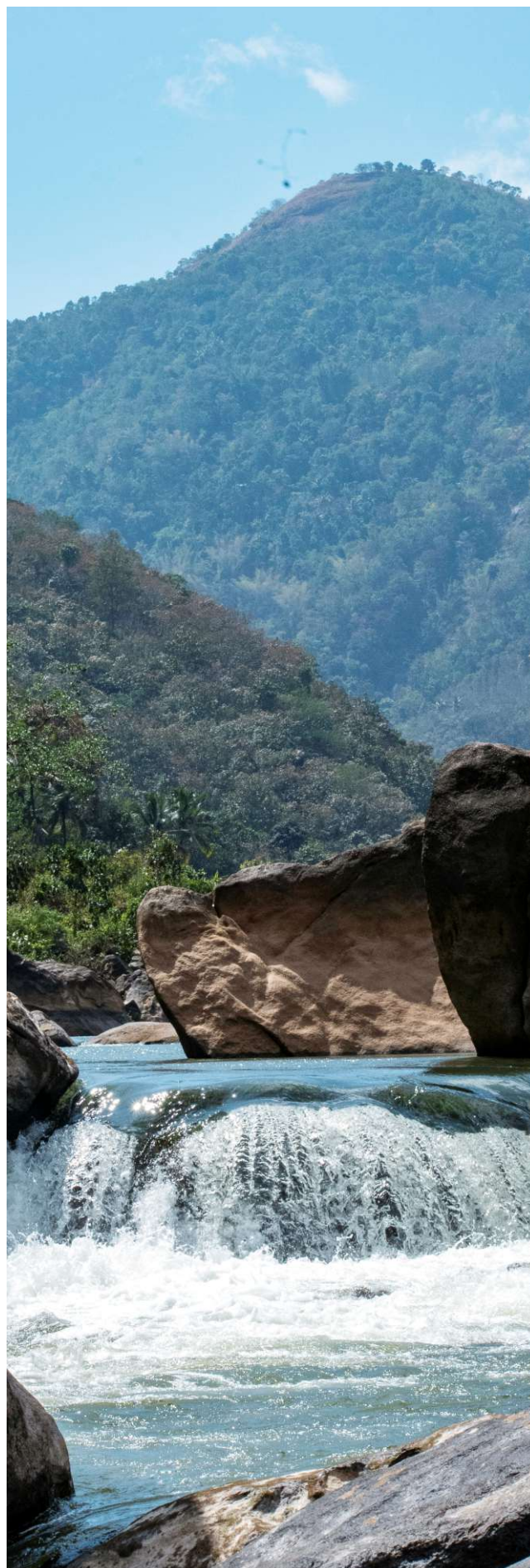
Stakeholder groups

1. Member of Legislative Assembly
2. State Forest Department
3. District administration
4. School teachers and students
5. University teachers and students
6. Local communities
7. Fisher community
8. Boating community
9. Local shop owners
10. Pilgrims
11. Tourists
12. NGOs
13. Village Panchayats
14. Women Self Help Groups
15. Youth Self Help Groups
16. Religious and spiritual groups
17. Local hotel owners
18. Police Department
19. Other line agencies



Activities conducted in various river basins to celebrate Nadi Utsav 2021

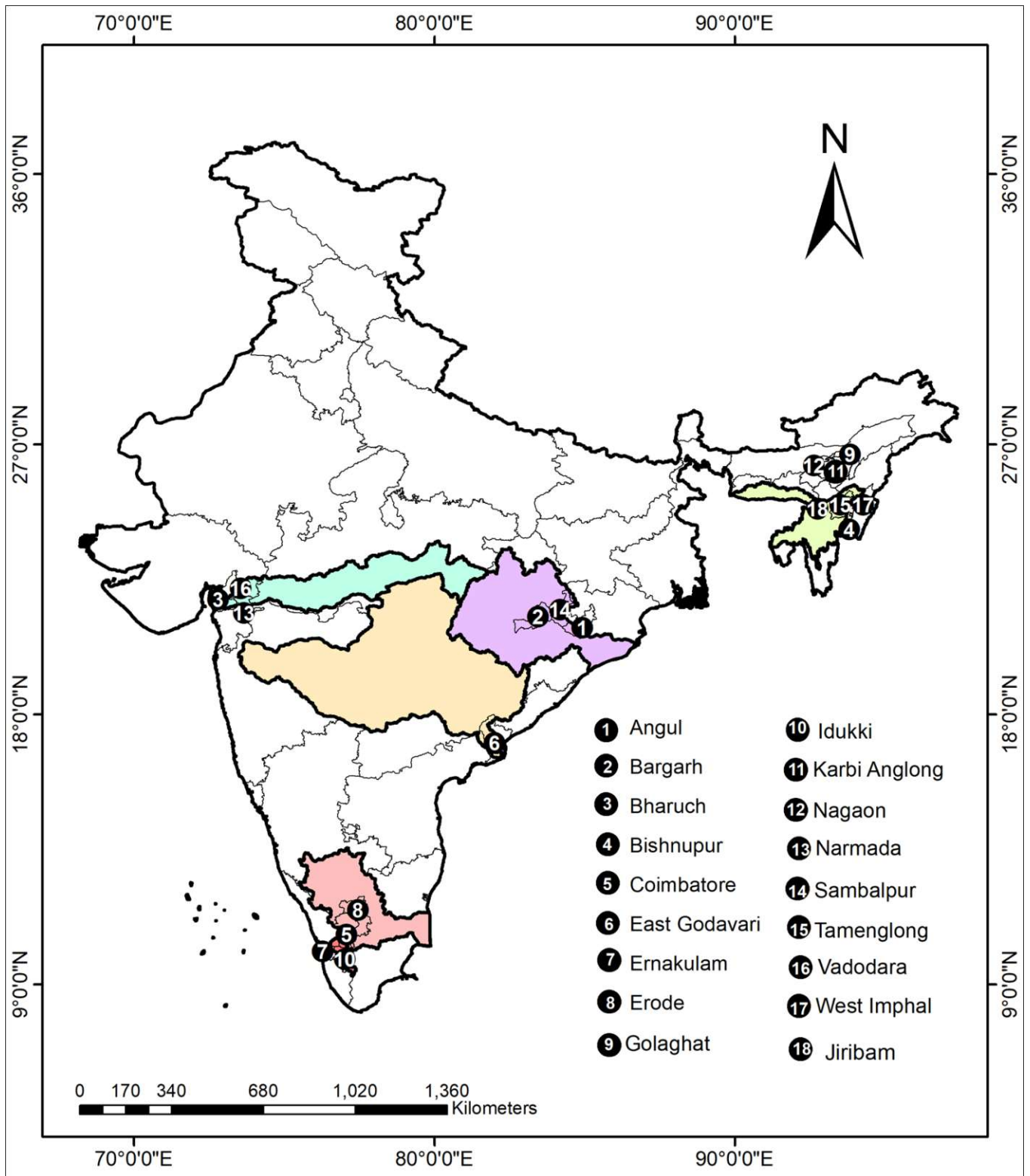
Sl. No.	River	No. of activities
1	Barak	9
2	Brahmaputra	37
3	Cauvery	26
4	Godavari	19
5	Mahanadi	38
6	Narmada	29
7	Periyar	13
	Total	171





Activities conducted in various river basins

Activities	River wise Participants							
	Barak	Brahmaputra	Cauvery	Godavari	Mahanadi	Narmada	Periyar	Total
Awareness and sensitization programme	265				250		20	535
Biodiversity arti					40			40
Biodiversity Quiz		291						291
Bird Watching	41							41
Cleanliness drive							93	93
Cleanliness drive	31							31
Digital media campaign						10		10
Documentary Show			75		255			330
Exposure visit							93	93
Nature walk/River walk		108	285	50	300			743
Painting and drawing competition			37	148				185
Patriotism (National Anthem, National Song, Oath)	45					241		286
Plantation Drive						84		84
Prabhat Pheri						320		320
Presentation		407		110		90		607
Print media				10				10
Quiz competition					305			305
Rally				50				50
Rangoli			113	154		63		330
Seminar							23	23
Slogan competition	33		115					148
Songs and poem recitation		34						34
Speech competition			224			60		284
Stakeholders Meet				26			25	51
Story telling						84		84
Wildlife Yoga						31		31
Total	415	840	849	548	1150	983	254	5039



Celebration of *Nadi Utsav* in various River basins



BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER BASIN

Brahmaputra is a transboundary river, originating in the Mansarovar Lake region of Northern Himalayas in Tibet, and flowing into Arunachal Pradesh in India. The mighty river then continues southwest through Assam, then through Bangladesh, finally merging with the Ganges in the Ganges delta. The entire journey of Brahmaputra spans 3,848 km, and supports millions of people in both India and Bangladesh. The annual flooding of Brahmaputra brings fresh sediments to the soil in floodplains, making it suitable for agriculture. The semi-evergreen forests and grasslands along the river support a range of plants, and are habitats for variety of wildlife including the Royal Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), Clouded Leopard (*Pardofelis nebulosa*), Sloth Bear (*Melursus ursinus*), and Wild Water Buffalo (*Bubalus arnee*). The valley also supports India's largest population of Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) and the world's largest population of Greater One-horned Rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*). Brahmaputra valley is home to rich bird life, supporting both endemic and migratory birds.

The *Nadi Utsav* was celebrated in the floodplain region of Brahmaputra River under the broad theme "people-river connect" from 16th to 25th December. The activities related to Nadi Utsav were organized in three districts of Brahmaputra basin viz. Golaghat, Karbi Anglong and Nagaon. Several activities (n=27) were organized to engage students from schools and

colleges, local community, forest department, district administration, local NGO's, women and youth groups. A total of 608 participants and several institutions like the Forest Department, The Corbett Foundation (NGO), local administration, All Assam Journalist Association, Gram Panchayat, School Management Committee, Village Defense Party, Block Elementary Education Office and Women Self-Help Groups participated in the *Nadi Utsav*. Plate 2-9 highlights the activities conducted during *Nadi Utsav* in the Brahmaputra basin.

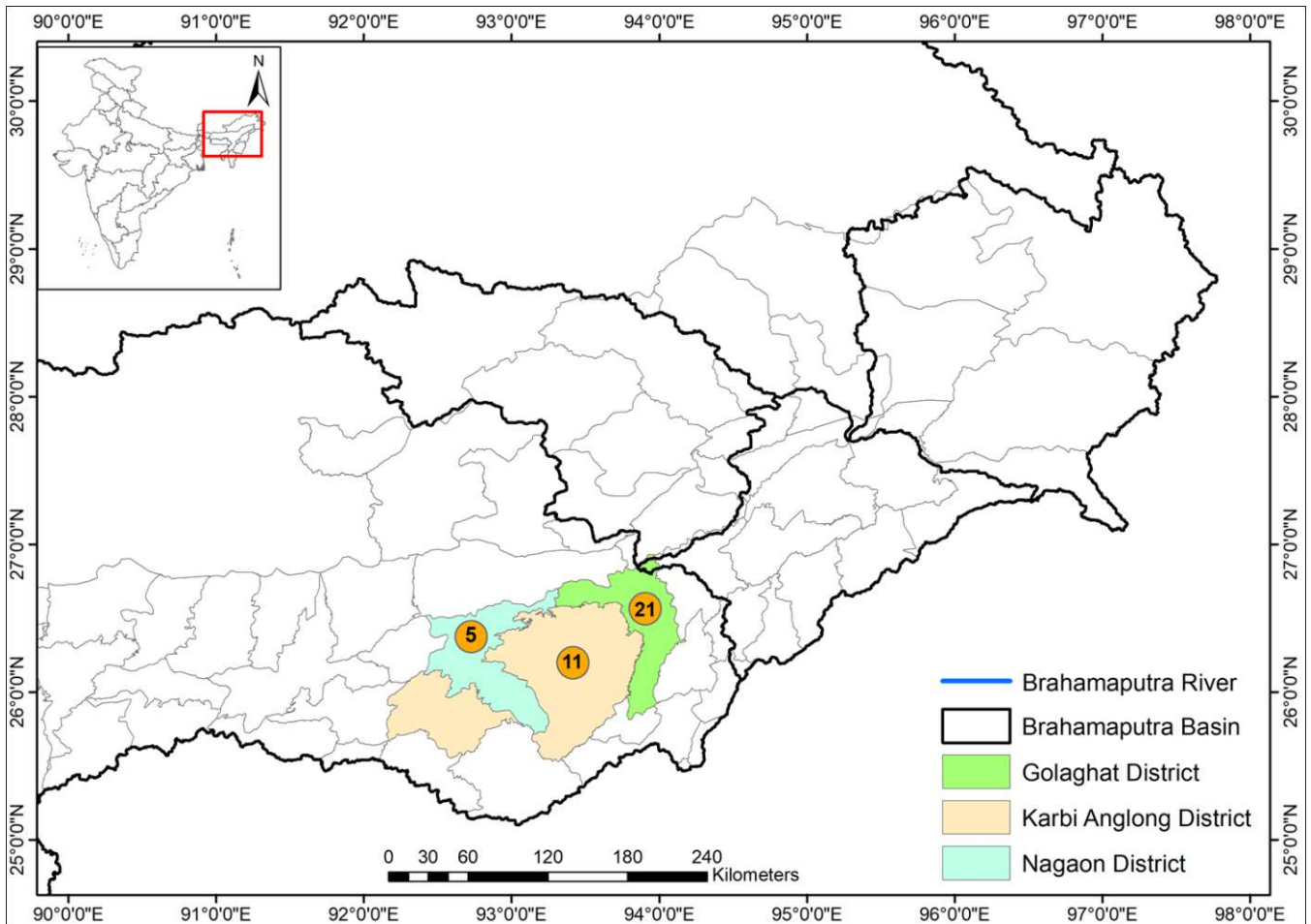
The WII team spread awareness on river ecosystem and its services. Several eminent personalities addressed the students and community on the importance of Dihlo and Dhansiri rivers. School and college students participated in open quizzes related to Brahmaputra river and its biodiversity.

