

## Vulture Conservation Awareness Programme during Wildlife Week Celebration, October 2023

Every year from the 2–8 October, India celebrates National Wildlife Week. The primary aim of this week is to protect and preserve the country's rich flora and fauna. The concept of Wildlife Week was first introduced in 1952, with a steadfast goal of safeguarding the lives of endangered and threatened animal species for the long term.

The BNHS-Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, in partnership with Van Vihar National Park & Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh celebrated the event with this year's theme, "Partnership for Wildlife Conservation", emphasizing the essential role of collaborative efforts in safeguarding and sustaining the country's rich and varied wildlife.

A drawing competition showcasing the artistic abilities of students was held in Bhopal with the objective of raising awareness about the significance of vultures

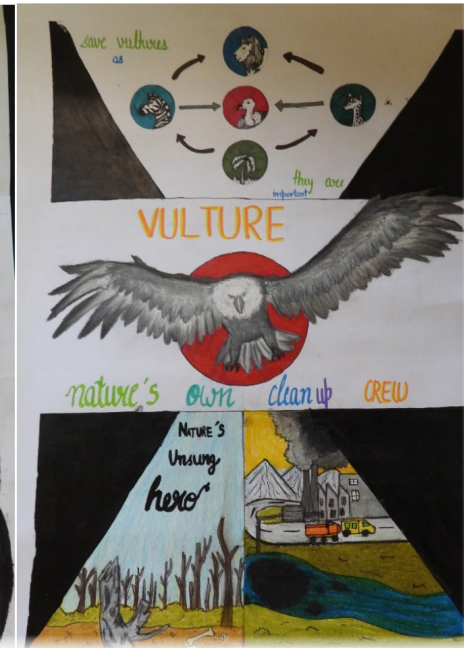


Smt. Padmapriya Balakrishnan, field director distributed prizes and certificates to winners.



Prize winners.





Prize-winning drawings.

and their crucial role in the ecosystem.

The competition was categorized into three categories based on the students' grades: Any Vulture Species (6–8 std), Vultures and Ecosystem (9–10 std), and Role of Vultures in an Ecosystem and Threats (11–12 std).

Sixty students (60) representing from three schools participated. The top 10 drawings and paintings were selected for recognition, and the winners were bestowed prizes and certificates by Smt. Padmapriya Balakrishnan, field director of Van Vihar National Park & Zoo.

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