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Navrachana University celebrates World Photography Day with a difference.

Navrachana University journalism students celebrate World Photography Day with a difference, felicitates school children who fight against all odds to conserve the environment

The students of Journalism and Mass Communication from Navrachana University celebrated the World Photography Day with a difference. The students invited eight children from Bhayli village who have learnt photography on their own and that too for an environmental cause. Along with their photographs, even the Navrachana University students also displayed their photographs as part of Photospective.

The university students said that the exhibition was organized by students IX from Vankar Vaas of Bhayli Village who are fighting against several social issues but still contributing for environmental conservation. A special felicitation ceremony was organised and all the children were given the trophy for their exemplary efforts for environmental conservation. The journalism and Mass Communication students have also organised the photography competition for the school and university students. On Thursday the students also displayed their photographs which they had clicked.

Addressing the gathering renowned wildlife photographer Dr Rabhul Bhagwat said, "While most of us are not aware about basic names of birds around us, these children have not just identified more than 70 birds from their own surrounding but they learnt the bird photography as well. However, what really impressed me was their intention. Their photography has a bigger cause of saving those birds and that is what has impressed me.

Navrachana University Registrar Sandeep Vasant applauded the efforts by the students. "Such celebrations are genuinely giving new meaning to photography. When I had a look at photographs of Journalism and Mass Communication students and also the students from Vankar Vaas, I could understand that how it is important for a photographer not just to see the beauty of nature but also the efforts required to conserve the same."

Speaking on the occasion Dr. P V Xavier, Dean of School of Liberal Studies and Education said that how noble this initiative is and appreciated everybody's thoughts and efforts. "It is a heartwarming event where photography has taken a new meaning. The journalism and mass communication students who have conceptualised this event are equally talented to identify such talented school students."

Student organiser of the event Souvik Ghosh informed, "We had been thinking about how we can make the World Photography Day a memorable day in true sense and that is when we came to know about these children and we got in touch with them. We are feeling proud that as students we can felicitate the school students. Our intention was to let the shutterbugs across the city give this message that it is very important to combine photography and good cause."