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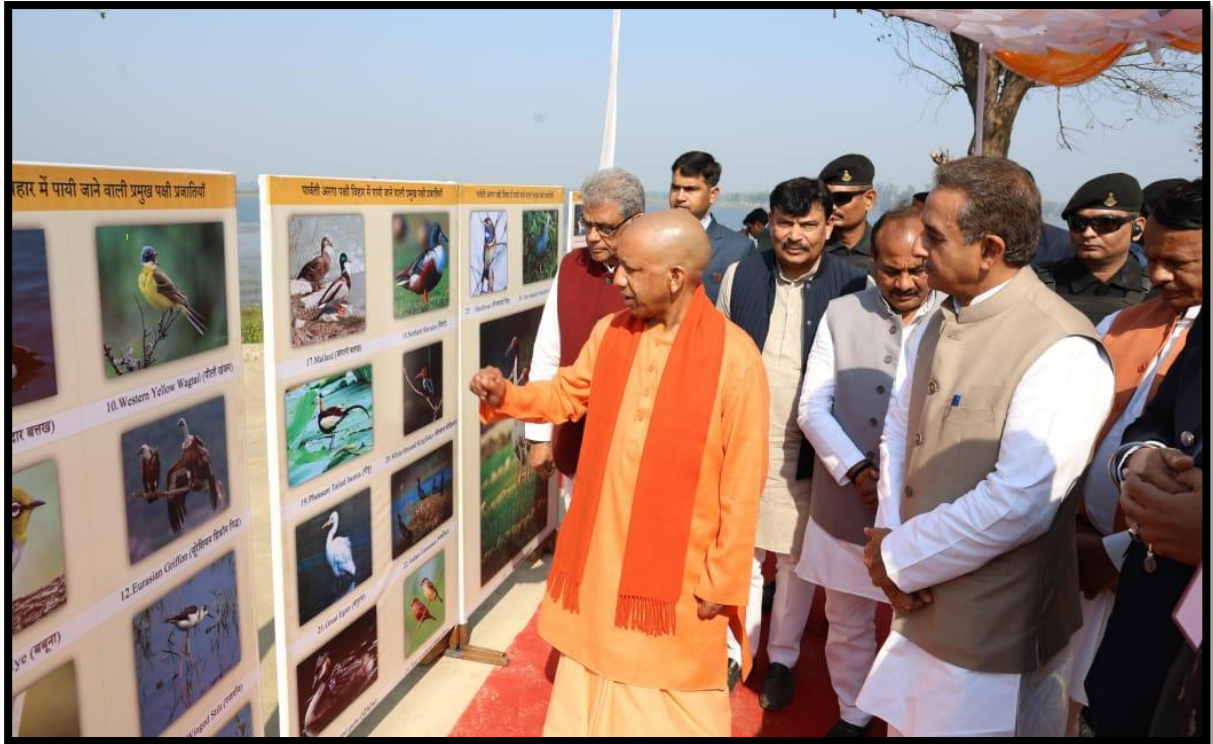


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On World Wetlands Day 2025, a national-level program was held at the Parvati Arga Bird Sanctuary in Gonda, inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** and Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh**, in the presence of senior dignitaries. The event, aligned with the theme ‘Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future,’ emphasized the critical role of wetlands in environmental conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable livelihoods, underscoring the need for collaborative action to safeguard these ecosystems.



During the event, four publications were launched: the ‘Integrated Management Plan of Parvati Arga Ramsar Site’, the ‘Factbook of India’s 85 Ramsar Sites’, and ‘Development of Van Taungya Villages’. The Parvati Arga Ramsar Site's Management Plan outlines strategies for biodiversity conservation, sustainable wetland management, and community engagement. The ‘Factbook’ provides information on India's 85 Ramsar Sites, including species of conservation significance. The event featured an exhibition with over 25 stalls showcasing bamboo crafts, water hyacinth products, women-led SHG products, EIACP Centres, wetland conservation initiatives, and Ministry initiatives.



The NBRI-EIACP stall, visited by more than 55 people and interacted with by over 15 dignitaries, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh, and Minister Dara Singh Chauhan, showcased various knowledge products, including the "Green Planner" app which was appreciated by the dignitaries. Dr. Pankaj Kumar Srivastava (Coordinator & Sr. Principal Scientist) NBRI-EIACP interacted with Independent State Environment and Forest Minister Arun Kumar Saxena, discussing NBRI-EIACP's Mission LiFE initiatives and the Green Planner app. State government officials showed enthusiasm for indoor air-purifying plants.



Dr. Anju Patel (Scientist & Co-coordinator NBRI-EIACP), Mr. Sampurna Nand, Ms. Ruchi Chauhan, and Ms. Vartika distributed newsletters and raised awareness about the GSDP program and other Mission LiFE initiatives.





The NBRI-EIACP team educated children about how small lifestyle changes and sustainable solutions can reduce carbon footprint and contribute to achieving sustainable development goals.