No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Brahmaputra River

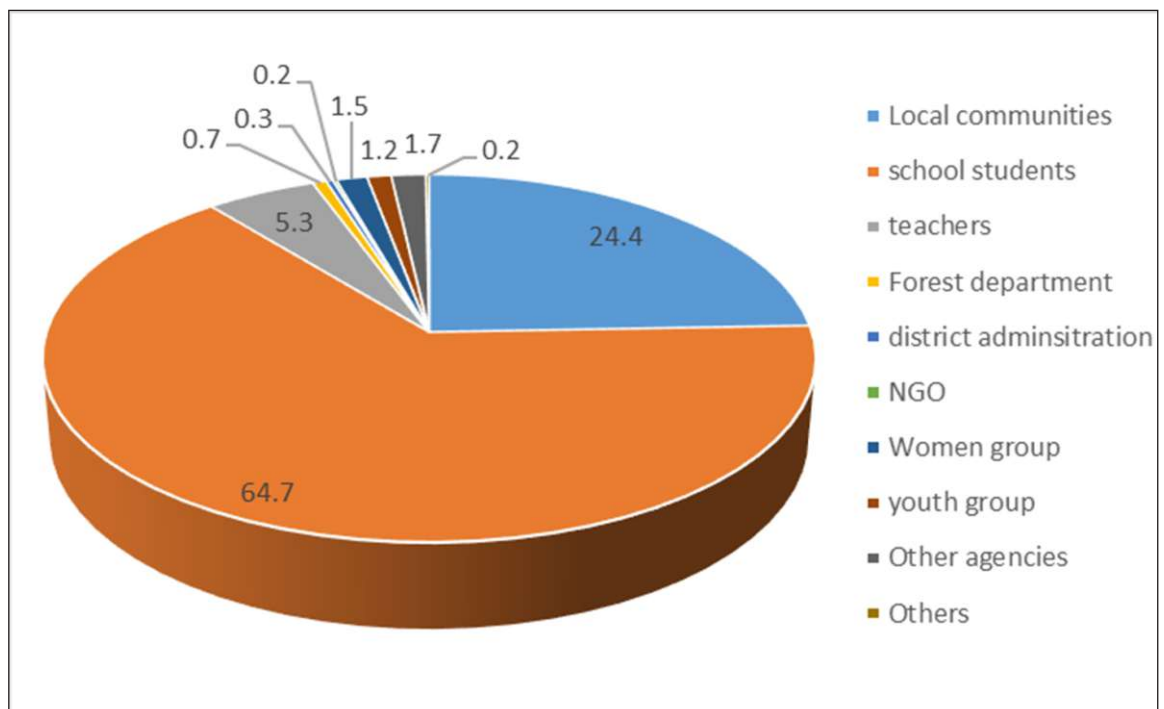
State	District	No. of activity
Assam	Golaghat	21
	Karbi Anglong	11
	Nagaon	5
Total		37

No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Brahmaputra River

Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Biodiversity Quiz	13	291	350
Songs and poem recitation	4	34	100
Nature walks	4	108	250
Presentation	16	407	500
Total	37	840	1200



Nadi Utsav celebration in Brahmaputra basin, Assam



Stakeholder composition in Nadi Utsav celebration along the Brahmaputra River



The Headmaster addressing the students and guests on importance of Brahmaputra, Bongkuwal Senior Basic ME School



Open quiz on river ecosystems and Brahmaputra river



Guided nature walk on common birds found in riverine habitat



Oath taking by students for River conservation



Art workshop and competition on the theme 'Rivers, Animals and People'



The founder of School addressing students on the importance of Difflo and Brahmaputra rivers



Certificate distribution to participants



Group photo with WII team, students, teachers, local community members and stakeholders



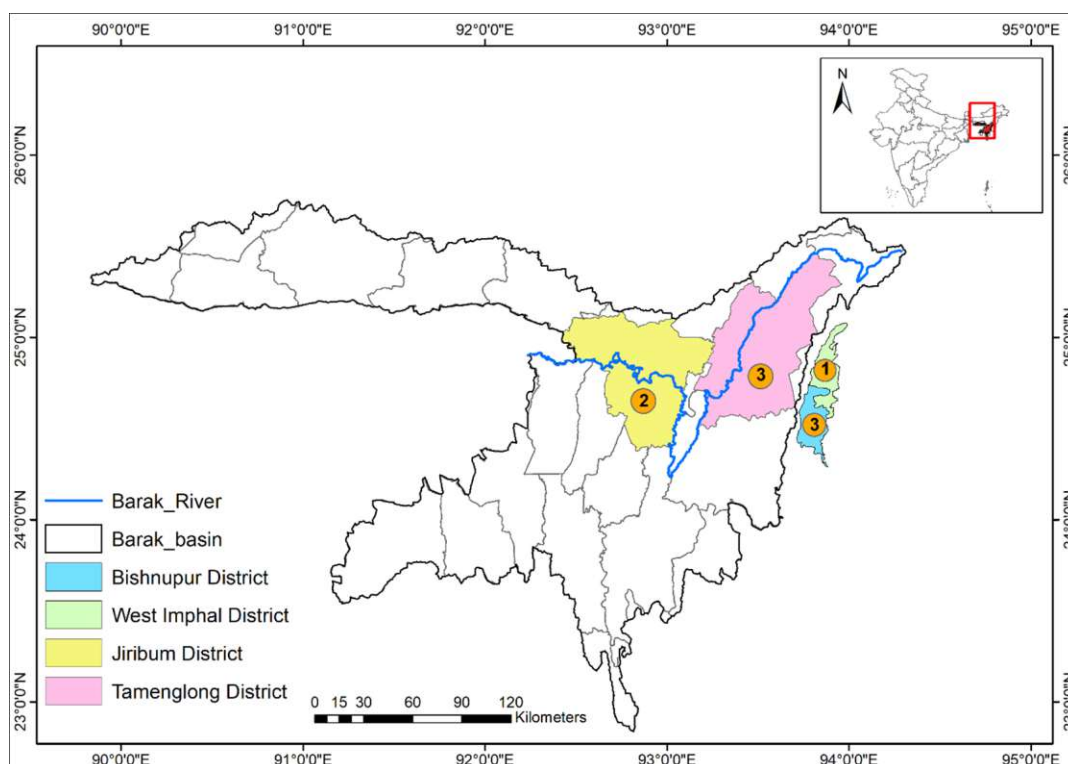
BARAK RIVER BASIN

Barak is a 900 km river (524 km in India) in north east India. It originates from Manipur Hills near Lai Kullen village and traverses through the Manipur and Assam, before entering Bangladesh. The major tributaries of the Barak River in India are the Jiri, Chiri, Badrinala, Jatinga, Madhura, and Marang on the north bank and Dhaleshwari (Tlawng), Longai, Ghagra, Sonai (Tuirial), Rukni, and the Katakhal on the South Bank. Its catchment spread over an area of 39390 km² of total catchment area and approximately 30770 Km² lies in India.

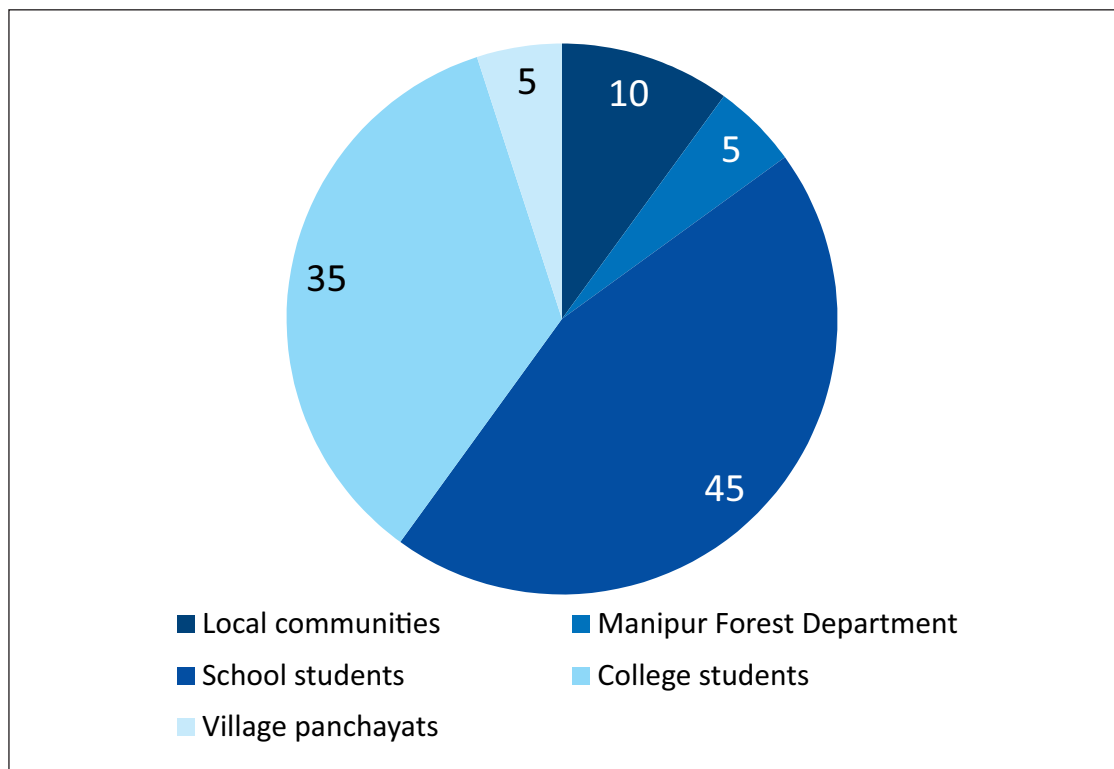
The river is home to 138 species of fishes including 12 endemic species. Its basin support about 35 species of reptiles and 63 species of amphibians and 211 species of birds of which 13 are water birds and 14 are water associate birds. Some key species in the river and its basin are Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*), Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*), Bar Headed Goose (*Anser indicus*), Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*), Black-necked Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*), Ganges River Dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*), smooth coated otter and Asian Small-clawed Otter.

In the Barak Basin, Nadi Utsav was celebrated in four districts of Manipur viz. Tamenglong, Jiribam, Imphal West and Bishnupur. Various activities were conducted in Rianglelong village, Jiribam villages, Laphupat Tera villages, Nambul River, Loktak Lake and Keibul Lamjao National Park. A total of ten activities were conducted involving 415 participants. Approximately 45% of the participants were female.

