

Department Name :- Biotechnology

Event/ activity Name :- Workshop on Bird Rescue during Kite Flying Festival

Date :- 04-01-2018

No. of Days :- half day

Venue :- Bioprocess laboratory, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Level :-Undergraduate  
SRKI, Surat

Resource Persons (if any) :- Mr. Shakti Pathak, President, SWAR (Surat Wildlife Activists & Researchers) NGO & member of SPCS (Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals) holds an experience of 25 years in the field of wild life conservation, wildlife rescue & wildlife awareness related programs.

Aim/purpose: To make students aware of how Kite Flying Festival affects the birds & to prepare them how they can help save birds getting killed.

Details of the event/ activity: Mr. Shakti Pathak delivered a talk on the effects of Kite flying on birds & their reduction in number due to this festival by a power point presentation wherein he showed the real injured birds, data & facts related to birds rescue calls , which birds get killed , etc during Utarayan festival. Later he also explained the anatomy & physiology of birds. He gave lots of tips how to do kite flying safely without injuring the birds. Again he explained what steps should be taken if one finds an injured bird. Students were shown demonstration of how to hold birds & take care of them with the help of a live pigeon & kite which he brought with him. Shakti Pathak lastly gave them tips for post Uttarayna as well & invited participants to take a detailed training if they are interested in Birds rescue program. Students shared their views, gave feedback, asked questions & lastly gifted him a memento as a token of gratitude for the lecture.

Participants: - F.Y. Biotech Students (60 total number)

Outcome: - Out of 60 students, 12 students got ready for further intensive training regarding bird rescue which was organized at Birds Hospital, Annapurna Temple, Pal , Surat. From these 12 students 6 students became volunteers for birds rescue during 3 days of Kite flying Festival (13-14-15<sup>th</sup> Jan.'2019). Students had a very good life time hand-on experience of serving for animals. Their bird handling skills developed at the same time humility, love for nature, self satisfaction of working for something good, self-confidence, doing team work, discipline, co-ordination etc also developed.

Signature of event/ activity co-coordinator :- Dr. Nehal D. Shah





