

Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

Residential Nature Camp on Awareness on Biodiversity & Wildlife Conservation

Tata Steel Zoological Park for the past decade has been organizing “Residential Nature Camp for girl students on Biodiversity & Wildlife Conservation”. Its objectives are to promote each girl child’s personal development, to inspire the young women of today to become environmentally responsible and conscientious citizens of tomorrow. Like every year, this year too we tried to promote each girl child’s personal development by giving them the opportunity to act on their own and let them experience new things through fun, friendship and leadership in a supportive and non-competitive away from home.

This year’s camp began with the registration of participants and the distribution of camp kits. After that the camp was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Shukla Mahanty, Vice-Chancellor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa.



Inauguration of the Camp by Dr. Shukla Mahanty, Vice Chancellor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa

Dr. Mahanty addressed to the participants and stated the need for conservation of biodiversity and followed by an introductory session by camp coordinator Dr. Seema Rani.

Then the education session commenced with a presentation on “Tata Steel Zoological Park and its role in conservation of Wildlife- by Dr Sanjay Kumar Mahato, Curator. Thereafter, there was a very interesting and interactive session with the Tata Steel’s only lady pilot Capt. Harpreet Bains followed by the last interactive session

for the day, “Talk on Water conservation” by Mr. S. Mansoor Ali, Consultant: Environment, irrigation & Water management system.

On the second day, the camp had started with a yoga session, conducted by Radha Kumari from Karmakar Yoga School. Thereafter, the campers left for a field visit to Pisciculture Centre, Chandil dam accompanied by Dr. Mahato where modern techniques of fish culture were taught to them.

Upon returning to the Zoo in the evening, the campers



Bird-watching session being conducted by Mr. Sanjay Mahato at Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary

were divided into three groups for breakaway sessions on “Health & Care” led by Dr. Manik Palit – Deputy Director cum Veterinary Officer, “Animal Management” led by Mr. Sanjay Mahato – Curator and “Education & Research” led by Dr. Seema Rani – Biologist cum Education Officer. The teams were attached to these Zoo officers who took them on a field visit within the Zoo and demonstrated to them about their daily activities in the Zoo. There was a very interesting and interactive session on “Animal Welfare” by the city’s renowned animal activist, Mr. Kishore Oza later that day.

Day three began with the campers setting off for an early bird-watching session within the wild environs of

Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary. Dr Mahato, helped the campers identify a variety of passerine and non-passerine birds. Following this was an interaction with C.M.P. Sinha, Dy. Conservator of Forest and Director, Elephant Project, Jamshedpur along with a guided tour.

Upon their return to the Zoo in the evening, the closing

ceremony was organized. The participants were presented with certificates and a Zoo memento.

Earth Day 2019 celebrations

Tata Steel Zoological Park Jamshedpur commemorated the Earth Day 2019 on 23rd April by organising a programme “Making of Eco-friendly Nest” for school children in which over 70 school children from UMS, Hathinada of Chandil Block participated enthusiastically. The workshop was conducted with the help of Dr. S.K. Mahato, Curator and Mr. Dilip Day, keeper of Tata Zoo who were demonstrated in simple terms, the process to be followed at home to make Eco-friendly Nest for birds.



Breakaway session on “Health & Care” being conducted by Dr. Manik Palit

Earth day is the yearly occasion celebrated worldwide on 22nd April consistently. The theme of this year for Earth Day 2019 is 'Protect Our Species' especially the threatened and endangered ones. We already saw the extinction of several species. So, it is necessary to take the strict action to save wildlife mainly focusing on saving species which are on the verge of extinction due climate change, deforestation, pollution and illegal poaching.

Tata Steel Zoological Park constantly takes the opportunity to raise public awareness about the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and



Camp participants at Chandil Dam to gain knowledge about the modern Pisciculture practices

all the life it supports .Apart from above activity we also tried to motivate the people of Jamshedpur to reduce the use of plastic bags to avoid the soil and water pollution, recycling and reuse of the waste materials through the activities like “Making of Pots from waste

plastic containers” etc. We also urge to them to say no to herbicides and pesticides and follow a plant based diet by developing kitchen garden at individual level. Dr. Seema Rani, Biologist and Education Officer alongwith her team member Mr. Pratap Gill, coordinated the programme.



Workshop on “Making of Eco-friendly Nest” and Hanging pots from waste bottles conducted by Dr. S.K. Mahato, Curator and Mr. Dilip Day, Keeper

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