

Students have a day out at Ukkadamlake on World Wetlands Day

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Students get to know of the significance of wetlands and their impact on weather condition.

More than 100 students from Chandra Matriculation School and **PSGR Krishnammal Higher Secondary School had a day out in the Ukkadamlake and Forest College to have a hands-on experience and knowledge on wetland systems and forest ecology to mark the World Wetlands Day on February 2.**

The event was organised by Nature Conservation Society (NCS) and Environment Conservation Group (ECG) in association with the Forest Department. S. Ramasubramanian, District Forest Officer, spoke to the students on the importance and the need to conserve the wetlands. He also urged the students to carry the message of conservation to their friends and relatives. N.I. Jalaluddin, president of NCS, and Mohammed Saleem of ECG, spoke to the students on how green NGOs and the public were very active in Coimbatore and contribute towards conserving the wetlands. They said that the wetlands of Coimbatore were the feeding ground for birds from as far as Tundra, Russia, central Asia and Europe during this season. Some rare birds such as Gull, Osprey, Bar-headed goose and Red knot were seen in our wetlands this season, they added. The students were able to spot more than 40 species of birds in the lake and were able to name more than 30 species.