During the celebration, various stakeholders including local communities, students, NGOs, Forest Department's staff, women groups, local clubs and youth were involved. Awareness activities on the importance of river and wetland conservation, cleanliness drive along river stretches of Barak and Manipur River, birdwatching at Loktak Lake, patriotic story-telling, drawing, painting and slogan writing competitions were conducted. As part of these activities, participants also took oaths for their continued participation in the protection and conservation of these rivers and wetlands.



Nadi Utsav celebration in the Barak River Basin, Manipur



Stakeholder composition in Nadi Utsav celebration along the Barak River

No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Barak River

State	District	No. of activity
Manipur	Bishnupur	3
	Jiribam	2
	Tamenglong	3
	West Imphal	1
Total		9

No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Barak River

Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Awareness programme	5	265	300
Cleanliness drive	1	31	100
Patriotism	1	45	80
Bird Watching	1	41	85
Slogan competition	1	33	150
Total	9	415	715





NARMADA BASIN

The Narmada river, also known as the “Reva” or “Purvaganga” is one of the five holy rivers in India. Narmada is a 1328 km long river flowing through three states viz. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat Hiran, Orsang, the Burhner, Banjar, Tawa and the Kundi are the important tributaries of River Narmada. Narmada basin spread over an an area of 98,796 km² covering three Biogeographic zones viz. Deccan peninsula, Western Ghats and Coastal zone. Important protected areas in its basin are Kanha TR, Satpura TR, Ratapani TR, and Biosphere. Reserve such as Achankmar-Amarkantak and Pachmarhi. About 21 million human inhabits in the Narmada basin.

Narmada basin is a home to 471 species of plants including by 128 trees, 40 shrubs, 202 herbs 49 grasses and 52 climbers, 80 species of water birds and 17 species of water associated birds, 30 reptilian and 16 amphibian species, 69 fresh waters and 76 species. Key aquatic species in its basin are Golden Mahseer (*Tor putitora*), Deccan Mahseer (*Tor kudree*), Asian catfish (*Clarias magur*) Sacred Groove Bush Frog (*Raorchestes sanctisilvaticus*), Indian flap-shell turtle (*Lissemys punctate*), Indian roof-turtle (*Pangshura tecta*), Indian soft-shell turtle (*Nilssonina gangetica*), Black Bellied Tern (*Sterna acuticauda*), Mugger (*Crocodylus palustris*), Smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) and Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*).

In Narmada basin, Nadi Utsav was celebrated at six sites of Narmada and Vadodara districts. A total of 569 participants including 326 males and 243 females participated in the various activities organized during the Nadi Utsav. Activities included spreading

awareness about the Narmada River and its biodiversity, oath taking ceremony for Narmada River conservation, Narmada arti, wildlife yoga, speech competition, nature walk (Prabhat pheri), and bird watching (Plates 10-17). Participants were mainly local communities (n=215), followed by school students (n=165), college students (n=68), Women groups, Non-Government organizations, youth groups and teachers.

Students took oath for conservation of Narmada and participated in painting competition, elocution competition and chanting of the Narmada Ashtak. Local villagers were made aware about the issues of river conservation and were encouraged to prepare Rangolis at the ghat dedicated to Narmada River. They also participated in Prabhat Pheri along the bank of Narmada and performed wildlife Yoga. Priests sung Narmada arti and locals and tourists in the temple campus were encouraged to take oath for the conservation and cleaning of Narmada with the support of the temple authorities. WII team encouraged the local children for bird watching during nature walk on the bank of Narmada River.

No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Narmada River

State	District	No. of activity
Gujarat	Bharuch	8
	Narmada	17
	Vadodara	2
Total		27

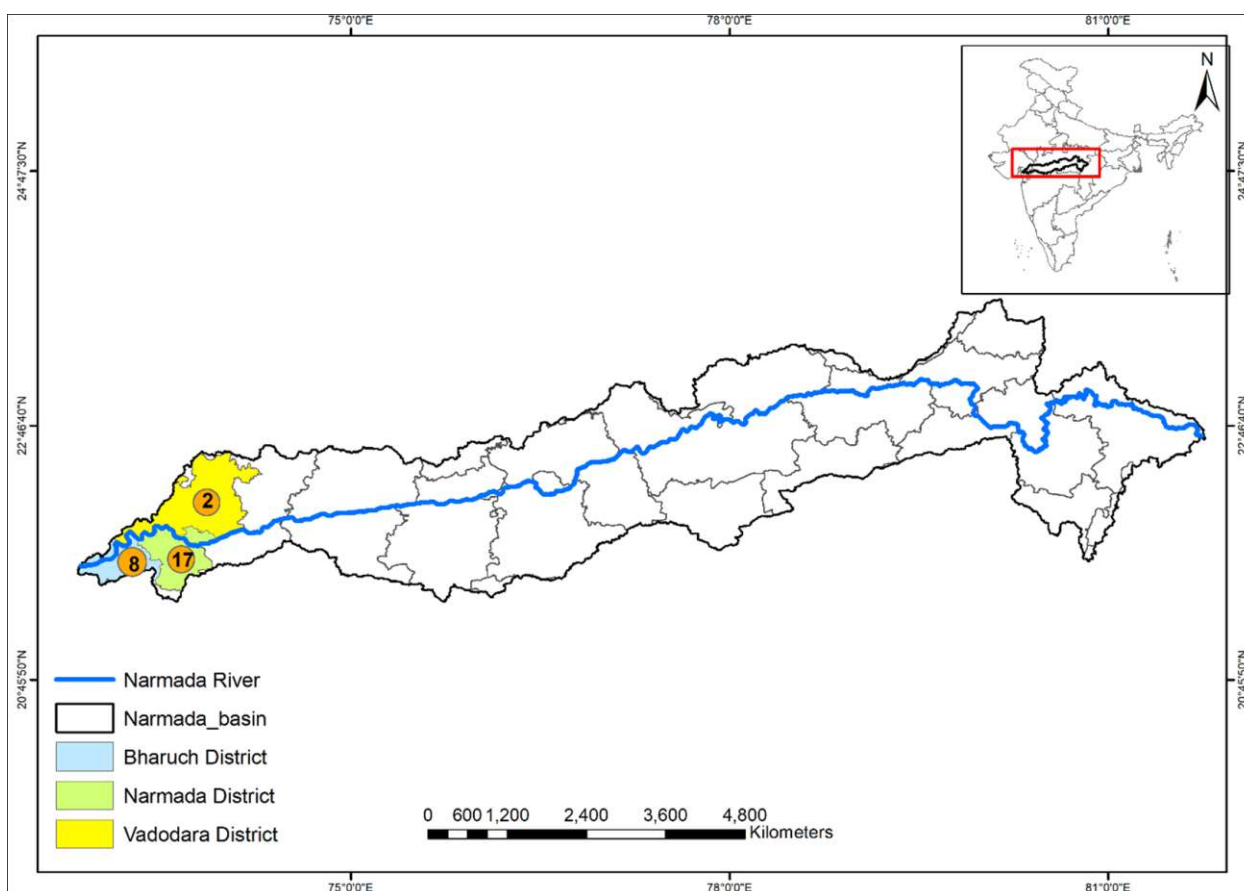
No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Narmada River

Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Patriotism	6	241	567
Presentation	2	90	335
Rangoli	2	63	350
Speech competition	2	60	250
Prabhat Pheri	6	320	More than 2000

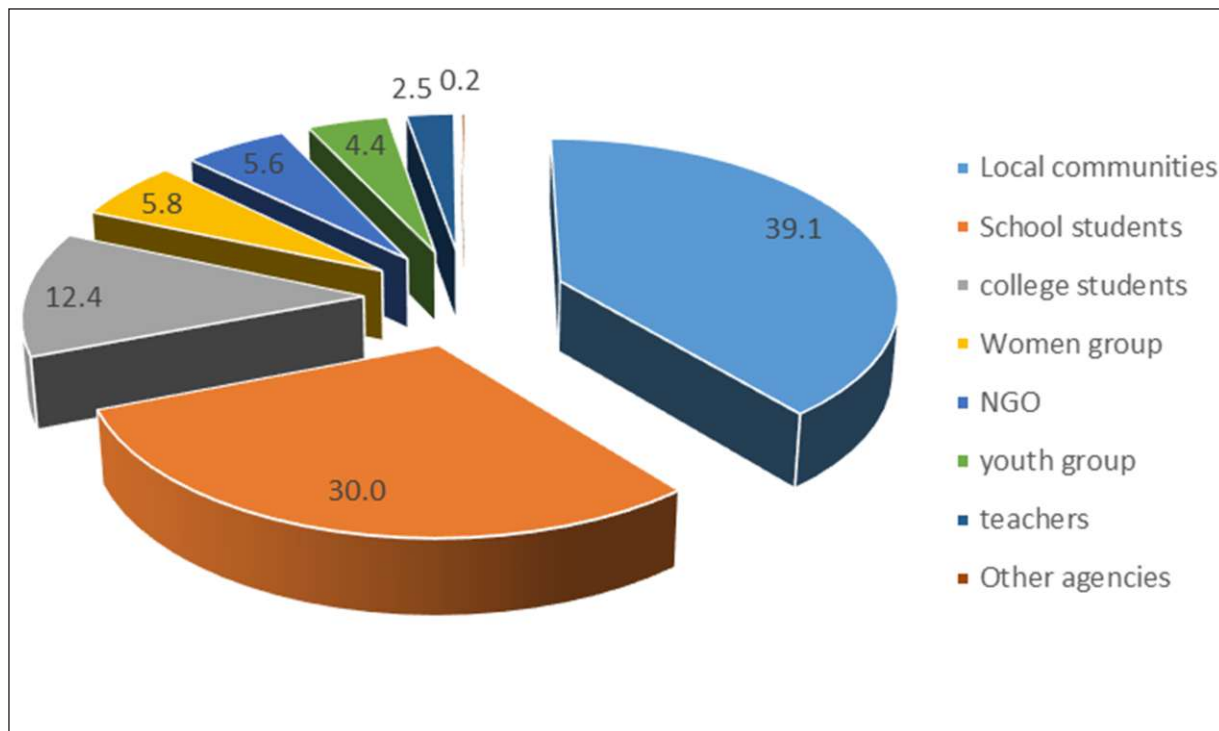


Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Wildlife Yoga and Oath	1	31	531
Plantation	4	84	150
Story telling	4	84	150
Print media campaign (newspaper)	2	10	More than 10 lakh readers of Sandesh, Vadodara edition, and Divya Bhaskar newspaper, Chhota Udepur edition
Digital media campaign (Facebook and Gujarat News (GTPL)) 6000 (likes on Facebook page)	2	10	
Total	27	988	10,333*

*Through print media which had high readership, more than 10 lakh people were sensitized.



Nadi Utsav celebration in Narmada River basin



Stakeholder composition in *Nadi Utsav* celebration in the Narmada River basin



Student of Valmiki Ashram Anathalaya near Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Narmada district



Tourists at Kuber Bhandari temple taking oath for the conservation and cleaning of Narmada River



Rangoli at Chandod village, Vadodara district, Gujarat



Student of Maharaja Sayajirao University during elocution competition



Bird watching and Nature walk at Poicha, Narmada district, Gujarat



Wildlife Yoga Shibir at Malhar Rao Ghat, Chandod village, Vadodara district, Gujarat



Plantation in Dahej village, Bharuch district, Gujarat



School students with Narmada awareness material



MAHANADI RIVER BASIN

Mahanadi also known as 'Kanaknandini' or 'Nilotpala' or 'Mahananda' is a 851 km long river in peninsular India rising in the hills of southern Chhattisgarh state and opens into Bay of Bengal. The river traverse through Deccan Peninsula biogeographic zone (Central Highlands-6A, Chhota Nagpur-6B, and Eastern Highlands-6C) and the Coasts (East Coast-8B). Mahanadi basin encompasses an area of approximately 141,589 km² spreading over Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. The forest of the Mahanadi basin is represented by moist peninsular low level sal forests (3b/c1 c) northern dry mixed deciduous forest (3b/c2), southern dry mixed deciduous forest (3c/2e (ii)), and Terminalia tomentosa forest (3/e1). The total forest cover in the district among the river is approximately 25442 km². Four wetland of national and international importance viz. Bhitarkanika, Chilika, Mangaljodi and Hirakud dam are present in/at the periphery of the basin. About 6,30,77,126 (6.3 million) people live in the basin and about 2.72 million (2,73,58,156) along its course.

