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THE ORGANISATION

Gujarat Ecology Society (GES) is a non-profit organization registered in January 1995 under the Bombay Public Trust Act and the Societies Registration Act. GES is being managed by prominent individuals from diverse disciplines with a proven commitment to environmental conservation and ecological restoration. GES derives its strength from networking and integrating the inputs from associates and eminent visiting scientists and specialists in distinct disciplines from various agencies in the country in general and Gujarat in particular.

Mission: "To pursue, promote and disseminate knowledge, information, and processes that enable conservation, restoration, and development of natural resources concerning their ecological sustainability".

- Notified Under Section 35(1)(ii) of the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- Recognized as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Government of India
- Registered under The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976
- Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature

SOCIETY MEMBERS

SHRI HASMUKH S SHAH, CHAIRMAN (upto 24.10.2021)

SHRI SAMIR PARIKH, BOG MEMBER (ACTING
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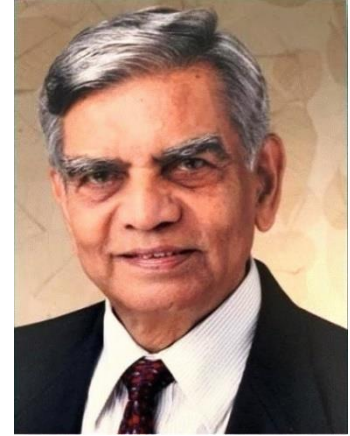
DR. SHISHIR RAVAL, MEMBER

MRS NEHA SARWATE, MEMBER

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It was with great sorrow we learnt about passing away of Shri Hasmukhbhai Shah - The Founder and Working Chairman of Gujarat Ecology Society on 3rd December 2021. Kindly accept our heartfelt condolences.

Gujarat Ecology Society is one of many organizations created by Shri Shah for research and conservation of the environment. His commitment to the preservation of ecology and the environment has been an inspiration and driving force for various projects and research activities of Society. His vision, support, and guidance enabled the



Society to successfully complete about 108 projects covering diverse subjects including salinity, conservation of biodiversity, coastal environment, and restoration of degraded lands, thereby fulfilling the goals for which Society was created. He insisted and ensured that the Society achieved its objective without compromising on principles and ethics and that the quality of research is not compromised.

While working on various projects Shri Shah always expressed his deep concern for the well-being of deprived communities like tribal, factory workers, and small farmers.

Shri Shah encouraged us to create quality research publications in peer-reviewed journals. GES publications like CD on underwater videography of corals, book on Ecology of Coastal Gujarat, and reports on the Conservation of Rare and endangered Biodiversity of Gujarat are some of Shri Shah's contributions to the society for which he will be always remembered with a sense of reverence. All of us at the Society feel privileged to have been associated and worked with an exemplary personality like him.

We are aware our words of condolence are inadequate to account for his contribution to Society. His absence has left a big void, which will be very difficult to fill.

We all the members of the Board of Gujarat Ecology Society; employees and beneficiaries of the society; and the community of researchers, academicians, and scientists from across the globe express our heartfelt sorrow on the sad demise of Shri Shah. Please accept our deepest condolences. We pray to God and wish the family strength to bear this loss and peace in life. Om Shanti.

Samir Parikh

Acting Chairman

Gujarat Ecology Society

Dec 6, 2021

THRUST AREAS

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Coastal and Marine Ecology
- Dynamic Ecology
- Restoration Ecology



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

The creation of a multidisciplinary ecological database is considered one of the main components of all programs of GES. The Society has, on its rolls, a team of highly qualified and experienced professionals/scientists, on subjects like

- Environmental Sciences
- Marine Sciences
- Wildlife science
- Biostatistics
- Botany
- Zoology
- Geology
- Hydrogeology
- Aquatic sciences



CURRENT YEAR PROJECTS

The project activity picked up in the year 2021-22 and a brief description of the Society's activity is presented in the following sections.

