



Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary: Flamingo Festival

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Context: The annual **Flamingo Festival** (January 10–11, 2026) took place at Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary and Pulicat Lake in Andhra Pradesh.

- **Significance:** It celebrates the arrival of **Greater Flamingos** and thousands of other migratory birds (Pelicans, Storks, Herons) from Siberia and Northern Asia.
- **Ecological Hub:** Nelapattu is one of the most important breeding sites for the **Spot-billed Pelican** in South Asia.
- **Objective:** The festival combines eco-tourism with environmental awareness, involving over 6,000 students this year to foster conservation of the brackish water ecosystem.