The basin supports approximately 195 species of trees, 41 species of shrub, 65 species of herb, two orchids, two parasites, and 15 grass species, 114 species of fish, 22 species of amphibian, 43 species of reptiles including testudines (7 species), squamata (33 species) and crocodylia (3 species), 419 species including 252 are terrestrial, 37 are water associated/dependent and 135 are waterbirds and 58 species of mammals. Key species in Mahanadi basin are Golden Mahseer (*Tor putitora*), Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*), Indian skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*), Smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) and Asian small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), Irrawady dolphin (*Orcaella brevirostris*), Northern River Terrapin (*Batagur baska*), Narrow headed soft-shell turtle (*Chitra indica*), Ganges soft-shelled turtle (*Nilssonia gangetica*), Peacock soft shelled turtle (*Nilssonia hurum*), Indian Roofed Turtle (*Pangshura tecta*), Indian flapshelled turtle (*Lissemys punctata*) and Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*).

In Mahanadi basin, Nadi Utsav was celebrated in three districts viz. Angul, Bargarh and Sambalpur. Activities such as awareness rallies, songs, visits to Gharial Research and Conservation Unit (GRACU), cleanliness

drive, quizzes, drawing competitions, short films on river ecosystem, awareness on Mahanadi River and its biodiversity, nature walk and Kirtan and Arti were organized at five different sites of Mahanadi basin. Approximately 250 people participated including school students, college students, local community, Forest Department and NGO. The various stakeholders were Nilkantha High School (NKHS), Tikerpada, Angul, Odisha, Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur, Bansara village local community and Hirakud Wildlife Division, Bargarh, and Satkosia Wildlife Division, Angul.

Dignitaries present during various programs educated participants about freshwater ecosystems, various forms of pollution and the need for rivers and biodiversity conservation. Students from the NKHS carried out a rally by holding placards and chanting slogans against water pollution to create awareness about river conservation at Tikarpada. They participated in a cleanliness drive, quiz competition and drawing competition at the GRACU. Graduate students of the Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur were taken to the Hirakud dam, where they were educated about river ecology and effects of dams on rivers and its biodiversity. They were taught basics of bird watching along with a quick briefing on survey techniques. They were shown a film on the ecology and flora and fauna of the Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in the Visitor Orientation Centre. A 4 kilometer nature walk was conducted in the Debarigarh wildlife sanctuary, Bargarh district, along with the staff of the Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary. At the Kalyan Ashram in Sambalpur, a public address about the activities of the NRCD project was followed by a kirtan and an arti along the banks of the Mahanadi River, by local villagers.

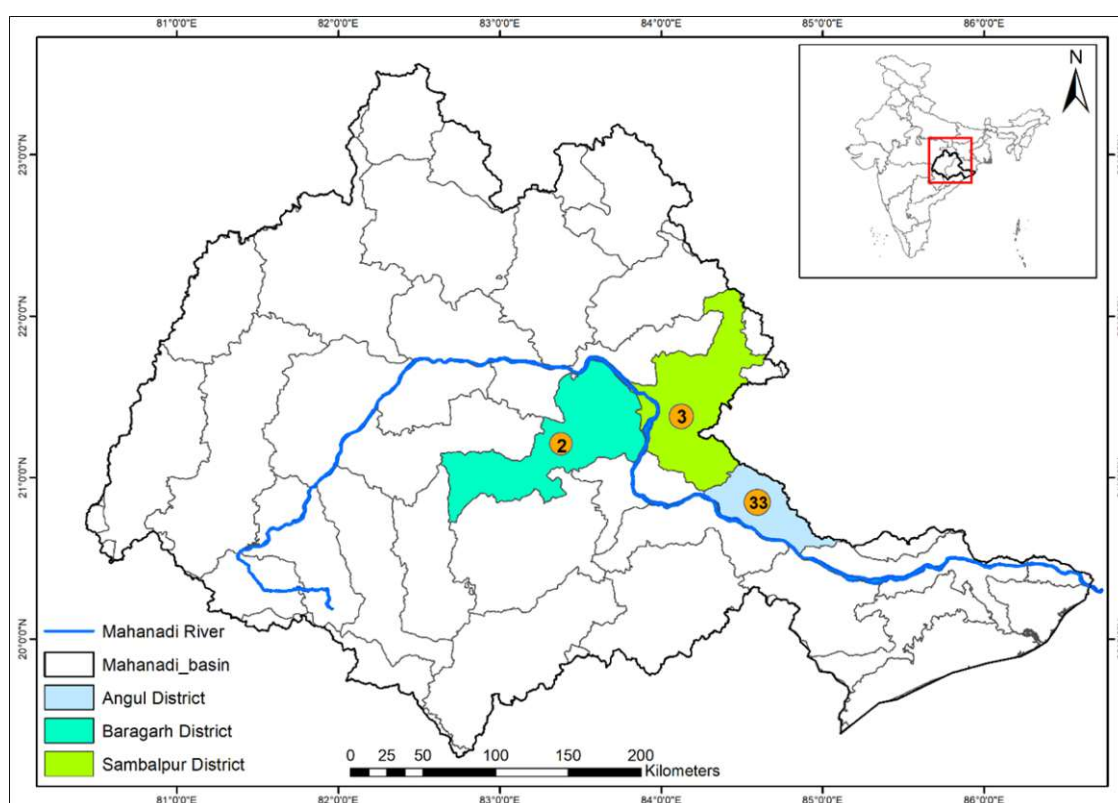
No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Mahanadi River

State	District	No. of activity
Odisha	Angul	33
	Baragarh	2
	Sambalpur	3
Total		38

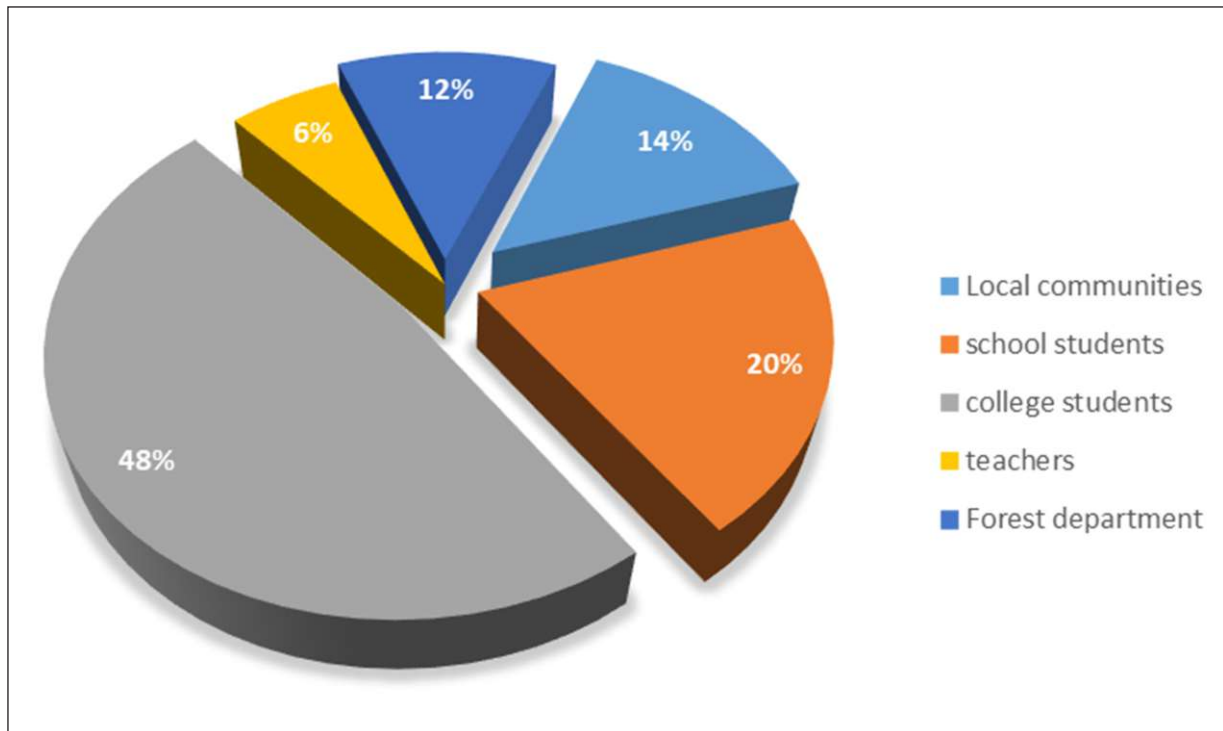


No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Mahanadi River

Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Awareness programme	18	250	500
Nature walks	2	300	500
Biodiversity arti	1	40	100
Documentary	8	255	300
Quiz competition	9	305	350
Total	38	1150	1750



Nadi Utsav celebration in Mahanadi basin



Stakeholder composition in *Nadi Utsav* celebration along the Mahanadi River



Awareness rally from the Nilkantha High School to the Gharial Centre



Cleanliness drive at the Gharial Research and Conservation Unit campus



Painting competition



Quiz competition



Forest officer Shri. Abhaya Kumar Jena disseminating knowledge about River conservation



Presentation on the importance of rivers, about Mahanadi River



Songs on rivers were sung by school children.



School student visit to Gharial Centre



Imparting information on impact of dams to river and its biodiversity to students at Hirakud dam



Nature walk in the Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary



Dr. Behera briefing about National Mission of Clean Ganga and National River conservation directorate



Kirtan and an Aarti carried out on the banks of the Mahanadi River



GODAVARI RIVER BASIN

The River Godavari is a 1465 km river which traverses through Maharashtra, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh and flows into the Bay of Bengal. Pravara, Mula, Purna, Manjeera, Maner, Penganga, Wardha, Wainganga, Pranhita, Indravati and Sabari are important tributaries of Godavari. Its basin extend over an area of 312,812 km² in three biogeographic zone of India viz. Western Ghats, Deccan Plateau, and Coastal biogeographic zones. Coringa WLS, Indravati WLS, Tadoba TR, Pench TR, and Manjira Bird Sanctuary, Pranitha WLS, Kawal WLS are some important protected areas in the river basin. The Godavari River basin supports a population of over 51 million with an average density of 278 persons/km².

Godavari basin harbours 235 floral species including 20 species of mangroves and 23 species of aquatic plants, 142 species of fishes, 20 species of amphibians, 21 species of reptiles, 88 species of water birds and 18 species of water-associated birds and one aquatic mammal. Some key fauna in Cauvery River and its basin are Humayun's Wrinkled Frog (*Nyctibatrachus humayuni*), Matheran leaping frog (*Indirana leithii*), Mugger Crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*), River Tern (*Sterna aurantia*), Black-bellied Tern (*Sterna acuticauda*), Common Pochard (*Aythya farina*) and

Smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*).

In Godavari basin, Nadi Utsav was celebrated at six site of East Godavari district-. A total of 488 participants including 341 males and 147 females participated in the programmes organised during Nadi Utsav. The activities in Gadavari basin were painting, Rangoli making, community meeting, rallying, nature walk, cleanliness drive and quiz competition. Schools and colleges, local community, forest department and district administration participated in the Nadi Utsav.

