

2021-22

Name of Society : Green Warriors Club

Name of Event : Webinar on black softshell turtle- extinct or existing?

Date of Events : 25 April 2021

On 25th April, we successfully conducted a webinar on the topic:- **BLACK SOFTSHELL TURTLE: EXTINCT OR EXISTING?"**

The webinar was conducted on MS Teams. More than 90 participants attended the webinar. Our speaker was Mr. Gaurav Barhodiya, a PhD researcher at the Department of Environmental Studies, Delhi University. He is currently working at Wildlife Trust of India.

He started the discussion by talking about the various threats that are being faced by the black turtles like illegal marketing, nest destruction and water pollution. He then explained how regular boat surveys helped them see the degrading conditions of these turtles and how it led to starting a campaign to save them. They used techniques like nest translocation and incubation to improve the conditions of these helpless creatures.

He also shared his experience when he and his team rescued 67 turtles from the Nagaon Shiva temple pond in Assam. Their commendable work has been covered by most of the newspapers including The Hindu. All in all, the whole webinar was very informative and inspiring and it addressed a very pressing issue. It generated a sense of awareness amongst people and was a definite success!

