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Message

Celebration of Wildlife Week from 2nd to 8th October every year is a tribute to the father of Nation, Mahatama Gandhi who always preached for Non violence and peaceful co-existence of man and animals.

India, with only 2.4% area of the global land possess more than 45,000 plant species representing about 11% of the world's biota. There are number of botanical curiosities preserved in the Himalayas only. India's immense faunal diversity is estimated to be over 81,000 and its around 6.5% of world's fauna. In Chandigarh, due to active supports from the people & administration, the Department of Forests & Wildlife manages two beautiful Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS) namely Sukhna WLS & City Bird WLS, thereby providing protection to more than 20 mammal species with Leopard at the apex, 250 bird species, 30 plus butterflies, 28 herbs, 18 shrubs, 40 tree species, stating ideal condition of forest in the Sanctuary area and boasts of superior ecological health.

The Department of Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration has organized various programmes such as drawing/painting competition, photography exhibition, trekking to wilderness etc. to raise the awareness amongst all the stakeholders.

The celebration serves as an opportunity to rededicate ourselves towards our fundamental duties to conserve the natural heritage of our country.

Lets us pledge to join hands in this endeavour to conserve our rich flora and fauna for posterity.

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