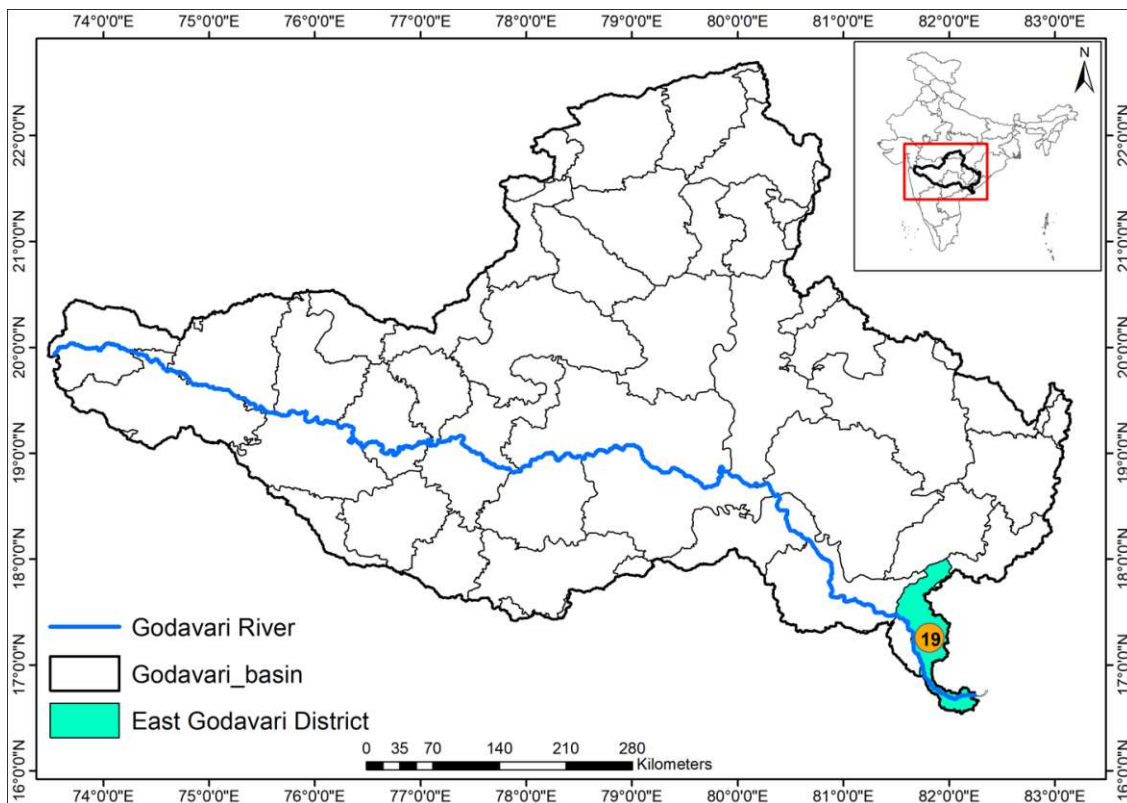
WII team gave presentation on importance of river and its biodiversity and highlighted threatened biodiversity of River Godavari. Students participated in open quiz, rallies, nature walks, cleanliness drive, Rangoli making and drawing competition. Local community discussed issues regarding Godavari River.

No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Godavari River

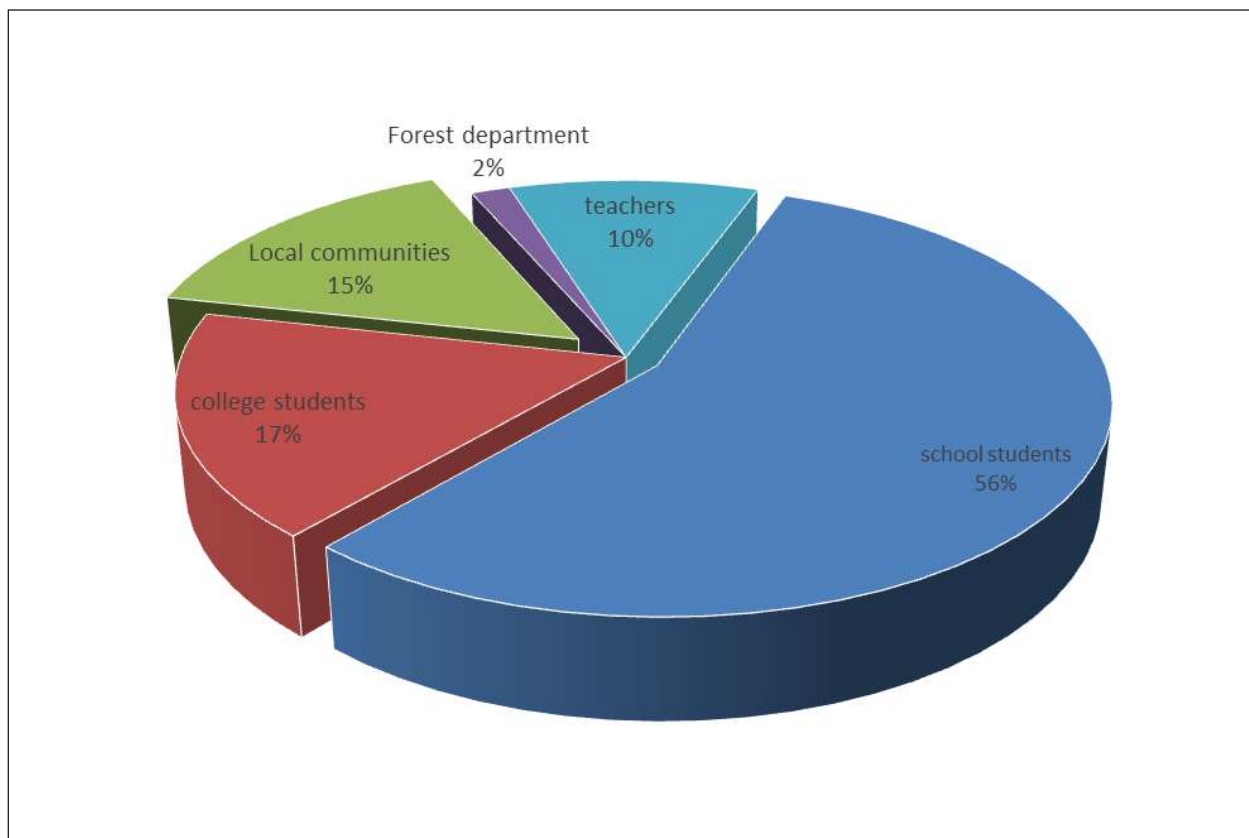
State	District	No. of activity
Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	19

No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Godavari River

Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Rangoli	2	154	1300
Painting	3	148	1200
Stakeholders Meet	1	26	184
Rally	3	50	1500
Presentation	2	110	200
Nature walk/River walk	3	50	800
Print media	5	10	More than 10,000
Total	19	548	15,184



Nadi Utsav celebration in Godavari River basin



Stakeholder composition in Nadi Utsav celebration along the Godavari River basin



Rangoli competition in SSPV ZPP High School, Patavala, East Godavari



Z.P.P. High School, B.Ch. V. Palam, East Godavari



Community meeting to discuss issues regarding Godavari River

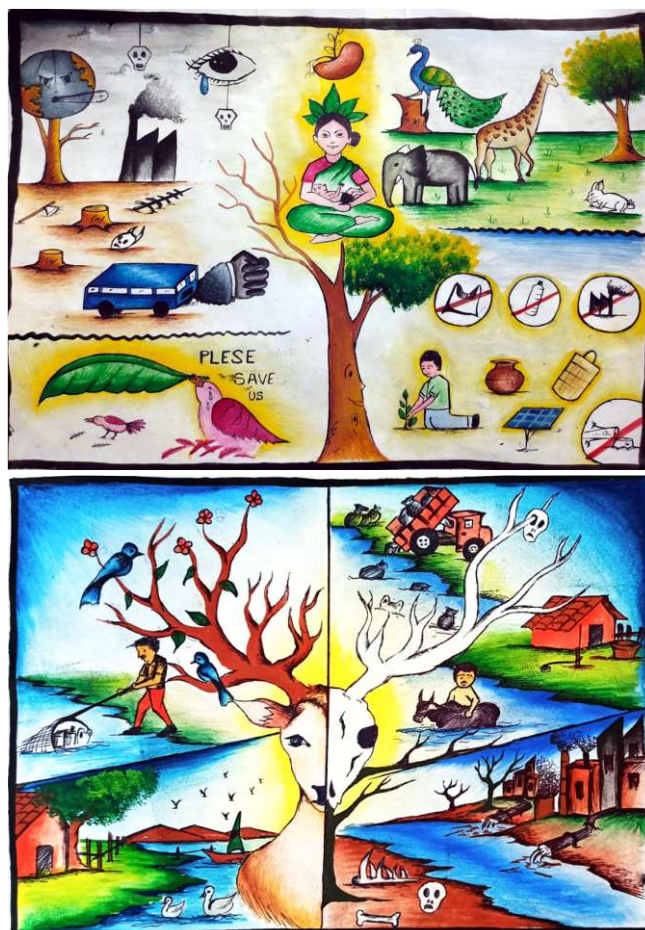


Rally with the student and teacher in Pillanka, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh



Open quiz competition in Kakinada, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh

Paintings





CAUVERY RIVER BASIN

In Cauvery basin, Nadi Utsav was celebrated in the Tirupur, Erode, and Coimbatore districts of Tamil Nadu under the theme of "Biodiversity Conservation of Rivers". Various programmes during the Utsav were lectures from dignitaries, thoughts of participants on river conservation, watching a documentary on "Save our Sholas", turtle food habit maze, river puzzle, oath taking to conserve river Cauvery, slogan competition, painting competition, rangoli competition, poster competition and placard holding. 734 participants from Universal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Sedapalyam, Kaamadhenu Arts and Science College, Sathyamangalam, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sri Jayendra Saraswathy Vidyalaya Matric Higher Secondary School, Sri Jayendra Saraswathy Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School and Govt. Arts College, participated in various activities organized during Nadi Utsav. Most participants were school and college students followed by local community.

During the Utsav, eminent environmentalist and writer, Shri. Kovai Shadashivam gave a speech on river Cauvery and its tributaries. WII team presented the current ecological status of River Cauvery, and released three rescued flap shell turtles in the pristine waters of Noyyal River with the support of Range officer of Bolampatti range Coimbatore, Shri. R. Saravanan and Ms. Vinny Raju Peter (Cube member).

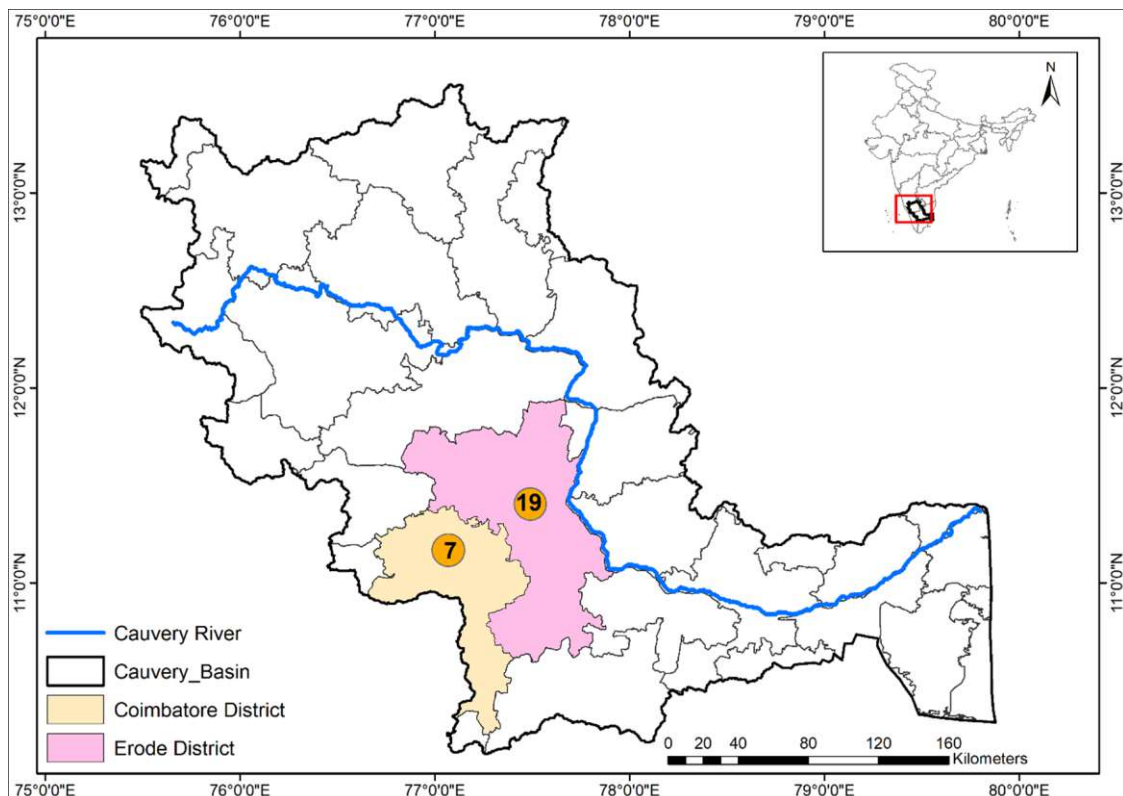
Students and the local community took pledge to conserve river Cauvery. Students actively participated in rangoli, poster making, painting slogan and drawing competition and cultural dance. They learned about the rivers of India and turtle habitat and its diet through games and also shared their thoughts to contribute to the conservation of the Cauvery river and its tributaries.

