

State Level Webinar

On the Occasion of World Wildlife Day

Title: *"Wildlife Conservation Finance:*

Investing in People and Planet"

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One day State level webinar

**Title : "Wildlife Conservation Finance:
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Resource Person

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Time : 3.00PM - 4.30PM

Link: <https://meet.google.com/gxj-irgh-bek>

Report on State Level Webinar

Title: "Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet"

Department of Zoology, SGA Government Degree College (A), Yellamanchili successfully organized Webinar entitled “Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet” on the occasion of World Wildlife Day, 3rd March 2025. The Resource person Sri. Ravi Babu Surisetty Jr. Veterinary Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry, Frozen Semen Bull station , Visakhapatnam highlighted the need for innovative solutions to fund the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to ensure long-term conservation efforts. The session has lasted about 3Hrs and the students are participated actively and enthusiastically by asking questions.

Objective:

The main objective of the webinar to create awareness among the students that World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora, to raise awareness of their many benefits to reminds us of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species

About the Resource Person:

- With a profound commitment to wildlife conservation and animal welfare, Ravi Babu has worked for five years in wildlife duties at the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, focusing on the conservation, management, and captive breeding of wild animals.
- He has actively participated in wild animal rescue operations, including the significant Operation Gaja in the Srikakulam District, and has been involved in the transportation and exchange of wild animals between zoos in India, contributing to genetic diversity and species conservation efforts.
- He underwent specialized training in Animal Welfare Activities in Captive Animals at the National Institute of Animal Welfare. Additionally, he earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Animal Welfare from Indira Gandhi National Open University
- He is holding a patent for a Smart Semen Analyser in bovines.
- His academic contributions extend to guest lectures at universities and degree colleges on topics such as Animal Husbandry, Dairy Management, Poultry Management, and Ion-Assisted Reproductive Technology.
- As a peer reviewer, he has played a vital role in maintaining the quality of scientific research.
- A dedicated professional in the Animal Husbandry Department, he currently serves as a Junior Veterinary Officer at the Frozen Semen Bull Station, Visakhapatnam.

Key Points:

- ❖ World Wildlife Day is for connecting people with the natural world and inspiring continued learning and action for animals and plants beyond the day
- ❖ Wild animals and plants, from the highland steppes to the coral reefs, are intrinsic to the intricate web of life on Earth.
- ❖ They sustain ecosystems, regulate natural processes, and support biodiversity, providing essential services that underpin human livelihoods and contribute to the achievement of our Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ❖ With over 1 million species estimated to be threatened with extinction, and facing the intensifying triple planetary crisis, innovative finance for wildlife conservation is more urgent than ever.
- ❖ More than half of the world's GDP is dependent on nature, making biodiversity loss a significant threat to financial stability.
- ❖ For example, fisheries contribute over 10 per cent of GDP in some countries, yet over one-third of marine fish stocks are overfished, leading to unemployment, disrupted economies, and illegal harvesting practices
- ❖ World Wildlife Day 2025 will serve as a platform for exchange and exploration of innovative financial solutions for wildlife conservation.
- ❖ It will showcase financial innovations, the challenges faced by civil society, governments, organisations, and the private sector, and the collaborative approaches needed to ensure sustainable funding for biodiversity.
- ❖ The day promotes action against wildlife exploitation, illegal wildlife trading, and habitat damage. It seeks to maintain a balanced environment and safeguard ecosystems by encouraging sustainable practices.
- ❖ The union government has sanctioned more than ₹2,900 crore for Project Lion, which will be used for the conservation of Asiatic lions—Gujarat is their sole natural habitat.
- ❖ These lions now occupy close to 30,000 square kilometres in nine districts of Gujarat.
- ❖ Moreover, new projects like a National Referral Center for Wildlife in Junagadh district and a state-of-the-art monitoring center in Sasan have been initiated to improve the process of conservation.