COASTAL AND MARINE ECOLOGY

REVISITING ECOLOGY OF THE GUJARAT COAST



Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Indian Navy released the book titled **“Revisiting Ecology of The Gujarat Coast”**, *Trends of last two decades* on 25th October 2021, published by Gujarat Ecology Society, Vadodara. The main authors of the book are Dr. Deepa Gavali, Dr. Jayendra Lakhmapurkar, and Dr. Sonia Tadhani.

The book is a progression over the comprehensive benchmark study carried out by the Gujarat Ecology Society (GES), in 1998. The present study was undertaken wherein the coastal dynamic alteration for 23 years has been ascertained through a holistic approach. The book highlights the dynamism in the environment, development demography, and socio-economical aspects spread over seven chapters for each coastal section of the Gulf of Kachchh, Gulf of Khambhat, Saurashtra coast, and South Gujarat Coast.

The book compiles relevant information, and digitization of past and present changes along the 47 coastal talukas of Gujarat, with the depiction in a user-friendly manner. The interesting feature of the book includes a CD-ROM containing 30 years of socio-economic data for the selected coastal villages.

State of Environment of Gujarat Coast

The coastal and marine environment component of the State of Environment of Gujarat coast was prepared by the Gujarat Ecology Society. The project was awarded through GUIDE, Bhuj, and part of the State programme. The main purpose of the assignment was to address the changes in the environmental variables of the coastal region of the State of Gujarat over the last 10 years following the DPSIR mode (Drivers state Pressure Impact Response).

The document emphasized the strategies required for the long-term management of the Gujarat Coast.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Livelihood enhancement of selected rural women through value addition of medicinal plants along Gujarat

This project is sponsored by the Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division of the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, NewDelhi. The project is aimed at conserving biodiversity and indigenous technical knowledge in 5 villages of the Vadodara district through the self-help groups of the respective villages. The broad objectives of the project are (1) Enhancing the livelihood capacities of women through processing and value chain addition of products from indigenous medicinal plants (2) Preserving ethnobotany and traditional knowledge of the studied region.

As part of the project activity orientation to the SHG on the medicinal plants and training on the value addition of the important medicinal plants were imparted. A solar dryer was installed through the project funds in the target village and training for the operation and maintenance of the solar dryer was imparted.



DYNAMIC ECOLOGY

Source-To-Sink Spatio-Temporal Variability in Sediment Fluxes and Their Control on Coastal Sediment Dispersal Systems in Gujarat

This is a Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi, sponsored project. There are five institutions involved in the project viz., M S University of Baroda (lead institution); Indian Institute of Seismological Research, Gandhinagar; M G Science Institute, Ahmedabad; Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology, Bhuj and Gujarat Ecology Society. The broad objectives of the project include,

1. To understand Source-to-Sink sediment transport in the two river systems of different climatic regimes.
2. To carry out validation of conventional palaeo-environmental proxies in known climate regimes.
3. To understand ecological linkages with sedimentation patterns.



Gujarat Ecology Society has undertaken the component of the study of ecological aspects of the Dhadhar river basin. The ecological parameter like the water, soil, and vegetation components was studied for 25 locations in the entire basin. Seasonal water and plankton sampling was done to understand the change in the dynamic of

the various ecological variables. The vegetation composition of the entire basin was done through the quadrat method. Important findings include the presence of good water quality upstream of the Dhadhar river and deterioration observed after the discharge of domestic sewage from Por onwards.

Towards A Policy for Riverine Islands in Ganga Basin

This project is being carried out INTACH for the Ganga Basin and GES has sub-allocated the work for the Mahi and Narmada rivers. The present study aims to understand the legal structure of the islands, geology, and ecology services and suggests conservation measures for this fragile ecosystem. The project will develop policy options for conservation and management through stakeholder consultation resulting in an analysis of the current status, potential, governance issues, and stakeholder interests.



