

# Public Awareness and Training

## NCC cadets learned the importance of biodiversity:-

A workshop on Biodiversity was organized by Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board at Vishwakarma Camp organized by Van Raj Girls Battalion (NCC) on 10.06.2016. On this occasion, through exhibition and video documentaries, abstract information related to the conservation and promotion of biodiversity was provided.

Information on other important species found in the program was also provided. In which there are mainly Chinkara, Lion, Gangetic Dolphin, Gharial, Baghera etc. Special information was provided to the children about the conservation of Gangetic dolphin found in Chambal river which is in critical condition and is known as national aquatic animal.

Children were also informed about the tree fair held every year at Khejdali, the site of the sacrifice of Amrita Devi given in 1730 for the protection of trees and the sacrifice of 363 other people in Rajasthan and a movie based on it was also shown. The importance of trees, animals, wildlife and birds etc. in Indian culture, their worship and the place given as the vehicle of various deities also highlighted the efforts of our ancestors to conserve biodiversity at that time.

Salt water lake located in Sambhar which is famous as wetland. While expressing concern over the number of flamingos decreasing due to encroachment in the over-exploited water area, the children were also made aware of the conservation efforts being made by the Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board recently.

