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**World Wetlands Day observed:** The Institute of Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Breeding observed the World Wetlands Day. Director S Murugesan inaugurated the function and spoke on the role of wetlands, which are important carbon sinks, in mitigating climate change. Kannan CS Warriar, senior principal scientist and ENVIS coordinator explained about the significance of 37 Ramsar sites in India and how they serve as abodes of many threatened species of flora and fauna, including 213 species of fish and 74 amphibians.