RESTORATION ECOLOGY

Restoration of natural grassland habitat at Lakhpat region, Gujarat

This project is sponsored by ADANI Ports and Economical Zones for a period of 4 years. The projects aim to building sustainable growth in the Lakhpat region by

taking the initiative of restoring the natural habitats along the Guneri village. The objective of the project includes (1) Restoring the grasslands in the gauchar lands. (2) Documentation of ecological process and the success of grassland development and (3) Capacity building of the locals in the ecological monitoring process and process of documentation and observation of changes.

In the first year, 10 Ha of the village area was considered for restoration. The site identification was done through PRA and grass seeds along with organic manure were tried in the plot. Nursery for rare and threatened species found in the area was raised for plantations in the second year. Ecological data in terms of vegetation composition, soil quality, and faunal diversity was recorded in the treated plot as baseline information. This will ensure longer monitoring of the restoration process.



ACTIVITIES

BOOK PUBLICATION

Gujarat Ecology Society released a new publication entitled “Revisiting ecology of Gujarat coast” by the esteemed guest of Honour Vice Admiral Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Indian Navy on October 25 at 4.30 p.m. at FGI Hall, Vadodara. The programme was attended by eminent personalities and citizens of Vadodara.

The book is exclusively based on primary research carried out by the Gujarat Ecology Society and highlights the Spatio-temporal dynamics of growth, development, industrialization, and its impact on demography, livelihood, and migration patterns of over 47 coastal talukas during the last two decades (2001-2020). The books present a holistic view of the changes in coastal ecology through a multidimensional approach.

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INVOLVEMENT AS AN EXPERT

1. Dr. JayendraLakhmapurkar was invited as a judge for selection of project at District Level for National Children's Science Congress Regional Community Science Centre on 24th October 2021
2. Dr. JayendraLakhmapurkardelivered lecture to celebrate World Soil day was on 5th December 2021 by Adani port and logistics and GES with the theme "Halt soil salinization and boost soil productivity".
3. Dr. DeepaGavali was invited as an expert to celebrated International wetland day on 2nd February 2022 by Adani port and logistics with the theme "Action on wetlands for people and nature".
4. Dr. Deepa Gavali was invited as an expert to present paper at the National seminar on "People in Conservation" organised jointly by Sahjeevan with RAMBLE on 15th March 2022 at Bhuj.

ONLINE WORKSHOP

1. Dr. Jayendra Lakhmapurkar attended the IUCN World Conservation Congress held at Marsille from 3rd to 11th September 2021 in online mode.
2. Dr. Deepa Gavali attended the online workshop organized by IUCN office, on 31st March 2022 with the theme "An Introductory session on "Contributions for Nature - digital platform" for IUCN Members in Asia".

NEXT YEAR PLAN

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

- Biodiversity assessment studies under CSR projects
- Marine Environmental monitoring off the Dahej coast
- Understanding the Response of Microbial Communities towards Xenobiotic Perturbations in the Estuarine Regions of the Gulf of Khambhat

COVERAGE IN MEDIA

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VMC's recharge wells plan may prove futile: GES study

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Vadodara: The Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) is mulling to promote groundwater recharge through recharge wells in residential societies across the city. But the entire exercise may turn out to be futile in the long run.

But a hydrogeology study done by city-based Gujarat Ecology Society (GES) suggests that the city needs more wetlands and water bodies to maintain the water table rather than artificial recharge.

The civic body has planned to promote groundwater recharge by building recharge wells in residential societies. While the VMC has proposed to bear the majority of the expenses, the resident welfare associations will have to shell out nearly a quarter of the total expenditure.

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The study done by an intern of GES Nirav Dhadankar under the guidance of Dr Jayendra Lakhmapurkar shows that the groundwater in Vadodara city does not have lateral movement as the bedrock is flat.

There are three layers of aquifers and most of the water through tube wells is drawn from the second layer which is the biggest aquifer. An aquifer is a body of rock or sediment that holds groundwater.

KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Aquifer in Vadodara has three layers of water of 100 metres.
- Water is mostly drawn from the middle layer which is the biggest layer of the three.
- The layers have underline clay which is marine in nature due to which percolation does not happen.
- Due to no lateral movement of groundwater, recharge wells and tube wells overflow on recharging.



- In such circumstances, slow percolation is the best alternative for maintaining the water table.
- Slow percolation is possible only through wetlands and water bodies

"If we observe the aquifer along the Vishwamitri river originating from the base of Pavagadh hill, there is a lateral movement till Vadodara city and further after Vadodara city until the river merges with Dhadhar River," said Lakhmapurkar. "Since there is no lateral movement in Vadodara city, the water recharged through tube wells overflows," he added.

Researchers suggest that more groundwater bodies and more wetlands with connections for slow percolation of water should be developed instead of recharge wells.

The city has already lost 40 hectares of wetlands since 2005. "Another problem with recharge wells in the city is that they may need regular maintenance as dirt and other particles may get accumulated," Lakhmapurkar said.

The researchers also raised concerns about the industrialization and concrete developments around the origin of Vishwamitri River. "Due to industrialization and urbanization in Halol, Jarod and Savli, there are high possibilities of groundwater contamination which will affect Vadodara city directly in future," Lakhmapurkar said.

"Villages near Mahisagar river are complaining about contaminated groundwater due to pollution caused by industries in Nandesari. A similar situation may arise in Vadodara too," said Dr Deepa Gavali, director of GES. The contaminated groundwater can have several health hazards as neither RO system nor boiling water can purify it.

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Coastal salinity in Gujarat increasing by the day, says study

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VADODARA: Gujarat boasts of the longest coastline in the country and it has paved way for industrial development along the coastal area in the past couple of decades. However, the industrialization and consequent migration have contributed majorly to increase salinity in the state.

In its latest book titled 'Revisiting ecology of the Gujarat coast: Trends of last two decades', city-based Gujarat Ecology Society (GES) tried ascertaining how coastal dynamics have been altered over a span of 23 years.

- People dependent on agriculture activities for livelihood in coastal areas have come down to 19.63% in 2011 as industrialization has increased

- As more men have migrated to coastal areas in search of labour work, the sex ratio has been disturbed

- Between 1991 and 2011, 74 villages in coastal areas have been urbanized and are now major towns



- Researchers expect salinity to reduce as the increasing trend of heavy rains due to climate change will recharge the groundwater with fresh water

- Although industrial activities have increased along coastal areas, mangrove cover too, has increased to 1,177 square kilometers in 2019 from 960 square kilometers in 2001

In their study, researchers at GES found that livelihood of people have changed, sex ratio has been disturbed, urbanization has increased, which have all added to salinity. "Soil and groundwater salinity has increased due to increasing agricultural activities,

too much use of groundwater for irrigation and domestic purposes," said Dr Jayendra Lakhmapurkar, director of GES.

He added as population along the coastal areas has increased, people go on digging tubewells and water table has gone down. While the overall state population between 1991 and 2011 increased by 23%, in coastal areas, the population during the same period increased by 38%.

"Besides over exploitation of groundwater, damming the river and untreated sewerage water also play major role," Lakhmapurkar added.

અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ અને સ્પેશિયલ ઈકોનોમિક ઝોન (APSEZ) દ્વારા જમીનની તંદુરસ્તી વધારવા મુન્દ્રા ખાતે 'વર્લ્ડ સોઈલ ડે'ની ઉજવણી

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- વિદ્યાર્થીઓ, કર્મચારીઓ અને ખેડૂતોમાં જનજાગૃતિ ઓગે સંવાદ

