Field visit to Rewalsar for Wetland Managers

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On the second day of three day Wetland Managers Training Course a field visit was organised to Rewalsar where the participants visited Rewalsar, Kuntbhyog, Kalasar and Sukkasar lakes. Dr. Prikshit Gautam, Director, Fresh Water & Wetlands Division of WWF India told them about various aspects of wetland conservation. He said that all these are interlinked and form a single complex. It is very important that we don’t disturb the natural hydrology by constructing concrete embankments as has been done in the case of Rewalsar lake. It is noteworthy that thousands of fishes die every year after the natural reed growing on the banks of lake were removed. During post lunch session Harsh Mitter, CCF Ecotourism, HP Forest Department highlighted the importance to link tourism with ecology and local livelihoods. According to him eco-tourist destination should be centred around the local communities. Aditi Raina from WWF India told about the Innovative Education tools for Wetland Conservation developed by WWF India and being implemented in Bharatpur Sanctuary. Dr. G.S. Gorya was the special guest on this occasion.

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