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Nandur Madhyameshwar

Flamingos grace birdland



NASHIK: After a long gap of four years, flamingos have made their much-anticipated return to the Nandur Madhyameshwar Bird Sanctuary, traveling thousands of kilometers from the Rann of Kutch. Their arrival has delighted bird watchers, nature enthusiasts, and tourists who had been eagerly waiting to see these majestic birds. The prolonged retreat of monsoon rains this year resulted in fewer wetlands and marshes, coupled with cloudy weather and unseasonal rainfall, delaying the arrival of migratory birds.

Normally, the sanctuary begins to welcome its feathered visitors in November, including species from the Himalayas, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Europe. However, this year, the lack of suitable conditions affected the migration pattern. Despite the challenges, the flamingos have arrived, adding vibrant life to the sanctuary. These birds, known for their striking red wings, long legs, and graceful flight, are often referred to as Agnipankh (flames of fire) due to their fiery appearance in the sky.

They are also called 'Rohit' in Himalayan regions. The sanctuary, a winter haven for birds, naturally becomes a hotspot for tourists during this season. With the delayed arrival of the migratory birds, the tourist rush is expected to pick up in the coming weeks. To enhance the experience, the forest department has installed bird observation towers and binoculars and has stationed guides to provide detailed information about the avian species. With the flamingos leading the way, this wetland is once again buzzing with life.

Rare birdies arrive too!



Other avian visitors

Alongside the flamingos, a variety of migratory and native birds have begun to appear in the sanctuary. These include species like the whistling duck, turmeric duck, purple water hen, spotted eagle, marsh hawk, purple heron, and many others. The dense forest echoes with the chirping and calls of these birds, creating a lively atmosphere, particularly during the evenings.

Matter of Thought

A step toward women's safety

The rise in mental health issues and incidents of violence against women in society is alarming. Daily reports of assaults on girls and women underscore the urgent need for a safer environment. Tragically, these crimes transcend age, affecting even elderly women. While it is the government's responsibility to create a secure society and instill fear of consequences in potential criminals, the current situation shows that the system is falling short. In this context, the initiative of a young student from Bhakshi village in Satana taluka, Nashik district, is both inspiring and commendable. Recognizing the need for self-empowerment among women, she has developed a safety app aimed at addressing this pressing issue. According to reports, the app functions similarly to existing safety apps, yet its true significance lies in the intent behind its creation. This student's effort highlights an important truth: social issues can be tackled effectively through public participation. Her decision to act, rather than wait for systemic changes, demonstrates how individual awareness and action can contribute to societal improvement. The app she developed may still be in its experimental phase and may require further refinement or expert guidance. However, her awareness of the challenges women face and her determination to address them are noteworthy. She has set an example for others, showing that even small steps can lead to meaningful change. Whenever a violent incident occurs, society reacts with outrage. Protests are organized, and social organizations conduct self-defense classes for women. However, these initiatives often lack continuity. This inconsistency limits their long-term impact. Sustained efforts are crucial to fostering self-reliance and equipping women with the skills and confidence needed to protect themselves. Self-defense training is not just about techniques but also about the wisdom to apply them effectively in real-life situations. This level of preparedness requires continuous learning and self-effort, which can only be achieved through regular and well-supported initiatives. Despite the availability of safety apps and helpline numbers from the police, many girls and women remain unaware of these resources. Questions arise: How many have downloaded such apps on their phones?

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Golden owl rescued

NASHIK: A golden owl, ensnared by a deadly nylon manja, was rescued from a wheat field in Makhmalabad Shivar, thanks to the timely intervention of a local farmer. The bird, unable to fly due to injuries to its wing, was discovered in Survey No. 453, where its distressed cries caught the attention of farmer Suresh Katkade.

Katkade, who was tending to his crops, found the owl struggling amidst the wheat. Acting swiftly, he freed the bird from the sharp kite string and transported it to the veterinary hospital at Ashoka Stambh in his vehicle for immediate care.

Although the veterinary hospital provided initial assistance, it could not admit the owl due to its status as a wildlife species. The hospital staff promptly contacted forest department officials, who took the bird into their custody and ensured its transfer to the Transit Treatment Centre in Mhasrul for further care.

The incident highlights the increasing use of banned nylon manja ahead of the Makar Sankranti festival. This sharp and hazardous material poses a significant threat to birds and animals, causing severe injuries or death. The golden owl's wing injury underscores the dangers posed by this illegal kite string, which continues to be used despite the ban.



Appeal for awareness

The rescue effort sheds light on the pressing need for public awareness and strict enforcement against nylon manja usage. Authorities urge citizens to refrain from using this harmful material, emphasizing its impact on both wildlife and the environment. The golden owl is now receiving care at the Mhasrul Transit Treatment Centre, thanks to the vigilance and compassion of a farmer who acted promptly to save its life.

Micro-planning for Simhastha

NASHIK: The Simhastha Kumbh Mela presents a unique opportunity for the development of Nashik, and officials are now focusing on detailed micro-planning for its success.

During a review meeting, Divisional Revenue Commissioner Dr. Praveen Gedam emphasized the importance of presenting accurate and precise statistics in the development review.

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