કચ્છના મુન્દ્રા ખાતે વિશ્વ મૃદા દિવસ (વર્લ્ડ સોઈલ ડે) ની ઉત્સાહભરે ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી. જમીનની ફળદ્રુપતા વધારવા અને જનજાગૃતિ ફેલાવવા તે ફેનુસી આયોજીત વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમોમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ લઈને કંપનીના કર્મચારીઓ અને ખેડૂતોએ બહોળી સંબંધમાં જાગૃતિ આપી. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં લોકોને જમીનની તંદુરસ્તીનું મહત્વ, ખારી જમીન સુધારણા, સુનિર્મિત ફળદ્રુપતા વધારવા તેમજ ટકાઈ વ્યવસ્થાપનની શિખરણ કરતા વિવિધ પુસ્તકોનું નિરૂપણ કરવામાં આવ્યું.

વર્લ્ડ સોઈલ ડેની ઉજવણી નિમિત્તે આયોજીત અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ અને સ્પેશિયલ ઈકોનોમિક ઝોન (APSEZ) દ્વારા કચ્છના તમામ કર્મચારીઓ માટે ઓનલાઈન તાલીમ કાર્યક્રમ આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં કર્મચારીઓએ સક્રિયપણે જાગૃત કરી જમીન અને પર્ણ વરણની તંદુરસ્તી વધારવા અને તાલીમ આપી. તે વિદ્યાર્થીઓ જમીનની તંદુરસ્તી વિશે જાગૃત અને તે માટે ઝરપણ જાગૃતી કરાવતી શરૂઆતમાં જાગૃતનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું, જેમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓને મદદીની.

ફાદપત્તાને અસર કરતાં પરિભ્રમી વિશે માહિતગાર કરવામાં આવ્યા. કૃષિ વિજ્ઞાન કેન્દ્ર (KVAFSU) ના સહયોગથી બેટુતી માટે સૌજન્ય કૃષિ પદ્ધતિઓ અને વૈજ્ઞાનિક અભિગમો અંગે સંવેદ કરવામાં આવ્યો, જેમાં અહીંથી સંસ્થામાં સુમિપૂરોએ ભાગ લીધો.

લોકોમાં જમીન(મુદા) અંગે જાગૃતિ આપે તો તેઓ આ સ પાણી/સાચાણેનો ઉપયોગ ઠાકો, ખીંચિય જેની અંગે સક્રિય અને સુપાર્શ જાણનો સંગ્રહ કરતા સાચા તેમજ જમીનનો અગાધ અટકાવવા પુસ્તાકારત અને તેવી સમજણ વિકસાવવાનો આ નવવલર પ્રયોગ ફોનો. આયોજીત કાર્યક્રમોમાં સહભાગીઓએ જમીનનું કારણ, કારણ સોનો, ખારી જમીનની સુધારણા, અર્થવિદ્ય, કૌશલ્ય, સુક્રમ પૂર્વે, કારણ સોનો, ખારી માટીમાં ઉત્તલી વનસ્પતિનું વાવેલર અને તેના વ્યવસ્થાપન સક્રિય અનેક વિષયો સારી માનદ સ્ત્રીન આપવામાં આવ્યું. તાલીમ આટ તમામ સહભાગીઓને APSEZ મુજબ ટીમ તરફથી સેટના સેકન્ડરી પણ સમ્બંધિત કરવામાં આવ્યા ફોના.

આ પુસ્તકો APSEZ એન્વાયરમેન્ટ ફેલો એન્ટ સોફ્ટી વિભાગના સિનીયર મેનેજર ભાગવત સ્વામી સર્પીએ જણાવ્યું ફોનું કે “ખારી એ પુસ્તકો પરના તમામ સજ્ઞનો માટે અક્રમુલ્ય છે. હીને પોષણ અને રક્ષણ આપતી સુમિ પર પ્રદુષણ અટકાવવું એ પારીવરણની સૌજન્ય સેવા છે”.

