

Report on a talk on 'Perspectives on Human Elephant Conflict

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

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Name : A talk on 'Perspectives on Human Elephant Conflict in North12th August ern West Bengal' on World Elephant Day

Organized by: Department of Geography in collaboration with WWF

Date: 12th August 2026

Number of participants:

Students :134

Faculty: 3

Brief description of the activity: In the lush landscapes of northern West Bengal, the intersection of rapid human development and natural wildlife corridors has intensified the struggle for space. Human-elephant conflict is not merely an environmental challenge; it is a critical socioeconomic and humanitarian issue that profoundly affects local livelihoods, rural safety, and the long-term survival of endangered Asian elephants. Today, as we mark World Elephant Day, this mission takes on even greater global and local significance. It reminds us that protecting these magnificent creatures requires bridging the gap between human needs and wildlife conservation.

Outcome: Students learn the root causes of human-elephant conflict, including blocked migratory corridors, land-use changes, and shrinking forests. The talk fostered a balanced view among youth, shifting attitudes from fear or retaliation toward long-term conservation and safety. Introduction of modern tools like automated early warning systems, corridor protection, and community participation helped the students to get a clear view of innovative ideas instead of harmful traditional driving methods.

