



20,000 people spend their Sunday in nature

The Sálim Ali Nature Quiz saw participants from India and outside racing against time and winning exciting prizes

Mumbai, December 9: The Bombay Natural History Society in association with delhibird Foundation had organised an online nature quiz – The Sálim Ali Nature Quiz on Sunday, 6th December 2020. The quiz was held to honour the world renowned ornithologist, Dr. Sálim Ali. About 20,000 people from India and across the globe had joined the live streaming of the quiz, unanimously on Zoom and Facebook. 1,014 participants were racing against time to win the quiz and exciting nature goodies by partner organisations.

The quiz consisted of 8 rounds and 55 multiple-choice questions on flora and fauna. The grand prize was a Spotting Scope from Wildlife Conservation Trust, and it was won by Sweedle Cerejo who has a PhD in Botony and is from Maharashtra. Adesh Shivkar won the second prize, a holiday at a luxury resort in Dehradun. The top 50 winners were announced on the day. They will receive prizes such as books, mugs, pens, harness, flasks, and many more nature goodies generously contributed by the partner organisations, who seek joy in exploring and living the greener side of life. Not only that, 25 wildcard entries will receive surprise prizes, and all participants to receive a 'Certificate of Participation'.

This event was put together by BNHS and delhibird Foundation along with BirdLife International, Zeiss Camera & Lenses, Deccan Birders, Sanctuary Nature Foundation, RSPB UK, WPSI, WWF, DK Books, Wildlife Conservation Trust, and Early Bird. Quiz Master Bikram Grewal graciously conducted the nature quiz which had some really tricky questions to crack. When the movement of people are minimal and restricted to essentials, brain teasers such as these quiz certainly help the nature lovers relive and revise their knowledge about the natural beauty around them.

The President of the BNHS, Mr Bittu Randhir Sahgal said, "The BNHS looks forward to creating an army of nature lovers, and to more people interested in nature and nature conservation joining the BNHS. Members will be part of India's conservation and climate movement and will be engaged in purposeful adventures of the finest kinds in the days ahead."

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