

## Celebrating World Wetlands Day 2024: A Confluence of Education and Conservation by ICAR-NBFGR

On World Wetlands Day 2024, the ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow organized an event at the Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Centre in Airoli, Thane District, Maharashtra, in collaboration with the Mangrove Cell and Mangrove Foundation of the Maharashtra Forest Department. The event featured the participation of 50 students from Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation School, Airoli and the Department of Biotechnology at AMITY University, Mumbai who took part in a quiz on "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing." Shri. Prashant Bahadure, Range Forest Officer, Department of Forest, Govt. of Maharashtra and Dr. Santanu Dasgupta, Vice President of R&D at Reliance, Mumbai, and the event's Guest of Honour, delivered talks on the importance of wetlands for environmental and human health. Prizes were awarded to quiz winners by the Chief Guest Dr. Uttam Kumar Sarkar, who emphasized ICAR-NBFGR's commitment to wetland and biodiversity conservation. The event concluded with a tour for the students to the NBFGR's clownfish hatchery facility and the Interpretation Centre on Mangrove Biodiversity, providing a hands-on learning experience about marine ecosystems. Dr. T. T. Ajith Kumar, Principal Scientist and Head, PAGR, ICAR-NBFGR, coordinated the event.