No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Cauvery River

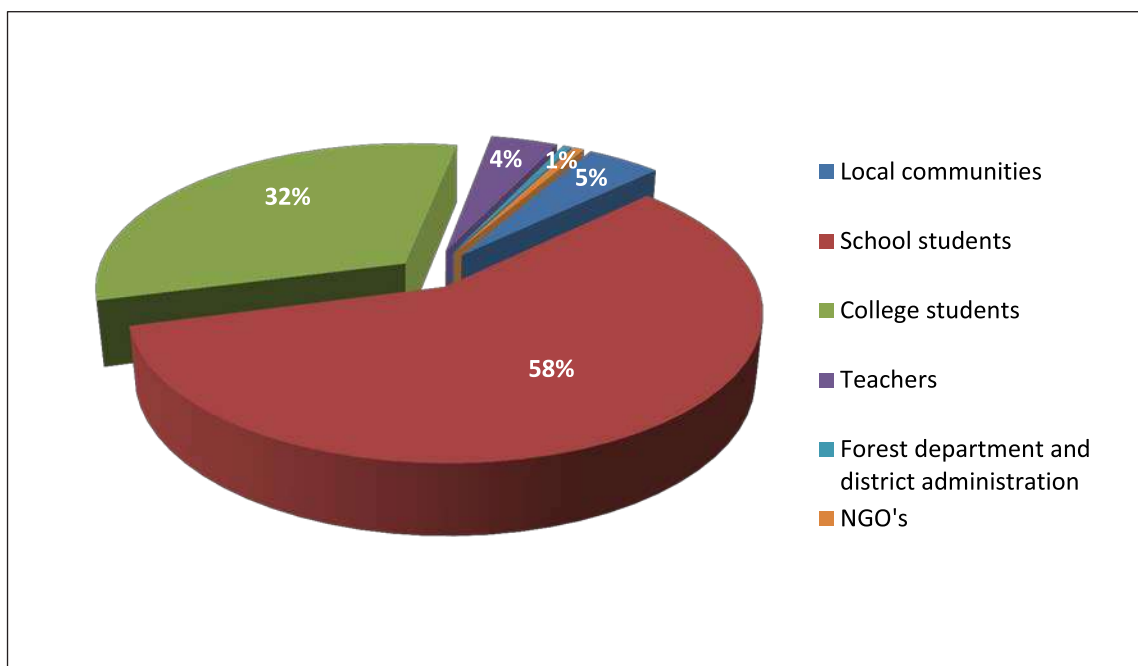
State	District	No. of activity
Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	7
	Erode	19
Total		26

No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Cauvery River

Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Speech competition	11	224	250
Documentary	4	75	150
Painting	1	37	350
River walk	1	285	500
Rangoli	5	113	500
Slogan competition	4	115	150
Total	26	849	1900



Nadi Utsav celebration in Cauvery River basin



Stakeholder composition in Nadi Utsav celebration along the Cauvery River basin



Plate 35: Speech, Oath ceremony and Turtle food habit games at Universal Matriculation Higher Secondary School at Tirupur district, Cauvery basin



Painting competition at Sri Jayendra Saraswathy Vidyalaya Matric Higher Secondary School and Sri Jayendra Saraswathy Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School of Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu



Speech on river and its conservation during river walk by Honourable Dr. C. Kunhikannan (Director, Institute of Forest Genetics and Plant Breeding). Shri. R. Saravanan (Range officer of Bolampatti range Coimbatore) and Shri C.R. Elangovanat different points of river Noyyal



Cultural dance, Rangoli and painting competition at Govt. Arts College of Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu



PERIYAR RIVER BASIN

The Periyar River also known as the 'Poorna' (means complete) is a 244 km long river that originates in the 'Sivagiri' group of hills in 'Sundara Malai' in the state of Kerala. The river flows westward through the Idukki and Ernakulam districts of Kerala and empties into the Arabian Sea. Muthirapuzha, Mullayar, Chalakudi, Cheruthoni, Perinjankutti and Edamala rivers are the important tributaries of the Periyar river. The Periyar river basin spread over an area of 6490 km² covering Western Ghats and coastal biogeographic zone. Its basin supports Periyar Tiger reserve, Mathikettan Shola National Park, Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary, Thatekkad bird Sanctuary, Mangalavanam bird sanctuary. Vembanadkol wetland—a Ramsar site fall in its basin. The human population in the Periyar basin is about 43,91,362 individuals.

Periyar river basin inhabits 1965 species of plants including 1440 species of dicotyledons and 525 species of monocotyledons, 90 species of fishes, 67 species of amphibians, 47 species of reptiles, 109 species of water birds and 26 species of water-associated birds. Some key aquatic fauna in the basin are Periyar Garra (*Garra surendranathanii*), Curmuca barb. (*Hypselobarbus curmuca*), Periyar Latia (*Tariqilabeo periyarensis*), Leith's Softshell Turtle (*Nilssonina leithii*), Asian Giant Softshell Turtle (*Pelochelys cantorii*), Cochin Forest Cane Turtle (*Vijayachelys silvatica*), Griet Bush Frog (*Raorchestes griet*), Munnar Bush Frog (*Raorchestes munnarensis*), Resplendent Bush Frog (*Raorchestes resplendens*), White bellied Heron (*Ardea insignis*), smooth-coated otter and small-clawed otter, Eurasian otter.

Nadi Utsav was celebrated by organizing nine activities across two districts of Periyar basin. Several activities such as stakeholder's meeting, seminar, field

visit, cleanliness drive and workshop were organized. A total of 161 representatives, including 62 females, from legislative assembly, Kerala HATS, Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), Central Integrated Pest management center, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Responsible Tourism Mission, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kerala Forest Manushi Foundation (NGO), Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kumily Grama Panchayat, Manushi Foundation (NGO), Hotel and resorts association, Taxi association took part in the activities.

Stakeholders meeting was organized regarding the conservation of the Periyar River. Dignitaries highlighted the importance of river conservation for humans, importance of River Periyar, it's biodiversity and conservation, herpeto faunal diversity of River Periyar and its conservation, issues of introduced fishes of Periyar River basin and unintentional impacts due to contamination of the riverine system by pesticides to Awareness programmes were organized for school students through field visits to encourage students to participate in river conservation. Various cultural shows and workshops on good practice in agriculture to prevent excessive use of pesticides and fertilizers were organized to sensitize the local communities.

No. of activities conducted in various districts along the Periyar River

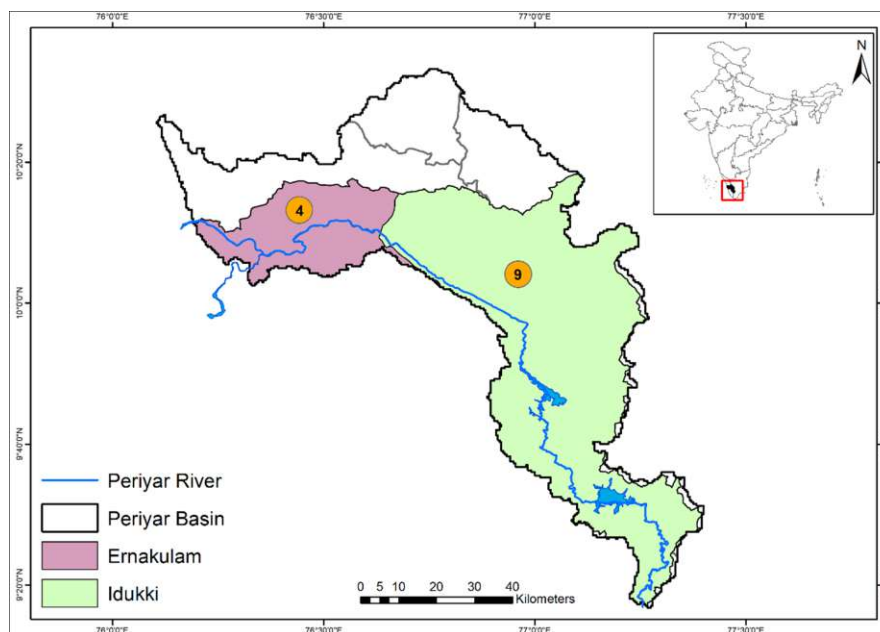
State	District	No. of activity
Kerala	Ernakulum	4
	Idukki	9
Total		13

No. of stakeholders mobilized through various activities along the Periyar River

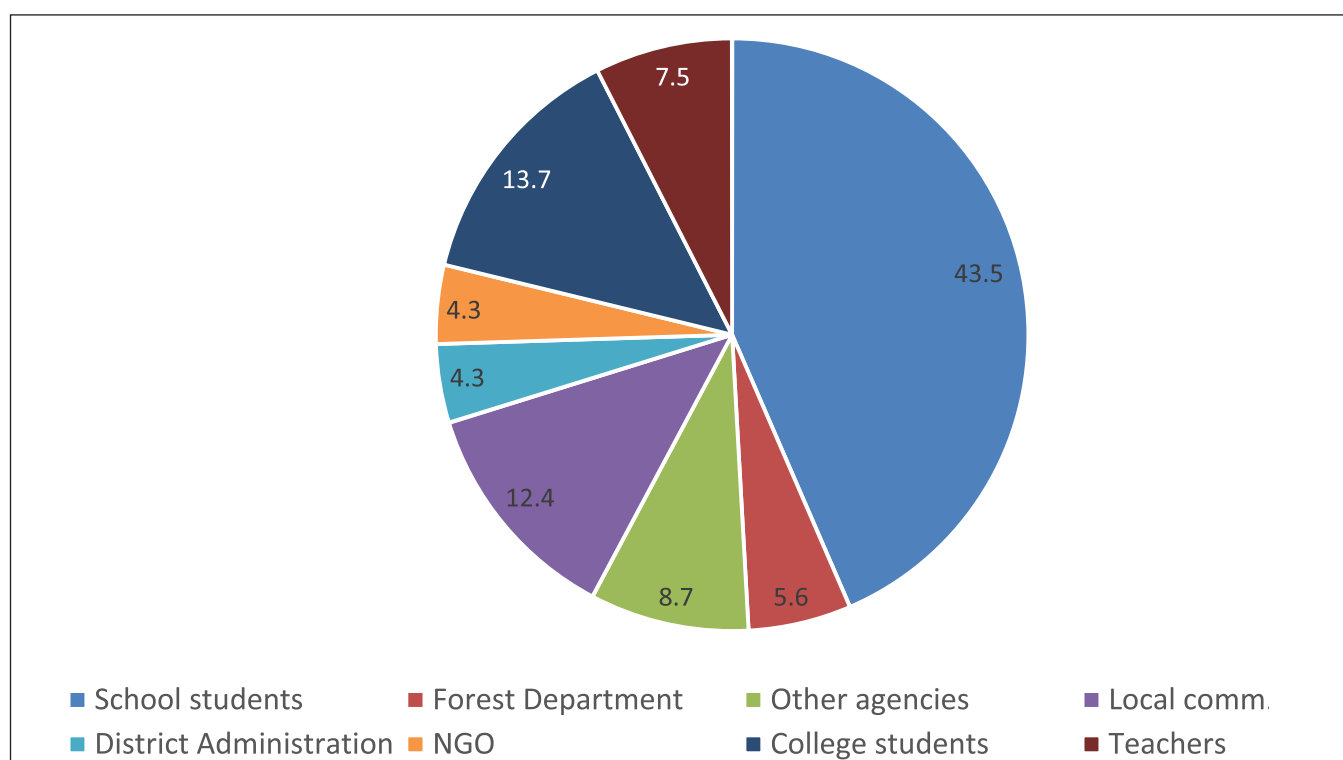
Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Stakeholders Meet	1	25	25
Seminar	3	23	23



