

## International Day for Vulture Awareness 05<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2015



Vultures have an important role in the natural environment. They are nature's disposal squads or “incinerators”. Vultures provide the society with a number of 'services', most notably disposal of carrion. These services have an impact on human health, economic activity and on environmental quality.

As we all know that for conservation of the vultures every years of the first Saturday in the month of September International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD) is celebrated. The concept of celebrating International Vulture Awareness Day has grown from Vulture Awareness Day run by the Birds of Prey Programme in South Africa and the Hawk Conservancy Trust in England, who decided to work together and expand the initiative into an international event. Both the partners together launched a website, in July 2009 to provide a central place for all participants to outline their activities and see the extent of vulture conservation across the world. IVAD is celebrated on the first Saturday of September every year. First IVAD was celebrated in 2009. The aim of celebrating IVAD is to sensitize people towards exacerbating population decline of vultures and their conservation. It provides a common platform for each participating organization to carry out their own activities that highlight vulture conservation and awareness. International Vulture Awareness Day is key in helping spread the word about the plight and importance of all vulture species. To monitor populations and implement effective measures to conserve these birds and their habitats.

This year on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Vulture awareness day i.e. on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 various countries participated worldwide. About 125 different organizations also participated in IVAD across world this year. 25 different organizations from India participated in IVAD this year. Uttar Pradesh also represented by 4 participating organization this year.

Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Lucknow celebrated ***International Vulture Awareness Day*** on from 01<sup>st</sup> to 05<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in collaboration Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow and Regional Science City, Aliganj, Lucknow.

During 01<sup>st</sup> – 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015, two (02) awareness cars were departed one for Jhansi, Moath Lalitpur, Deogarh and other for Lakhimpur, Bahraich, Dudhwa National Park, Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve and Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary to create mass awareness among the local public and students of the Schools, colleges, institutes

and universities by distributing awareness materials like booklets, pamphlets and flyers on importance of vultures. Near about 15,000 flyers and 5000 booklets were distributed among the students and local public.

On 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 three (03) awareness cars were departed from University of Lucknow, one (01) car went towards Gonda , and the other two (02) cars were departed towards Rae-bareilly and Unnao to create awareness regarding the importance of vultures ,their decreasing status and the causes and consequences of their depletion.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, following various competitions based on conservation of vultures were organized at Regional Science City, Aliganj, Lucknow, involving students of class 6th-8th (Group A) and class 9th-12th (Group B). Overall 200 students from 135 schools/colleges participated enthusiastically in various competitions. The winners of the event were facilitated with books as prize and Certificates.

### **Winners of the competitions**

#### **1- Quiz Competition**

##### **Group A (Class 6th- 8th)**

S.NO.	NAME OF STUDENT	SCHOOL	PRIZE
1	Gaurvi Gupta	CMS, Rajendra Nagar	First
2	Jayant Pant	CMS, Rajendra Nagar	Second
3	Vaibhav Pratap Singh	CMS, Rajendra Nagar	Third
4	Kamaldeep Kaur	CMS, Rajendra Nagar	Consolation

##### **Group B (Class 9th- 12th)**

S.NO.	NAME OF STUDENT	SCHOOL	PRIZE
1	Smriti Pandey	KV Cantt. Lko.	First
2	Subrat Shukla	CMS, Mahanagar II	Second
3	Yogendra Kumar Sharma	Maharishi vidya mandir public school	Third
4	Shrey Kr. Rai	Kendriya vidyalaya,IIM ,Lko.	Consolation

## 2- Rangoli Competition

### Group A (Class 6th- 8th)



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Deepali Verma ,Class- 8<sup>th</sup>,  
St. Thomas Mission Inter College**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Kajal Nigam, Class-8<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas  
Mission Inter College**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Shreya Sharma, Class-7<sup>th</sup>, MVM  
Public School**



**Consolation Prize, Ananya, Class 7<sup>th</sup>, MVM  
Public School.**

### Group B (Class 9th -12th)



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize ,Srishti Srivastava,Class-12<sup>th</sup>,  
Maharishi Vidya Mandir**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Akanksha Tiwari, Class-10<sup>th</sup>,  
Kendriya Vidyalaya**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Kumari Shiwani, Class -10<sup>th</sup>,  
Kendriya Vidyalaya.**



