

Brief Report on the World Wildlife Day 2022 observed at Integral University

The Department of Environmental Science observed the most awaited program of the Integral University i.e. **World Wildlife Day** on 3rd March 2022 at its biodiversity rich green campus. This year's theme given by **United Nations** for World Wildlife Day 2022 is "**Recovering Key Species for ecosystem restoration**", which is meant to draw attention towards the conservation of critically endangered species of fauna and flora.

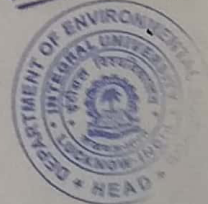
On this important occasion, an eminent forester **Dr. Uma Shanker Singh**, IFS and Ex-Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Uttar Pradesh was invited to deliver a talk. The program started with the bouquet presentation to the eminent guest by Dr. Amina Jaffri, which was followed by welcome address delivered by Prof. Monowar Alam Khalid, Head, Department of Environmental Science & Dean, and Students' Welfare, who also gave a brief introduction about the Speaker, who has served as the Field Director, Dudhwa National Park and Tiger Reserve, Deputy Advisor and Director, Planning Commission, Government of India and Director, Lucknow Zoo.

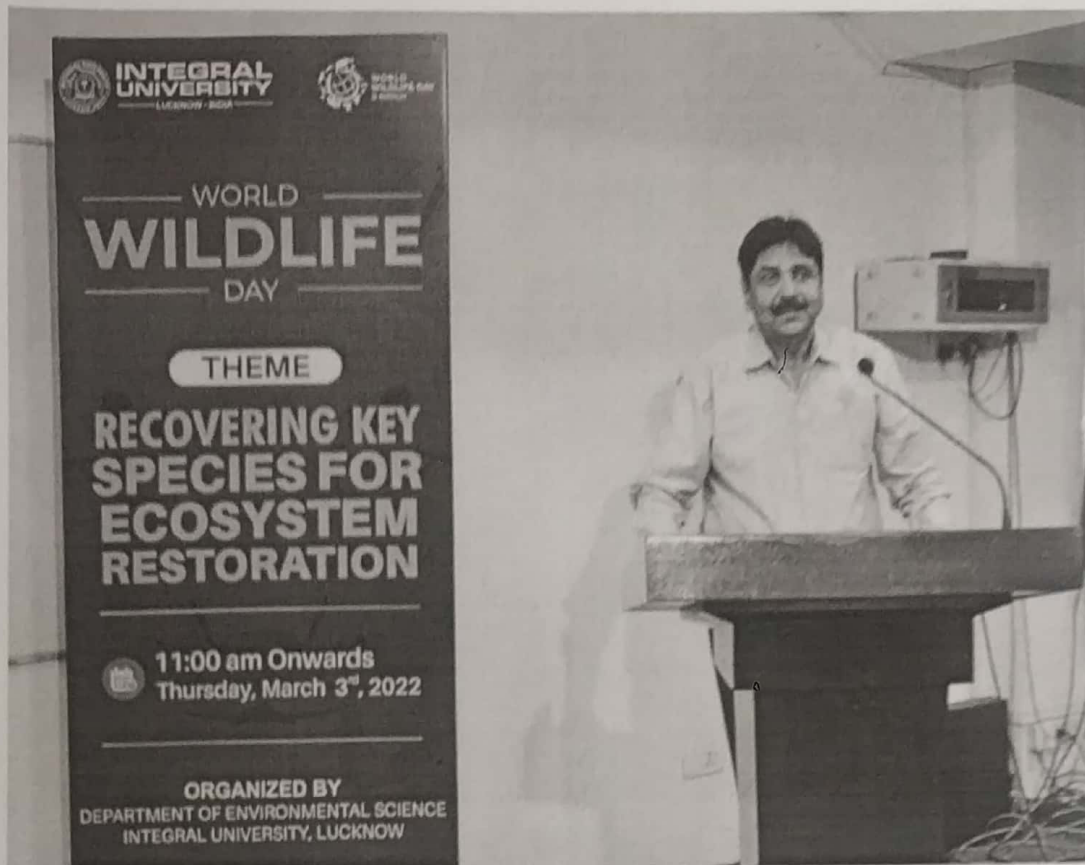
Dr. Uma Shanker Singh spoke on the topic "**Status of Wildlife in India**" and shared the experiences of working in forests and about wildlife. He beautifully presented the data of critically endangered wildlife in India and the world. He informed the audience that we have reached a critical state where it is difficult to revive the wildlife species, so, it's better to avoid and take precautions to minimize the use of natural resources like forest land, water resources etc as they are the habitat of wildlife and nothing can replace their natural home. He also quoted data of endangered species of National Parks like Jim Corbett National Park, Gir National Park, Gujarat etc. During his lecture, he highlighted the greediness of human beings that is leading the risk of extinction to already endangered flora and fauna. The audience had an interactive session as they raised questions regarding the problem of extinction of species etc, which were logically answered by the eminent speaker, who also made the audience aware about the present and coming challenges likely to be faced by World.

The Program was also graced by Prof. Syed Aqeel Ahmad, Head Civil Engineering Department & Director, HRDC, Prof. Shahid Ali Khan and number of faculty members and more than 50 students from various departments of the University.

The Department of Environmental Science also organized **quiz and essay competitions** on this occasion, where the First **prize for Quiz completion** was awarded to **Abhishek Kushwaha**, BCA (II Year); Second prize to **Ankit Kumar Singh**, B. Sc EVS (II year); Third prize jointly to **Saman Mehndi** B. Tech-Biotech (II year) and **Abhishri** B. Sc. EVS (II year). For **Essay competition**, First position went to **Shrinee Misra**, B.Sc. EVS (III year) and Second prize was given to **Prashant Pandey**, BCA (II year) of Integral University. The program was successfully anchored by Dr. Rahila Rahman Khan, which ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Mohsina Khan of Department of Environmental Science.

