

Foreign Students had Bird Watching Session and learned about Tree Ecology of Jhalawar

Jhalawar, 23 March : Under Asia Pacific Schools Initiative organised by Pallavan Learning Systems and Centre for Escalation of Peace with the guidance of Bird Expert and Conservationist Anil Rodgers and Dr. P.S. Chauhan ,Dean of Forestry College Jhalawar, 30 students of 8 countries today had a Bird Watching Session at Khandiya Lake.

Rodgers told that students had a wonderful experience and almost 15 species of resident Birds were identified like Pheasant Tailed Jacana, Bronze Winged Jacana, Common Moor Hen, Eurasian Coot, Egrets, Black tailed Godvit, Common Kingfisher and many more.



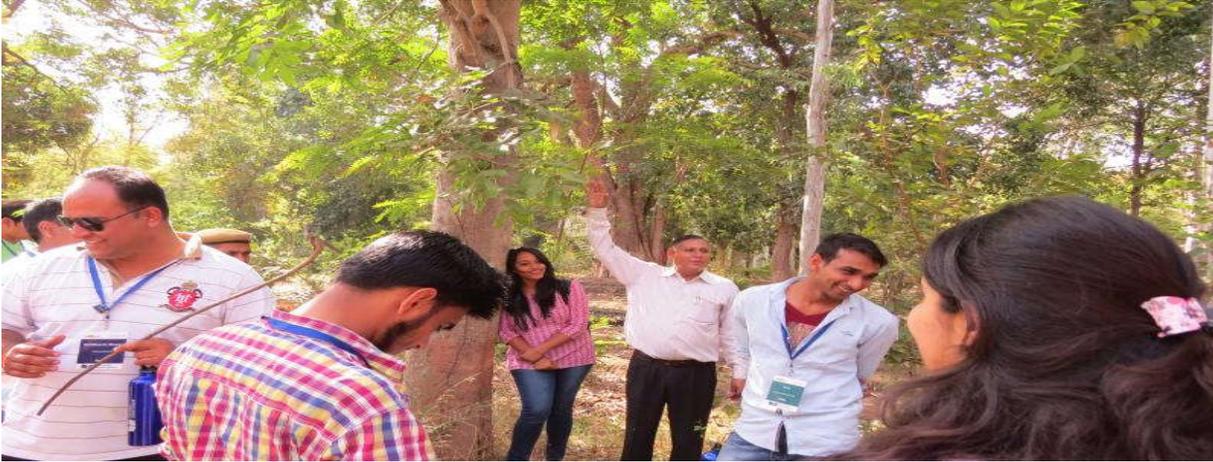
Dr. P.S. Chauhan explained the ecology and morphology of the Trees and also explained what kind of Forests are found in Hadauti Region, He also explained about how human beings and animals and birds are inter-dependent on trees, also what are the different variety of trees found here in a very wonderful manner. He told about *Anogeissus Pendula* that it is a genus of trees in the family of Combretaceae. There are 10 to 12 species which are distributed in Asia and tropical Africa. These are trees and shrubs with tubular flowers that lack petals and dry fruits with ridges or wings. He also explained the Botanical Names of the various Trees found here.



The Asia Pacific Schools Initiative is an annual education programme organised by Pallavan Learning Systems and Centre for Escalation of Peace. This programme aims to develop leadership through serene strength in the participants. Leadership through serene strength refers to the development of leaders who bear the watermark of rigour, compassion and resilience and master the core skills of comprehension, collaboration and assessment. Students aged between 14 and 17, from 8 countries and 10 schools

are together in Jhalawar for this programme; 3 from each school along with 1 teacher. It is a 10 months long programme, 2 weeks here in March in Jhalawar, then 9 months of online work followed by 2 weeks in Delhi and Jhalawar in November.





The programme is going on successfully since the 16th of March in Jhalawar, with the collaboration and support of Pallavan School, Jhalawar, Rajasthan Tourism and many local officials and experts. The programme includes a number of activities that are experiential and today's activities included bird watching and a visit to the nursery. Chetna ji member CEP, Mehtab Alam Siddqui of Pallavan School, Shri Madusudan ji Acharya and Rajpal ji Sharma of Indian National Trust of Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) were also present during the program.