કામમાં અગાળી પોર્ટલ અને સ્પેશિયલ ઇકોનોમિક ઝોન (APSEZ) તેમજ ગુજરાત ઇકોલોજી સોસાયટી (GES)ના સક્રિયતા પણ સોટી ચાલના પ્રોજેક્ટ પણ વિષય મુદા દિવસ- 2021 ના સીમને અસાધ્ય અનુક્રમ છે. સુનેરી સામયમાં સજ્ઞ કરાવેલા ‘ગ્રાસરોડ ઇકોસિસ્ટમ રિસ્ટોરેશન પ્રોજેક્ટ’નો ઉદ્દેશ જમીનમાં રહેલી ખારણ દૂર કરી તેની ફાદપત્તા વધારવાનો છે.

જમીનના માફત અંગે જાગૃતિ ફેલાવવા અને જાણવાનું પરિવર્તનમાં ઘટાડો લાવવાના ઉદ્દેશથી વિજ્ઞાનમાં દરવર્ષે ક્ષમી ઉદ્દેશ્યને વર્ક સોર્સ ડેની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવે છે.

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જમીનની તંદુરસ્તી વધારવા મુન્દ્રામાં 'વર્લ્ડ સોઇલ ડે'ની ઉજવણી ખેડૂતો, વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને કર્મચારીઓમાં જનજાગૃતિ અંગે સંવાદ



(વિનોદ ગાલા દ્વારા)ભુજ,તા.૨૨: કચ્છના મુન્દ્રા ખાતે વિશ્વ મૃદા દિવસ (વર્લ્ડ સોઇલ ડે) ની ઉત્સાહભરે ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી. જમીનની ફળદ્રુપતા વધારવા અંગે જનજાગૃતિ ફેલાવવા તે હેતુથી આયોજીત વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમોમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓથી લઈને કંપનીના કર્મચારીઓ અને ખેડૂતોએ બહોળી સંખ્યામાં ભાગ લીધો. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં લોકોને જમીનની તંદુરસ્તીનું મહત્વ, ખારી જમીન સુધારણા, ભૂમિની ફળદ્રુપતા વધારવા તેમજ ટકાઉ વ્યવસ્થાપનની હિમાયત કરતા વિવિધ પ્રયોગોનું નિરૂપણ કરવામાં આવ્યું.

વર્લ્ડ સોઇલ ડેની ઉજવણી નિમિત્તે આયોજીત અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ અને સ્પેશિયલ ઇકોનોમિક ઝોન દ્વારા સંસ્થાના તમામ કર્મચારીઓ માટે ઓનલાઇન તાલીમ સત્રનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં કર્મચારીઓએ સક્રિયપણે ભાગ લઈ જમીન અને પર્યાવરણની તંદુરસ્તી વધારવા અંગે તાલીમ લીધી. તો વિદ્યાર્થીઓ જમીનની તંદુરસ્તી વિશે જાગૃત બને તે માટે ઝરપરા ગામની સરકારી હાઈસ્કૂલમાં જ્ઞાનસત્રનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું, જેમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓને માટીની ફળદ્રુપતાને અસર કરતાં પરિબલો વિશે માહિતગાર કરવામાં આવ્યા. કૃષિ વિજ્ઞાન કેન્દ્રના સહયોગથી ખેડૂતો માટે શ્રેષ્ઠતામ કૃષિ પદ્ધતિઓ અને વૈજ્ઞાનિક અભિગમો અંગે સંવાદ કરવામાં આવ્યો, જેમાં બહોળી સંખ્યામાં ભૂમિપુત્રોએ ભાગ લીધો. લોકોમાં જમીન (મૃદા) અંગે જાગૃતિ આવે તો તેઓ ખારા પાણી રસાયણોનો ઉપયોગ ટાળે, જૈવિક ખેતી અંગે સક્રિય બને, ભૂગર્ભ જળનો સંગ્રહ કરતા યાચ તેમજ જીવનો બગાડ અટકાવવા પ્રયાસરત બને તેવી સમજણ વિકસાવવાની આ નવતર પ્રયોગ હતો. આયોજીત કાર્યક્રમોમાં સહભાગીઓને જમીન ક્ષારણ, ક્ષારના સ્ત્રોતો, ખારી જમીનની સુધારણા, અજવિક, જૈવિક, સૂક્ષ્મ જીવો, ક્ષારના સ્ત્રોત, ખારી માટીમાં ઉગતી વનસ્પતિનું વાવેતર અને તેના વ્યવસ્થાપન સહિત અનેક વિષયો સંદર્ભે માર્ગદર્શન આપવામાં આવ્યું. તાલીમ બાદ તમામ સહભાગીઓને મુન્દ્રા સેઝની ટીમ તરફથી ભેટના ટોકનથી પણ સન્માનિત કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