**Consolation Prize, Anamika , Class-12<sup>th</sup>,  
Maharishi Vidya Mandir.**

### 3- Art Competition

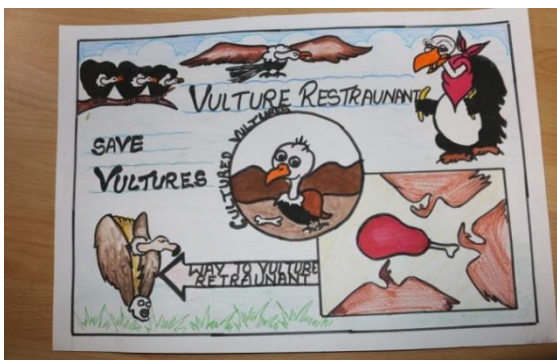
#### Group A (Class 6th- 8th)



1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Nikhil Singh, Class-7<sup>th</sup>, LPS,  
Lucknow



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Anjsa Verma, Class-8<sup>th</sup>, LPS,  
Lucknow



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Vidhi Singh, Class-7<sup>th</sup>, LPS,  
Lucknow



Consolation Prize, Agam Pandey, Class-7<sup>th</sup>,  
CMS, Lucknow



Consolation Prize, Abhinav Tiwari, Class-7<sup>th</sup>, CMS, Lucknow



**Group B (Class 9th -12th)**



**First Prize, Kartikeya Singh, Class-9<sup>th</sup>, LPS,  
Lucknow**



**Second Prize, Avantika Katiyar, Class-9<sup>th</sup>,  
Seth MR Jaipuria**



**Third Prize, Aditi Verma , Class-9<sup>th</sup>, CMS  
Indiranagar**



**Consolation Prize, Ravisha Raj, Class 9<sup>th</sup>,  
CMS Indiranagar**

## **SOME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF TEAM ACTIVITIES**

**Visit to DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK, PILIBHIT TIGER RESERVE, KATERNIAGHAT  
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, SUHELWA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.  
(1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015)**



**Awareness at Adarsh Janta Vidyalaya,  
Umarpur, Kheri.**



**Awareness at Prathmik Vidyalaya, Kheri**



**Prathmik Vidyalaya, Kumbhi, Gola, Kheri.**



**Awareness Amongst Students At Guru  
Harikishan Degree College, Kheri.**



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**Awareness Amongst Forest Officials.**



**Visit to UNNAO,MOATH, JHANSI,ORCCHA,LALITPUR,DEOGARH.**  
**(1st-3rd September 2015)**



**Awareness regarding vulture status in Unnao**



**Awareness in School (Jhansi)**



**Awareness amongst school children (Jhansi)**



**Awareness amongst forest officials in Jhansi**



**Awareness amongst school children .**



**Distribution of flyers in school students (Orccha).**



Visit to **GONDA** (4<sup>th</sup> September 2015)



**Awareness in School children, Gonda**



**Amongst Teachers, Gonda**



**Awareness in Prathmik vidyalaya, Gonda**



**Awareness in Prathmik vidyalaya, Gonda**



**Awareness regarding importance of vultures by volunteers**



**Awareness in school, Gonda**



**Awareness in Fatima school, Gonda**



**Awareness material distribution to Father Principal, Fatima School, Gonda.**



**Visit to RAE-BAREILLY, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



**Awareness in school students, Rae- bareilly**



**Distribution of pamphlets amongst students.**



**Distribution of awareness material in Rae- Bareilly**



**Awareness in school students, Rae -bareilly**



**Awareness regarding role of vulture in food chain**



**Awareness among local people.**

**Visit to UNNAO 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



**Awareness amongst students, Unnao**



**Distribution of pamphlets to students**



**Banner distribution to Principal , Unnao**



**Awareness regarding importance of  
cultures**



## **Glimpses of the competitions held at Regional Science City, Lucknow**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



**Participants of Art Competition**



**Judgment of Art Competition**



**Participants of Rangoli Competition**



**Participants of Quiz Competition**



**Guests and Chief Guest at Regional Science City, Aliganj**



**Prize Distribution to Winner**



**Prize Distribution to Winner**



**Prize Distribution to Winner**



**Books As Prize Given to Winners**



**Participants of Competition**



**Volunteers and Winners of Different Competitions Held at Regional Science City, Aliganj**



## Awareness Material Distributed

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## VULTURE SPECIES IN UTTAR PRADESH

### An Identification Key














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Photo: Gyps indicus (Juvenile)

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