World Wetlands Day – Atul Aditya Pandey, Geological Society of Patna Science College, Patna University

The Geological Society of Patna Science College commemorated “World Wetlands Day” by organizing two days of function at the Geology Department, Patna University. On day one, an exhibition of models/charts/posters prepared by the students of Patna Science College was inaugurated by the Principal of the college U.K. Sinha. Around 50 models and charts were showcased by the students depicting various dimensions of wetlands in general and status of riverine wetlands of north Bihar plains in particular. Few models were also exhibited on other aspects of geological science. The models were evaluated by

panel of judges consisting of retired officers of GSI namely Shri N. Dayal, Shri P.K. Sinha and Shri Binod Kumar. A quiz was conducted in the afternoon session. The questions related to the limnology.

On the concluding day, three presentations were made for creating awareness on the Wetlands of the Ganga plains. Atul Aditya Pandey, Associate Professor in the department of geology presented a historical account of the Ramsar Convention. The significance of the wetlands in maintaining the ecology of the region and threats looming large due to pace of developmental activities in the Ganga plain were elaborated

in detail. Sudarshan Sahu, Scientist from CGWB dealt on the “ground water – wetland interactive system in the gangetic plain. Gopal Sharma, Scientist, Zoological Survey of India presented a slide show on some of the well known wetlands of the state of Bihar – viz. Kabar lake of Begusarai dist., Baraila lake of Vaishali dist., Kusheshwar sthan of Darbhanga dist. and Gogabeel of Katihar dist.

The valedictory session was chaired by Anil Kumar Sinha, Vice Chairman Bihar State Disaster Management Authority who gave away prizes to the winners of the Essay, Quiz and Model exhibition competitions.