

World Wetland Day, 2020 was celebrated on 2nd February, 2020 on the bank of Kanjia Lake, near Water bird aviary at Nandankanan Zoological Park. Dr Siba Prasad Parida, HOD of Zoology Department, Centurion University, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest, Prof Sudarshan Maharana, (Rtd) Regional Director, Department of Education and Dr Aloka Kumar Das, SVO, Nandankanan Zoological Park was Guest of Honour and Shri Jayant Kumar Das, OFS-(STS), Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park and Mr Michael Peter, Director WWF, Odisha Chapter, attended during the meeting. The celebration was attended by the local school students, representatives of Print and Electronic media and staffs of Nandankanan Zoological Park. The theme for this year 2020 was “Wetlands and Biodiversity”.

An interactive quiz programme on “Wetlands” was conducted amongst the school children by Dr S.P.Parida, Mr Michael Peters, , Sri A. K. Parida, ACF (VM), Dr R. K. Mohapatra, Biologist and Mr M. K. Panda, Education Officer, Nandankanan. Prizes were distributed amongst the winners of quiz programme, which was highly appreciated by the participants. The Guest of Honour discussed about the importance of wetland in biodiversity conservation. The Chief Guest emphasized on conservation of the wetlands in general and Kanjia Lake in particular in the interest of water management of the locality. Mr Michael Peters discussed on Wetlands and their importance. Sri Jayant Kumar Das, Deputy Director, discussed on the theme of this year and their conservation strategy to conserve wetlands and their role in our economy.

Mr A.K. Parida, ACF (VM) Nandankanan extended the vote of thanks in the celebration. Finally, a signature campaign programme was conducted in front of interpretation centre of Nandankanan Zoological Park to raise awareness amongst the people.

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