Activity	No. of activities	Participants	People made aware
Exposure visit	4	93	93
Awareness programme	1	20	20
Cleanliness drive	4	93	150
Total	13	254	311



Nadi Utsav celebration in Periyar River basin



Stakeholder composition in Nadi Utsav celebration along the Periyar River basin



Shri. T. J. Vinod, Hon. Member of Legislative Assembly, Ernakulam, in the presence of Shri. Radhakrishnan Kalathil, Regional Joint Director of Tourism and Shri. M. P. Shivadathan, Director, Homestays and Tourism Society inaugurating the seminar during Nadi Utsav



Shri. T. J. Vinod highlighted the issues pertaining to the River Periyar due to industries and waste disposal



Sharing the brochure of Periyar River with faculty of KUFOS during seminar on Importance of River Periyar, its biodiversity and conservation



Dignitaries addressing the participants



Field visit with the school students in Periyar Tiger Reserve



School students after cleanliness drive along the Periyar river



MEDIA COVERAGE

বংকোৱাল চৰকাৰী উচ্চ বুনিয়াদী বিদ্যালয়ত নদী সংৰক্ষণৰ সজাগতা সভা সম্পন্ন

খুমটাই, ১৯ ডিচেম্বৰ : বোকাখাত মহকুমাৰ বংকোৱাল চৰকাৰী উচ্চ বুনিয়াদী বিদ্যালয়ত ১৫ ডিচেম্বৰত কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ জলশক্তি মন্ত্ৰালয়ৰ উদ্যোগত বাইন্ডলাইফ ইনষ্টিটিউট অফ ইণ্ডিয়াৰ সহযোগত নদী মহোৎসৱৰ কাৰ্যসূচীৰ অধীনত নদী সংৰক্ষণ সজাগতামূলক সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। সভাখন উদ্বোধন কৰে বংকোৱাল চৰকাৰী উচ্চ বুনিয়াদী বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰধান শিক্ষক সোণেশ্বৰ আহোমে। ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাজত দৃশ্য-শ্ৰব্য মাধ্যমেৰে নদী সংৰক্ষণৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তা সন্দৰ্ভত চিত্ৰ কৰ্মশালা, মুকলি কুইজ প্ৰতিযোগিতা আৰু ক্ষেত্ৰভিত্তিক অধ্যয়ন আদি অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। উক্ত প্ৰতিযোগিতাত পাৰদৰ্শিতা আগবঢ়োৱা ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলক পুৰস্কৃত কৰা হয়। বাইন্ডলাইফ ইনষ্টিটিউট অফ ইণ্ডিয়াৰ সমন্বয়ক মনীষা আশ্ৰফে আঁত ধৰা অনুষ্ঠানটোত ইনষ্টিটিউট অফ ইণ্ডিয়াৰ ওমৰ শ্বৰীফ, বশ্মি দাস, আকাশ নাথ, নুমলীগড় খণ্ড বন বিষয়া ভাস্কৰ বৰা, কমাৰগাঁও আৰক্ষী থানাৰ ভাৰপ্ৰাপ্ত আৰক্ষী বিষয়া চিদা হাজৰিকা, সহকাৰী উপ-পৰিদৰ্শক প্ৰসেন দাস, আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ সদস্য নিপামণি দাৱ, আৰণ্যকৰ সদস্য বাবুকান্ত দাৱ, স্থানীয় সংবাদকৰ্মী সৰুধন মৰাঙকে আদি কৰি বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিসকল উপস্থিত থাকে।

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সৈনধিন বাৰ্তাৰ সেৱা, মহাৰামুখ, ১৫ ডিচেম্বৰ : ওপৰত ঠাইতে জুই জ 'বাইন্ড লাইফ ইনষ্টিটিউট অফ ইণ্ডিয়া'ৰ প্ৰতিযোগিতা অনুষ্ঠিত কৰি উদ্যোগত আজি বংকোৱাল চৰকাৰী উচ্চ বুনিয়াদী বিদ্যালয়ত নদী সংৰক্ষণৰ ওপৰত এক 'ভি ডি অ' গ্ৰাফিক সজাগতামূলক সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হৈ যায়। বাইন্ড লাইফৰ কোঅৰ্ডিনেটৰ মণিকা আশ্ৰাফে আঁত ধৰা অনুষ্ঠানত উদ্বোধনী ভাষণ আগবঢ়ায় বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰধান শিক্ষক সোণেশ্বৰ আহোমে। অনুষ্ঠানত অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰি কমাৰগাঁও থানাৰ নৰিন্দুৰ ভাৰপ্ৰাপ্ত আৰক্ষী বিষয়া চিদা হাজৰিকা, নুমলীগড় খণ্ড বন বিষয়া কাৰ্যালয়ৰ খণ্ড বন বিষয়া প্ৰাক্তল বৰাই উপস্থিত থাকি নদী সংৰক্ষণ আৰু ইয়াৰ লগত সম্পৰ্ক থকা গছ-গছনী, পলু-পলু আদি বিষয়ৰ সংৰক্ষণ কৰি ৰাখিব পৰা যায় ই য়াৰ ওপৰত বক্তব্য আগবঢ়ায়। ই য়াৰ সমান্তৰালকৈ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাজত নদী আৰু পলু তথা প্ৰকৃতিৰ লগত সংগতি থকা প্ৰশ্নৰ



প্ৰকৃতিৰ সংৰক্ষিত জৈৱ-বৈচিত্ৰ্য সংৰক্ষণ সম্পৰ্কে বিস্তৃত বৰ্ণনা আগবঢ়ায়। অনুষ্ঠানত উপস্থিত থাকে ডব্লিউ আই আই কৰ্মী বশ্মি দাস, আকাশ নাথ, আৰণ্যকৰ সদস্য বাবুকান্ত দাৱ, কমাৰগাঁও থানাৰ উপ-পৰিদৰ্শক প্ৰসেন দাস আৰু চিত্ৰাংকন প্ৰতিযোগিতাৰ বিচাৰক পল্লৱ বৰিছে।

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યોગ શિબિરમાં ડબોઈ, ચાંદોદની આર્ટ ઓફ લિવિંગની ટીમ જોડાઈ નદી ઉત્સવ અંતર્ગત ચાંદોદ સ્થિત નર્મદા તટે 50થી વધુએ યોગ કર્યા શિબિરના અંતે સૌએ પુણ્ય સલિલા નર્મદાજીને સ્વચ્છ રાખવા પ્રણ લીધા

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આઝાદીના અમૃત મહોત્સવની દેશભરમાં અલગ અલગ રીતે ઉજવણી કરાઈ રહી છે. ત્યારે આ મહોત્સવને અનુલક્ષી તીર્થક્ષેત્ર ચાંદોદના પ્રસિદ્ધ મહારાવ ઘાટ ખાતે એક દિવસીય યોગ શિબિર યોજાઈ હતી.

આઝાદીના અમૃત મહોત્સવની સાથે સાથે પીએમઓ દ્વારા નદી ઉત્સવ મનાવવામાં આવી રહ્યો છે. જે ઉત્સવની ઉજવણીને અનુલક્ષી

નમામિ ગંગે, એન આર સી ડી તેમજ વાઈલ્ડ લાઈફ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યુટ દહેરાદૂનની સંલગ્ન ટીમ અમરકંટકથી ભરૂચ સુધીના નર્મદા કિનારાઓ ની યાત્રા દ્વારા નદી તેમજ તેના કિનારાના મહત્વના સ્થળોનો અભ્યાસ કરી રહી છે. અને આ યાત્રા દરમિયાન અનેકવિધ કાર્યક્રમો ઘડી આઝાદીના અમૃત મહોત્સવની ઉજવણી થઈ રહી છે.

આજરોજ આ સમગ્ર ટીમ દ્વારા તીર્થક્ષેત્ર ચાંદોદના ઐતિહાસિક મહારાવ ઘાટ ખાતે એક દિવસીય

યોગ શિબિરનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું. જેમાં 50થી વધુ લોકો જોડાયા હતા. પ્રકૃતિદત્ત માહોલમાં નદી કિનારે યોજાયેલ શિબિરમાં ડબોઈ તેમજ ચાંદોદની આર્ટ ઓફ લિવિંગની ટીમ યોગ પ્રાણાયામમાં જોડાઈ હતી. શિબિરમાં આર્ટ ઓફ લિવિંગના માન્ય ટીચર જીજ્ઞા ભાવસાર દ્વારા શિબિરાર્થીઓને યોગાભ્યાસનું માર્ગદર્શન પૂરું પાડવામાં આવ્યું હતું. શિબિરના અંતે સૌએ પુણ્ય સલિલા નર્મદાજીને સ્વચ્છ રાખવાના પ્રણ લીધા હતા



ચાંદોદ મહારાવ ઘાટ ખાતે યોગ શિબિર યોજાઈ

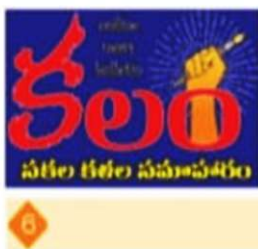
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తాళ్లరేవు, న్యూస్టుడే: దేశం లోని నదీ జలాలను సంరక్షించు కుని, వాటిని కాపాడుకోవాల్సిన బాధ్యత ప్రతి పౌరుడిపై ఉందని డెప్యూటాన్ లోని భారత వన్యప్రాణుల సంరక్షణ కేంద్రం సీనియర్ ప్రాజెక్టు ఆసోసియేటివ్ అజిత్ కుమార్ సింగ్ పేర్కొన్నారు.

తాళ్లరేవు మండలం పటవల, చినబొడ్డువెంకటాయపాలెం జడ్చీ ఉన్నత పాఠశాలల విద్యార్థులకు బుధవారం అవగాహన కల్పించారు. ప్రధానోపాధ్యాయులు సాయి ప్రసాద్, కాశీవిశ్వనాథం, విద్యార్థులు, బృంద ప్రతినిధులు కలిసి నదీ జలాల సంరక్షణకు పాటుపడతామని ప్రతిజ్ఞ చేశారు. అనంతరం విద్యార్థులకు ఇదే విషయమై చిత్రలేఖన పోటీలు నిర్వహించారు. గెలుపొందిన విద్యార్థులకు బహుమతులు అందజేశారు. చినబొడ్డువెంకటాయపాలెం పాఠశాల విద్యార్థి గీసిన చిత్రం అందరినీ ఆకట్టుకుంది. జాతీయ బాలల సైన్స్ కాంగ్రెస్ జిల్లా సమన్వయకర్త కేసరి శ్రీనివాసరావు, డాక్టర్ జోగేందర సింగ్, నిహా యాదవ్, రేణుకు మారి, పక్షుల పరిశీలకుడు మహేష్ బాబు, గణేష్, ఉపాధ్యాయులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



ప్రతిజ్ఞ చేస్తున్న కేంద్ర బృందం ప్రతినిధులు



నదుల సంరక్షణ మనందరి బాధ్యత

రామచంద్ర ప్రసాద్ అధ్యక్షత వహించి, సీనియర్

ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోని నదుల పరిరక్షణ కోసం అందరి బాధ్యతగా ఉండాలి. ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోని నదుల పరిరక్షణ కోసం అందరి బాధ్యతగా ఉండాలి. ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోని నదుల పరిరక్షణ కోసం అందరి బాధ్యతగా ఉండాలి.



రామచంద్ర ప్రసాద్ అధ్యక్షత వహించి, సీనియర్ ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోని నదుల పరిరక్షణ కోసం అందరి బాధ్యతగా ఉండాలి. ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ లోని నదుల పరిరక్షణ కోసం అందరి బాధ్యతగా ఉండాలి.



