



Bird experts congregate at the International Conference on ‘Wetland and Migratory Water birds of the Asian Flyways’ at Lonavala, Maharashtra.

Pune, November 19: Experts from over 20 countries have gathered to discuss and deliberate on the status of wetlands and migratory waterbirds at the five-day International Conference on ‘Wetlands and Migratory Waterbirds of the Asian Flyways’ from November 18 to 22, 2019, at Fariyas Resort in Lonavala, Maharashtra. The conference has been organized by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), a pan-India non-governmental organization, that has been promoting the cause of nature conservation since 1883.

The discussions on day one of the conference included the issues arising out of increasing human dependence on wetlands and other natural resources, and sustainable conservation initiatives to protect wetlands and migratory waterbirds. Ms Patricia Zurita, Chief Executive Officer, BirdLife International chaired the opening of the conference.

Dr Taej Mundkur, Senior Technical Officer, Wetlands International, began his plenary talk on conserving migratory birds. According to him, recent advances in technology provide new insights into the migratory strategies of birds and challenge some of our long-held understanding of their traditional migratory patterns. The changes in the migratory movements of birds may help us better understand the impacts on environment.

The conference brings together scientists, conservationists, academicians, nature lovers, and students to build awareness and promote constructive discussion on the wetlands and migratory waterbirds that are prevalent along the Asian flyways.

Patricia Zurita, CEO, BirdLife International will be speaking today on legislation, governance and conventions in securing wetland ecosystem. On the spot registrations are open at the venue at Fariyas Resort, Lonavala, Maharashtra.

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