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Bird Census to be held in Chilika lake on January 18

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Like every year, this year, the bird census under the aegis of Chilika Development Authority will be held on January 18. For this, a training camp was being held today. Minister, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Sri Ganesh Ram Singkhuntia inaugurated the training camp today,

Sri Singkhuntia said, Chilika's place in the world tourism map is unique due to its geographical location and balanced environment. Since ancient times, Chilika has become a bird paradise. Chilika is famous all over the world as the second largest bird lake in the world. Spread over an area of about 1165 square kilometers, millions of foreign birds and native birds come to this lake in winter.

Like every year, this year, the bird census under the aegis of Chilika Development Authority will be held on January 18. For this, a training camp is being held today. A total of 115 people in 21 teams will be involved in this bird census in five ranges namely Balugaon, Satapada, Rambha, Chilika and Tangi. Retired forest officers, employees of Chilika Development Authority, OUAT, WII, BNHS professors and lecturers, teachers and Students from various schools, colleges and universities, and volunteer organizations will participate in the training program and will conduct bird counting. The entire Chilika Lake has been divided into 21 sections. Each team will have one bird expert, 3 to 5 bird experts and guides. 21 temporary bird protection camps have been set up and 48 temporary staff have been deployed to protect the exotic birds.

The Irawadi dolphin counting exercise will be held on January 20th. For this, a training program will be held on the 19th. Two training camps will be organized at Balugaon and Satapada. 18 teams will participate in the dolphin counting exercise.

Minister Sri Sing Khuntia requested the local fishermen and boatmen's associations to extend cooperation in the bird and dolphin counting exercise. He gave a clarion call to make all-out efforts to protect the beauty and biodiversity of Chilika Lake.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Sri Prem Sankar Jha, Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority Dr. Manoj V. Nair and DFO, Chilika were present.



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