World Wetlands Day 2012

The World Wetlands Day was observed on 2nd February 2012 by Action for Protection of Wild Animals in associa-



tion with Mangrove Forest Division, Rajnagar, Eco Club, US-SAK at Uchha Sikshya Srama Arua Kadaliban. The World Wetland Day was observed with school competitions, presentations, meetings and mangrove plantations etc. The Director, APOWA, Mr. Bijaya Ku Kabi delivered the welcome and introduction on WWD followed by Mr. Manoj Kumar Satapathy, Eco club teacher, USSAK High school. The chief guest Dr Laxman Behera, ex-Director, Animal Resources Development Department, Govt of Odisha was inaugurated the WWD 2012. Dr Behera addressed to the participants and stressed on the important role of the new generation in the future of

Odisha. The guest of honour Mr. Udaya Kumar Das, research officer, Wildlife Wing, Forest and Environment Department, Govt of Odisha was talked about the importance of wetlands and mangroves for the environment as well as society. The chief speaker Dr Mihir Ranjan Pattnaik, forest range officer, Mangrove Forest Division, Rajnagar was emphasized the role of forests and wetlands not only in our ecosystem, but more notably in our lives. The head master Mr. Ashok Kumar Bal was presided over the meeting. Finally, the chief guest distributed prizes to winner students of the essay competitions.





On the occasion of World Wetland Day 2012, school students, village youths, community volunteers were assembled in the 2nd February 2012 morning at Naranpur village under Rajnagar block with the strong belief that it's high time to get together to protect our environment and make our society more greener. They were participated in a mangrove plantation adjoining to their village, which organized by APOWA. We appreciate the active participation of the members of Binapani Youth Club, Naranpur in our plantation programme. Mr. Binod Acharya and Mr. Suvendu Behera, forest range officers, local Mangrove Forest Divi-

sion were also participated and encouraged to the participants. We are very thankful to Ramsar Secretariat for their inputs by providing poster and educational materials etc for the programme.

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