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### World Biodiversity Day Celebrated

To mark the International Day for Biological Diversity the Government Secondary School, Naya Gaon (Mohali District) Punjab organized a massive rally. Holding placards in their hands the students shouted slogans “Chandigarh Nivasio – Shehad Di Makhian Nu Na Jalao – Ye Sadi Varasat Han” (O! citizens of Chandigarh, don't burn the Beehives, This is our heritage). The rally was flagged off by Mr. Ramesh Kumar Sharma, District Science Supervisor, Mohali and addressed by Mrs. Vandana Puri principal of the school.

Later Dr. Satnam Singh, Joint Director, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology inaugurated a pond constructed with the support of the Environment Society of India (ESI) in the school premises. He said that this pond will promote biodiversity of this area. ESI President S K Sharma said will learn many lessons on Nature by observing the Pond from time to time.



The International Day for Biological Diversity was celebrated with religious fervour and enthusiasm at the Government Senior Secondary School, Sector 7 Panchkula. Dr. R.C.Mishra IPS Deputy Inspector General of Police, Haryana inaugurated a Pond by releasing Gambusia fish which eat up the mosquito larva promptly Lily and other water plants were planted in the pond. In his address Dr. Mishra said that we are losing cultural diversity much faster than the biological diversity. As a result sparrows & other birds are disappearing. He urged the citizens to follow the ancient cultural practices. He further said that creation of ponds in schools will help in promoting biodiversity.



ESI President S.K.Sharma said 10 Ponds will be constructed in Government Schools in Panchkula district. Besides rain water harvesting & Vermi/ Nadep units will be set up. Mr.Karan Singh Deputy District .Education Officer said that the Education department will support this society for carrying out environment related action programmes in schools.

