

## World Sparrow Day Celebration

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World Sparrow day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at **Kanthariya Primary School, Kanthariya Ta.: Anklav, Dist.: Anand** on **March 20, 2025**. The celebration was organized by **All India Network Project on Vertebrate Pest Management: Agricultural Ornithology, Anand Agricultural University, Anand** in collaboration with **Kanthariya Primary School**. The event was aimed to raise awareness about the declining population of the house sparrow and encourage their conservative efforts, wherein about two hundred students and staff members of school participated.

The programme started with the school children reciting prayers and hymns. The Principal, Mr. Bharatbhai Patel and his staff extended a warm welcome to the members of Department of Agricultural Ornithology, Anand Agricultural University with flowers and applause. Dr. R. K. Thumar, Head of Office, AINP on VPM, AAU, Anand graced the gathering and explained school children about the importance of conservation of nature and ecosystem around us. He echoed the doctrine of “Live and Let Live” through his speech and inspired the kids to make efforts to preserve this bird. Later, Dr. Jalpa J. Dand delivered a talk stating the importance of sparrow with engaging tales and fascinating anecdotes related to the house sparrow. The children were presented with the cardboard nest designed specifically for sparrow and taught about the use of these nests. Later, Mr. Ashish Nayi stated how to conserve sparrow in their surroundings as well as the care that should be taken to rehabilitate this bird in our houses.

The students were provided with a folder titled “House Sparrow: Introduction and Conservation” for further information and awareness towards house sparrow not only for them but also for their parents and neighbours. The cardboard and earthen nests along with the folders regarding house sparrow was also facilitated among the staff members of the school. The Principal of at Kanthariya Primary School, Kanthariya, Mr. Bharatbhai Patel extended his thanks with regards to team of Ornithology Department for their efforts about awareness in this direction. We thankfully acknowledged Kanthariya Primary School, Kanthariya, Ta.: Anklav, Dist.: Anand and their staff members for generous support and extending their whole hearted co-operation in smooth execution of the programme. The entire event was organized by the team of ornithology.



**Glimpse of World Sparrow Day celebration**