



Goa: Youth pledge to conserve Tillari's rich biodiversity

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KERI: Youth from Goa and Maharashtra recently jointly participated in a nature orientation workshop at Aainode, where they pledged to protect the biodiversity of the Tillari region. Vanashri Foundation, Vivekanand Environment Awareness Brigade, Keri, and Forest Department of Maharashtra had together organised the workshop.

In the morning session, the youth collected, segregated and took necessary steps for disposal of the huge quantity of plastic waste, tetra packs, rubber and other garbage found around the reservoir area left behind by tourists. Wildlifer Girish Punjabi made the participants aware about the richness of the biodiversity and ecosystem of the Tillari region and oriented the youth on how they could contribute towards the protection and conservation of the region.

Ramesh Zarmekar spoke about the varied species of birds found in the region. He also spoke about how the protection of wetlands is essential for maintaining diversity of birds.

Another wildlifer, Rahul Khanolkar, highlighted the role of bats in the environment and briefed the participants about their habitat.

Dodoamarg range forest officer Madan Kshirsagar applauded the efforts of the participants in the plastic collection drive and explained how it is necessary to protect the tiger to be able to maintain the ecological balance, food chain and water sources.

Participants were also sensitised about the eco-cultural and the archeo-historical heritage of the Tillari bio-region through a presentation.

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