

World Wildlife Day celebration at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, Telangana



Snake awareness programme

World Wildlife Day was celebrated on 3 March, 2019 at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad to promote the importance of aquatic eco-systems and their contribution in maintaining ecological balance. On 20 December 2013, at its 68 session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 3 March, the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants. This year's theme "Life Below Water: for People and Planet" was explained to the visitors and school children through talk shows and quiz programmes were also conducted on the theme.

The visitors were given information on various aquatic eco systems, species diversity, habit and habitat, life span, sexual maturity and status



Kshitija IFS, Curator, interacting with students and visitors on the importance of the day

in the wild. The Zoo Education Officer, Zoo Biologists and Shaik Hussain Project Scientist, Universal Eco Foundation, Puducherry, organised these talk shows and programmes with the help of Friends of Snakes and other wildlife educationists. Crocodile show, snakes show and talk shows were conducted and emphasis was laid on the species diversity of all categories of wetlands, biology of species and conservation of wetlands.

Munindra, IFS, Addl PCCF (Admin) and Wildlife; Dr. Sidhanand Kukrety, IFS, Director, Zoo Parks; Kshitija, IFS, Curator; Syed Maqsood Mohiuddin, ACF; and Bhavani Shankar, AC-2 of NZP attended the programme. Speaking on the occasion Munindra, emphasized the importance of wetland ecosystems and urged everyone to conserve them for sustainability and maintenance of ecological balance.

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Students posing with tiger and lion masks