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The NSS Coordinator
All Affiliated Colleges of PTU

Subject: Invitation for World Wetlands Day (WWD)

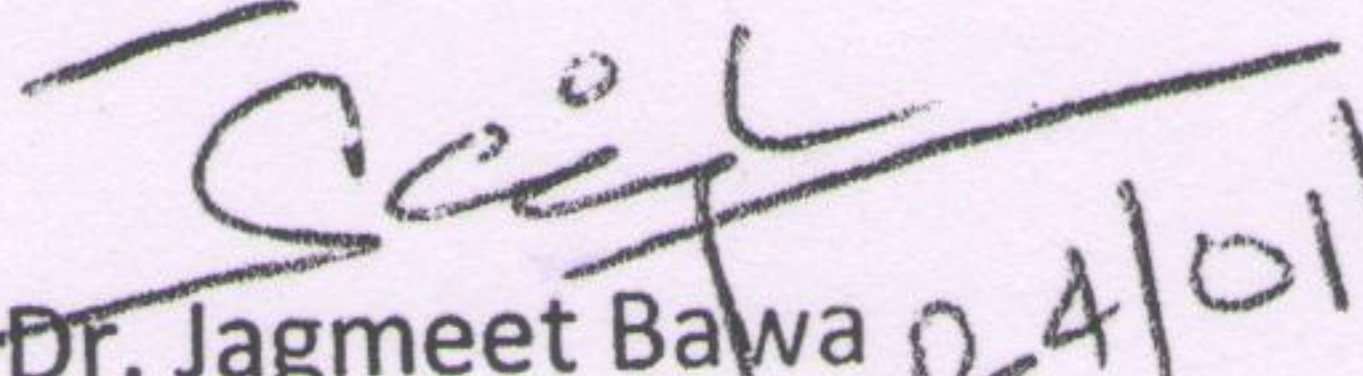
Dear Sir

I am pleased to inform you that Punjab Technical University (PTU) is observing World Wetlands Day on 2nd February, 2012 at its campus. This year's theme of the WWD is "WETLANDS & TOURISM". Wetlands are the most vital but threatened ecosystems all over the world. They are not only the rich hermitage of Biodiversity which includes many threatened species of flora and fauna but as per latest estimates, the US dollar value of all the wetlands is whopping \$15 trillion. The wetlands help in flood control, groundwater replenishment, storm protection, sediment & nutrient retention, climate change mitigation, water purification, recreation & tourism and having cultural values associated with them.

In Punjab there are three internationally recognized wetlands named Harike, Ropar and Kanjli. These wetlands are not only performing above mentioned functions but are home to rare animals like Indus River Dolphins and Indian Star tortoise and many birds and fish species. Due to lack of awareness of the importance of the wetlands, these ecosystems are subjected to many natural and manmade threats which have further jeopardized their existence. Developing these wetlands as tourist destination will not only help in generating awareness about the importance of wetlands but also generate revenue for their conservation.

It is in this direction, we are organizing a one day seminar on the theme "WETLANDS & TOURISM" in which NSS Coordinator and one student representative of your college is invited to participate. You are requested to confirm the names of these participants to **Dr. Chander Parkash at his email: aryavarat@gmail.com or by phone at 9501109024** at the earliest so that necessary arrangements can be made. A certificate of participation will be given to the participants.

Yours Sincerely


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