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## **Editorial**

### **Esteemed Readers,**

This quarter saw the celebration of the International Day for Vulture Awareness. Vultures are an ecologically vital group of birds that face a range of threats in many areas that they occur. Populations of many species are under pressure and some species are facing extinction.

The International Vulture Awareness Day is celebrated each year on the first Saturday of September. The aim is to carry out the conservational activities by the different institution participating in it from different countries. It is now recognized that a coordinated international day will publicize the conservation of vultures to a wider audience and highlight the important work being carried out by the world's vulture conservationists.

Due to pandemic COVID-19 situation, Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with ENVIS-RP, Institute for Wildlife Sciences, ONGC, Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Lucknow and Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology celebrated International Vulture Awareness Day on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by organizing online workshop on Vulture Conservation.

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Vultures are most important scavenger and play an important role in clearing animal carcasses and municipal dumps. Vultures are large birds' carrion eaters. By consuming the carcasses of diseased animals, vultures prevent the spread of life-threatening diseases such as rabies and anthrax among animals and humans.



There are 22 kinds of vultures which includes 15 types of Old World vultures and 7 types of New World vultures. Due to a lot of variations in geographical and environmental gradient 9 species are reported to be present in India (Ali and Ripley, 1987): King vulture (*Sarcogyps calvus*), Cinereous vulture (*Aegyptius monachus*), Griffon vulture (*Gyps fulvus*), Himalayan Griffon vulture (*Gyps himalayensis*), Long-billed vulture (*Gyps indicus*), Slender-billed vulture (*Gyps tenuirostris*), White-backed vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*), Egyptian vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*), Bearded vulture (*Gypaetus barbatus*) (Ali *et al.*, 1995).

Vultures are known to colonize wooded as well as open habitats with agriculture and tree cover (Robinson 1994; Donazar *et al.* 2002a,b). On the basis of forest and vegetation cover, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has been divided into three major eco-zones: The Tarai (moist deciduous forests), the Gangetic plains (agriculture landscape) and the Bundelkhand (dry deciduous forests) including Vindhyan regions (Islam & Rahmani 2004). **There are 8 species of vultures in Uttar Pradesh.**

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Prof. Amita Kanaujia hosted this workshop on Zoom platform, about 80 participants attended this workshop. Participants from different backgrounds attended the workshop viz. students, locals from block level and village level and forest officials from different forest divisions.

Prof Kanaujia spoke about the morphology and ecology of different vulture species of Uttar Pradesh. She also discussed the different threats faced by the species of the region and steps that can be taken to mitigate them. She also discussed the various conservational activities that she along with her team of research scholars have under taken to secure the future of all the vulture species of Uttar Pradesh.

Workshop on  
**Capacity Building of BMCs for Vulture Conservation in Uttar Pradesh**

**04<sup>th</sup> September , 2021**  
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Organized by  
**U.P. State Biodiversity Board, Lucknow**  
**ENVIS-RP, Institute of Wildlife Sciences, University of Lucknow**

Meeting ID: 84386968310  
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The first Saturday in September each year is International Vulture Awareness Day



Workshop on  
**CAPACITY BUILDING OF BMCs FOR VULTURE  
CONSERVATION IN UTTAR PRADESH**



**Our Speaker**  
**Prof. Amita Kanaujia**  
Coordinator, ENVIS-RP, Institute of  
Wildlife Sciences, University of Lucknow

**4th September 2021**

**TIME: 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**



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