

Wildlife Week Celebrations 2019 at Tata Steel Zoological Park

Tata Steel Zoological Park has been observing the Wildlife Week every year since 1994. This has been one of the longest running educational program where students from various schools in this region could participate in various competitions such as debate, quiz, essay writing, on the spot painting and fancy dress to commemorate the week. This is a reminder to our younger generation that nature is the biggest asset of human existence and we must strive to preserve its integrity. The theme for this year was – “Biodiversity and nature conservation”. The celebration commenced with huge enthusiasm from 30th September to 4th October by the participating schools.

The event started on the 30 September, 2019 with the Inter-school quiz competition held at Michael John Auditorium. More than 300 participants including audience participated. Winners of quiz competition were awarded the next day, during the formal inaugural function.

On 1 October the wildlife week celebrations was formally inaugurated at the zoo by the Chief Guest Abhishek Kumar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Jamshedpur in the presence of Guest of Honour Chandramoli Prasad Sinha – Deputy Conservator of Forests, Elephant Project and Field Director. The Chief Guest, Abhishek Kumar presented the Best Eco Club Teacher Award for 2018-19 to the Winner Sangita Sarkar, Runners-up Rajalakshmi Sahu and the Special recommendation award to Sheela



Bicycle rally for saving nature.



One of the students speaking on the debate.

Sudhakaran. The winners of inter-school essay competition were also felicitated with awards and certificates. A total of 68 students from 16 schools participated in the competition.

On the third day, a bicycle rally was organized on the theme “A Rally for Nature” at 7.00 am. Dr. Hishmi Jamil Husain, Head Biodiversity, Tata Steel and Director, Tata Zoo jointly flagged off the march from zoo main gate and it concluded near Nature Education centre. In which a total of 55 cyclists participated. Thereafter, in association with Inner Wheel Club of



Winners of fancy dress parade.

Jamshedpur, ZEST, a debate competition was held on a topic “Utilization of Forest produces as livelihood is safeguard to nature conservation”. A total of 80 participants from 15 schools participated in the debate.

On the fourth day of the celebration, in association with Lions Club of Jamshedpur we organized a fancy dress parade for school children in two categories. A total of 207 participants from 27 schools participated. The respective judges of the

parade were Anup Sinha, Sumita Banerjee, Reshmi Chowdhury and Purabi Ghosh.

On the final day of the celebrations an “on the spot” painting competition was organized in association with Jamshedpur school of Art for four categories –primary, junior, middle and senior respectively. A total of 870 students from 45 schools participated and the judges for the competition were Krishna Mahato, Jaspal Singh and Lovely Jena. It was followed by the valedictory. The celebration witnessed a total number of around 1600 students across 51 institutions.

This Wildlife Week Celebrations was coordinated by Seema Rani along with her education team member Pratap Singh Gill and Zoo volunteer's. All zoo staff and officers of the zoo provided their unconditional support to conduct the weeklong celebration very effectively.

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On the spot painting competition in progress.