આ પ્રસંગે અદાણી સેઝ એન્વાયરમેન્ટ હેલ્થ એન્ડ સેફ્ટી વિભાગના સિનીયર મેનેજર ભાગવત સ્વરૂપ શર્માએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે 'માટી એ પૃથ્વી પરના તમામ સજીવો માટે બહુમૂલ્ય છે. સૌને પોષણ અને રક્ષણ આપતી. ભૂમિ પર પ્રદૂષણ અટકાવવું એ પર્યાવરણની શ્રેષ્ઠતામ સેવા છે.

કાર્યક્રમમાં અદાણી પોર્ટ્સ અને સ્પેશિયલ ઇકોનોમિક ઝોન તેમજ ગુજરાત ઇકોલોજી સોસાયટી ના સહિયારા પ્રયાસોથી ચાલતા પ્રોજેક્ટ પણ વિશ્વ મૃદા દિવસ ૨૦૨૧ ના થીમને બરાબર અનુરૂપ છે. ગુનેરી ગામમાં શરૂ કરાયેલા ગ્રાસલેન્ડ ઇકોસિસ્ટમ રિસ્ટોરેશન પ્રોજેક્ટનો ઉદ્દેશ જમીનમાં રહેલી ખારાશ દૂર કરી તેની ફળદ્રુપતા વધારવાનો છે. જમીનના મહત્વ અંગે જનજાગૃતિ કેળવવા અને જળવાયુ પરિવર્તનમાં ઘટાડો લાવવા વિશ્વભરમાં દર વર્ષે ૫મી ડિસેમ્બરે વર્લ્ડ સોઇલ ડેની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવે છે.

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GES team as part of the urban nesting survey

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City to conduct first survey of birds' urban nesting habits

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Vadodara: For the first time, an online survey of birds' nesting will be carried out in Vadodara to scientifically understand habitat of bird species in urban areas.

City-based environmental organization – Kids for Environmental Development Initiative (KEDI), M S University's Department of Zoology, Gujarat Ecology Society and Community Science Centre (CSC) – have joined hands to carry out the survey with the help of citizens, especially schoolchildren.


The institutes will circulate an online form which will be widely publicized through social media platforms and workshops of schoolchildren.

"The forms will contain a list of common birds with their scientific names and photographs that will provide easy access to identify the species nesting. The form will also list few observation points like type of nesting sites - on ground, bushes, trees, buildings or any other site, if the nest is made in natural habitat or artificial habitat like nest boxes, status of nest like if it was under construction or parents were incubating the eggs or even nurturing the young. And finally, the nest was observed in which area of the city," said Hitarth Pandya, who runs KEDI.

In 2020 during the Covid-19 induced lockdown, KEDI had carried out a similar survey through which around 20 species were reported nesting in different parts of Vadodara city.

"It was heartening to see that maximum reporting was for house sparrow, passer domestic. Next in abundance of report were purple rumped sunbird and tailor bird. Common myna and red vented bulbul are also two of the commonest species in urban area and reports of their nesting were also in good number followed by jungle babbler and laughing dove," said professor Geeta Padate.

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