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Forest dept, NGO give lessons on conserving marshlands

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Chennai: A photography contest on the importance of a marshland and lessons on its role in groundwater conservation were part of a programme conducted for the general public by the state forest department and Care Earth Trust, and NGO.

The programme was aimed at educating people on the role a marshland plays..

Co-founder of Care Earth Trust Jayashree Vencatesan said winter is the right season for one to see a lot of migratory birds at Pallikaranai marshland.

Bird watching and learning about the marshland and its role in the ecological cycle is the focus of the programme. Each week, about 50 participants take part in the programme, including a few hearing-impaired people.

A group of participants were also taught on how to identify birds and take photographs of them. The best photo was presented an award.