

The Wildlife Preservation Society –Dehradun
Activities from Jan 2019 to Dec 2019

The Wildlife Preservation Society organized a number of activities and meetings from Jan -2019 to Dec 2019

17 February 2019
Trip to Timli FRH and Asan Barrage



On 17th February 2019 , two activities were organized with the help of Uttarkhand Forest Department : A Nature Trail in Timli forest reserve and Bird watching camp at Asan Barrage. Two traveler buses were organized for the members. It was a bright sunny day and the buses left at 10 am and reached Timli FRH at 11 am. Mr Rashmi Kant Shukla, IFS (R) President introduced Mr. Pandey ACF. Mr. Pandey welcomed the members with Tea and snacks and took the members for the nature trail. The members returned to the FRH for lunch. After lunch members proceeded for Asan wetlands. Binoculars were distributed to the members to observe the wetland birds. A Forest Guard explained that Asan barrage was declared wetland conservation area in

2005 and inaugurated by late President Abdul Kalam. Most of the migratory birds come in November and leave by end of March. They come for feeding and not for nesting. Members observed Great Cormorant, cormorant, common Moorhen, northern Pintail, pond Heron, Ruddy Shelduck, Bar-headed geese, Red-crested pochard, common Coot, etc.

21 APRIL 2019
Butterfly Trail at Jhajhara Forest Rest House



On 21st April 2019 a butterfly Nature trail was held at Jhajhara Forest Rest House. Mr Raj Shekhar Singh the walk leader addressed the gathering and gave a briefing on the morning's activity. Thereafter everyone proceed for a 'Walk in the Woods' with participants spotting, identifying and photographing different species of butterflies. Almost 25 different species of butterflies were spotted during the morning walk through the range over a period of two and a half hours. After that Mr Raj Shekhar gave an informative slide show presentation on all aspects of butterflies in the state. He also gave tips on how to make our homes more butterfly friendly and what plants should be added to our gardens to attract there colorful jewels of nature.

The young student from UPES college sang songs and read out poems and message on awareness towards the environment and saving it for future. The highlight of the day was a gazal by Mrs Mallika Shukla and the three songs by our senior member Mr Vinod Rishi and his wife Mrs Romeen Rishi.

**2 June 2019
Trip to Dhanaulti Eco Park**



On 2nd June 2019 a trip to ECO Park Dhanaulti was organized . Mr Neeraj Sharma of UFKD addressed and gathering delivered a very informative talk on ‘Ecotourism with community involvement, conservation of nature and wildlife’. The slide show presentation and talk were an eye opener on how citizens can take proactive part in wildlife and nature conservation hand-in-hand with the Forest Dept. The President Mr Rashmi Kant Shukla IFS (R) addressed students of Bansal Memorial School and sensitized them towards nature and wildlife conservation.

**15 September 2019
Talk by Mr Dhananjai Mohan IFS**



On 15th September 2019, Mr Dhananjay Mohan, IFS delivered a very informative talk on ‘Wildlife In Urban Environs’ at WPS Office- Dehradun. The Guest of Honor for the event was Mr S S Rasaily IFS of Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board.

**2 October to 8 October
Wildlife Week Celebrations**



The Wildlife Week was celebrated with great pomp from 2nd October 2019 to 8th October 2019. The inauguration of Wildlife week at Dehradun Zoo and Uttarakhand Biodiversity. Mr Abhai Mishra & Dr Dushyant Gaur has volunteered to conduct a wildlife photographic competition.

2 October 2019

Postal Stamp Exhibition at GPO

Mr Abhai Mishra philatelist along with Dr Sangeeta and Mr Sanjay organized a beautiful display of Postal Stamps related to Wildlife on 2nd October at the GPO Dehradun. The display was appreciated by a number of visitors and school children and was put up for a week.



6 October 2019

Lecture on Man Animal Conflict



Mr Mathew Rajeev Mathen Wildlife Board member Telengana from Hyderabad delivered an informative talk and slide show presentation for Man Animal Conflict at WPS Office –Dehradun.

7 October 2019

Sensitizing members of Press

By Chairman Biodiversity Board Uttarakhand at Uttarakhand Press Club Dehradun



On 7th October 2019 closing ceremony took place at Press Club Dehradun . Since 8th October was Dusshera, the closing ceremony was preponed by a day. The society invited Mr Dhananjai Mohan IFS Chairman Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board and Mr S S Rasaily IFS to deliver a talk to the members of the Press and sensitized them towards responsible reporting pertaining to wildlife news.

24 November 2019

Annual General Body Meeting



On 24th November 2019, the Annual General Meeting and Elections for the Executive Committee Members was held. Letters by post and email were sent well in advance to all the life members of society. The response to the AGM was amazing. The thirty eight members attended the AGM. Thirteen out station members voted through duly filled proxy forms. President Rashmi Kant Shukla IFS (R) conveyed his special thanks to the outstation members Capt Arjun Balraj Mehta from Delhi, Dr Abhisheka Raj Besain from Lucknow, Alok Negi from Rudraprayag and Mr Mansoor Mazhar from Moradabad.

14 December 2019
Inauguration of Lucknow branch of WPS



On 14th December 2019, President Mr Rashmi Kant Shukla IFS (R) and Ex Officio Vice President Mr R.K. Singh IFS, Director Lucknow Zoo inaugurated our new branch in Lucknow at Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden Lucknow Zoo. All the Lucknow life members attended the meeting. Three new life members joined the society.