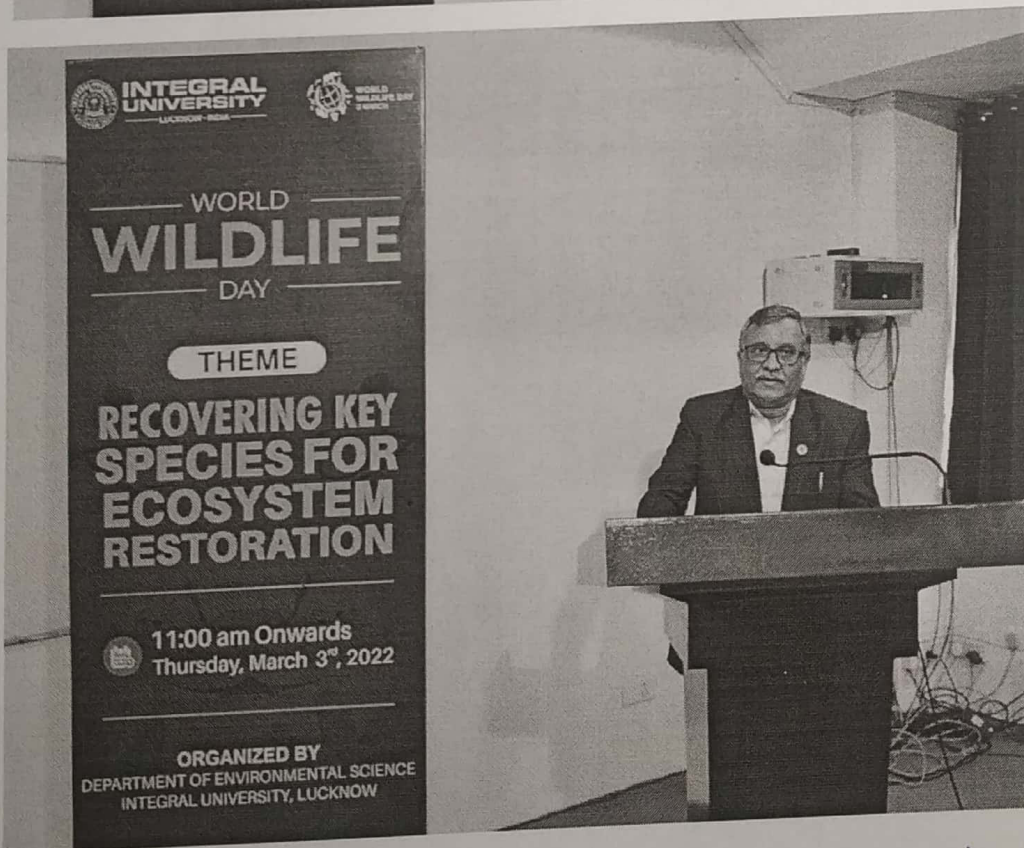
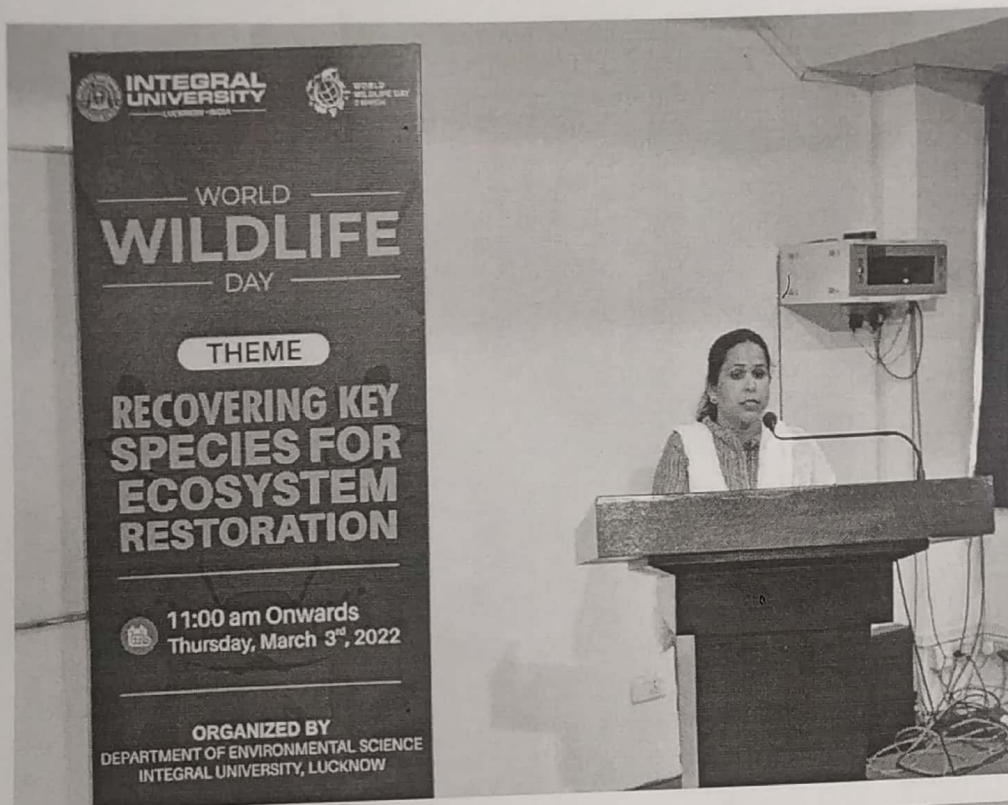
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