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పర్యావరణ పరిరక్షణలో విద్యార్థుల పాత్ర కీలకం



క్విట్ పోటీలో ప్రతిభ చూపిన వారికి బహుమతులు అందజేస్తున్న ఫారెస్ట్ రేంజ్ ఆఫీసర్ వరప్రసాద్

బాలాజీవైరువు: పర్యావరణ పరిరక్షణలో విద్యార్థుల పాత్ర కీలకమని కాకినాడ వైల్డ్ లైఫ్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ ఫారెస్ట్ రేంజ్ ఆఫీసర్ ఎస్ఎస్ఆర్ వరప్రసాద్ పేర్కొన్నారు. ఆదిత్య డిగ్రీ కళాశాలలో జిల్లా అటవీశాఖ, ఆదిత్య ఎన్ఎస్ఎస్ అధ్యక్షులతో నదీ ఉత్సవాలు నిర్వహించారు. రాష్ట్రంలో గల ప్రధాన నదులు, పరీవాహక ప్రాంతాలు, ప్రధాన నదుల పుట్టుక, పరిరక్షణకు తీసుకోవలసిన జాగ్రత్తలను వరప్రసాద్ వివరించారు. నేషనల్ గ్రీన్ కోర్ కన్వీనర్ కేసరి శ్రీనివాసరావు కాలుష్య రకాలు, వాటి నివారణలో పర్యావరణ పాత్రను వివరించారు. రిసోర్స్ పర్సన్ డాక్టర్ అజిత్ కుమార్ సింగ్ (డెప్యూటాన్) భారత దేశంలో జీవనదులు, వాటి పల్ల కలిగే ప్రయోజనాలు వివరించారు. అనంతరం క్విట్ పోటీలో ప్రతిభ చూపిన వారికి బహుమతులు అందజేశారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో కళాశాల కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ నాయుడు, అధ్యాపకులు తేజస్వరరావు, దివాకరరావు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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ఆదిత్యలో నది ఉత్సవాలు

ప్రజాశక్తి - కాకినాడ

స్థానిక ఆదిత్య డిగ్రీ కళాశాల జాతీయ సేవా పథకం కార్యక్రమాల్లో భాగంగా జిల్లా అటవీశాఖ అధ్యక్షులతో నది ఉత్సవాలు నిర్వహించినట్లు ఆదిత్య డిగ్రీ మరియు పీ.జీ.కళాశాలల అకాడమిక్ డైరెక్టర్ డాక్టర్ బిజిఎల్ నాయుడు తెలిపారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ ప్రకృతిని మానవుడే పరిరక్షించాలని, అన్ని జీవులను బతికిస్తూనే మనిషి మనుగడ సాధించాలని, నీటి కాలుష్యాన్ని తగ్గిస్తూ, నదులను సంరక్షించుకోవాలని, ప్లాస్టిక్ వ్యర్థాల వాడకాన్ని నియంత్రించాలని అన్నారు. కాకినాడ వైల్డ్ లైఫ్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ ఫారెస్ట్ రేంజ్ ఆఫీసర్ ఎస్ఎస్ఆర్ వరప్రసాద్ మాట్లాడుతూ రాష్ట్రంలోని ప్రధాన నదుల పుట్టుక, పరీవాహక ప్రాంతాలు, పరిరక్షణ కోసం తీసుకోవాల్సిన చర్యల గురించి విద్యార్థులకు వివరించారు. కేసరి శ్రీనివాసరావు మాట్లాడుతూ నీటి కాలుష్యాన్ని నివారించి భవిష్యత్ తరాలను ఆదుకోవాలని, నీటిని వధా చేయరాదని తెలిపారు. ఆదిత్య విద్యాసంస్థల చైర్మన్ డాక్టర్ నల్లమిల్లి శేషారెడ్డి, డిగ్రీ కళాశాలల సెక్రెటరీ డాక్టర్ నల్లమిల్లి సుగుణారెడ్డి నిర్వాహకులను అభినందించారు.

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కాశీనాథ్ కార్పొరేషన్, ప్రధాన్మంత్రి : నదుల సంరక్షణ ప్రతి ఒక్కరి బాధ్యతద్యుతని అటవీశాఖ రేంజ్ ఆఫీసర్ ఎస్.ఎస్.ఆర్ వరప్రసాద్ అన్నారు. గత మూడు రోజులుగా వైర్డ్ లైఫ్ జన్ స్ట్రీట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా అటవీశాఖ ఆధ్వర్యంలో నిర్వహిస్తున్న నదీ ఉత్సవాలు శుభవారం తో ముగిశాయి. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆదిత్య డిగ్రీ కళాశాల నందు ముగింపు కార్యక్రమాన్ని నిర్వహించారు. విద్యార్థులకు క్విజ్, చిత్రలేఖన పోటీలను నిర్వహించి బహుమతులు ఇచ్చారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ఆధ్యక్షత వహించిన ఆదిత్య డిగ్రీ మరియు పి.జి కాలేజీల అకడమిక్ డైరెక్టర్ డాక్టర్ డి.వి.ఎల్ నాయుడు మాట్లాడుతూ సీరు లేని ప్రపంచాన్ని తీహించలే



మని అన్నారు. సీరున్న గ్రహం మన భూమి మా త్రమేననినీటి వినియోగంలో పాడుపు పాటించాలని తెలిపారు. ముఖ్య అతిథి గా విచ్చేసిన అటవీశాఖ రేంజ్ ఆఫీసర్ ఎస్.ఎస్.ఆర్ వరప్రసాద్ మాట్లాడుతూ నదుల సంరక్షణ ప్రతి ఒక్కరి బాధ్యత అన్నా

రు. నీటి పాడుపు, నీటి కాలుష్య నివారణ కు ప్రతి ఒక్కరు భృషీరేయాలని పిలుపునిచ్చారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమ నిర్వాహకులు డాక్టర్ ఆజిత్ కుమార్ సింగ్ మాట్లాడుతూ గత రెండు రోజులుగా ఆరు పాఠశాలల్లో అమగాహన కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించామన్నారు. జాతీయ బాలల సైన్స్ కాంగ్రెస్ జిల్లా సమన్వయ కర్త శేసరి శ్రీనివాసరావు మాట్లాడుతూ నదుల ద్వారా సంస్కృతి సంప్రదాయాలు, ఆరిక సంపద పెరుగుతుందని తెలిపారు. ఆదిత్య ఎస్. ఎస్.ఎస్. కోఆర్డినేటర్ తేజ, వైర్డ్ లైఫ్ జన్ స్ట్రీట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా ప్రతినిధులు డాక్టర్ జలంపవతి సింగ్, నిహ యాదవ్, రేణు కుమారి, మహిష్ బాబు, గజేష్ తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

Tracing the course of River Noyyal from purity to pollution

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Participants of the 'River Walk' at Singanallur tank in Coimbatore on Sunday.

A total of 30 persons, including college students and nature enthusiasts, were part of a 40-km-long journey on Sunday that traced the course of River Noyyal from its pristine origins at the foothills of the Western Ghats to its polluted state as it reaches the city of Coimbatore.

Conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with Coimbatore-based Centre for Urban Biodiversity Conservation and Education (CUBE), the 'River Walk' was organised as part of the nationwide 'Nadi Utsav' (Festival of Rivers) initiated by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

'River walk' conducted along Noyyal pathway



TO SAFEGUARD NATURE'S GIFT: The programme, 'River walk', was conducted as part of 'Nadi Utsav' (river festival) by the ministry of Jal Shakti, Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Center for Urban Biodiversity Conservation and Education (CUBE)

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Coimbatore: About 30 people, including students, walked from Chadivayal to Anaimedu along the Noyyal river on Sunday morning, as a mark of respect for the river and to emphasize the need to protect the water body.

The programme, 'River walk', was conducted as part of 'Nadi Utsav' (river festival) by the ministry of Jal Shakti, Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Center for Urban Biodiversity Conservation and Education (CUBE).

The aim of the walk was to honour the river, to create awareness and to emphasize the need for the protection of the river.

Historian C R Elangovan, who curated the walk, said, "In

Chadivayal area, we witnessed the crystal clear stream water. We saw the confluence of various streams at Madavarayapuram, where the Noyyal begins its journey."

The walkers then visited Chithiraichavadi check dam and Perur. "The Noyyal made it possible for Perur to flourish as a commercial centre 1,000 years ago," Elangovan said and added that at present the river becomes polluted after passing through the town.

Subsequently, the walkers marched to Athupalam and Nanjundapuram area. "Here the river has been completely polluted by sewage and water is black in colour," he added. When the team reached Anaimedu area behind the Singanallur lake, bad smell emanated from the river.



APPRECIATIONS FROM EMINENT PERSONALITIES

1. "রাইল্ডলাইফইনষ্টিটিউটঅৱইণ্ডিয়া

ৰউদ্যোগতপ্ৰথমবাৰৰবাবেনদীসংৰক্ষণৰপৰতআনন্দপূৰ্ণচাহবাগিচাপ্ৰাথমিকবিদ্যালয়ত একসজাগতামূলকসভাঅনুষ্ঠিতকৰাহয়। এইঅনুষ্ঠানটোৰফলতছাত্ৰ-

ছাত্ৰীয়েনদীউপনদীআৰুইয়াতবাসকৰাজীৱজন্তু,

গছ-গছনি,

আৰু নদীৰগতিআৰুসংৰক্ষণৰপৰতযথেষ্টখিনিকথাশিকিবলৈপালৈগতে"

কাজিৰঙাৰাষ্ট্ৰীয়উদ্যানৰবোকাখাতবনাঞ্চলৰবিষয়াশ্ৰীযুতমঞ্জিতসোণোৱালে

"For the first time an awareness programme focused on river conservation is being conducted. It is wonderful that students get to learn about river ecosystems and biodiversity and conservation under one platform".

Mr. Monjit Sonowal, Forest Range Officer, Bokakhat, Kaziranga National Park

2. প্ৰথমবাৰৰবাবেজলশক্তিমন্ত্ৰালয়,

সংস্কৃতিকমন্ত্ৰালয়

, "রাইল্ডলাইফইনষ্টিটিউটঅৱইণ্ডিয়া"ৰঅন্তৰ্গতনদীউৎসৰপালনকৰাইছেব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰআৰুইয়াৰদাঁতিকাষৰীয়াঅঞ্চলসমূহত। তেওঁকয়ে,

এইঅঞ্চলসমূহতনদীকলৈএনেপ্ৰচাৰিতঅনুষ্ঠানআগতেকৰাহোৱানাছিল। এইখিনিৰলগতে

ওঁনদীআৰুমানৱজীৱিকাৰসম্পৰ্কৰবিষয়েকিছুসচেতনতামূলকবক্তব্যপ্ৰদানকৰিলে।

শ্ৰীযুতজিতুশৰ্মাৰাজখোৱা, অসমসাংবাদিকসংস্থাৰসভাপতি

In the past there have been several programmes focused on wildlife and nature but this is the first programme which is focused not only on the river and its ecology but also on how it connects to people's lives.

Mr. Jitu Sarma Rajkhowa, President, All Assam Journalist Association

3. "প্ৰথমবাৰৰবাবেব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰতআৰুআনআনউপনদীসমূহতজলশক্তিমন্ত্ৰালয়,

সংস্কৃতিকমন্ত্ৰালয়

, "রাইল্ডলাইফইনষ্টিটিউটঅৱইণ্ডিয়া"ৰউদ্যোগতনদীউৎসৰপালনকৰাইছে। তেখেতেনদী

সংৰক্ষণৰপৰতভিত্তিকৰিআমগুৰিএম,

ইস্কুলৰছাত্ৰ-

ছাত্ৰীসকলকআৰুৰাইজকআহ্বানজনাইকয়েআমিনদীখনসুৰক্ষিতআৰুচাফচিকুনকৰিবাখিবলাগেলগতেতেখেতেকয়এইনদীসংৰক্ষণৰসজাগতামূলকসভাখনৰজৰিয়তেনদীৰবিষয়েসকলোৱেবহুতোজনাকথাশিকিবলৈপাই।

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"It is great that the programme talks not only about Brahmaputra, but also its tributaries like Diflo and Dhansir, where local people are highly dependent on them".

Dr. Naveen Pandey, Deputy Director, Kaziranga and Senior Veterinary Advisor, The Corbett Foundation



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