

# World Wildlife Day celebrations at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, Telangana

World Wildlife Day was celebrated at Nehru Zoological Park on 3 March 2024 to promote the importance of wildlife conservation and maintaining ecological balance. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in its 68 session proclaimed 3 March as a day of significance as World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.

The programme was conducted from 1000 h till 1800 h, in the presence of assistant conservator of forests, education officer and other volunteers. The celebrations were monitored by Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, IFS, curator and I/c director. This year's theme is "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation" was explained to the visitors and school children through various activities based on this year's theme.

The visitors were given information about various conservation efforts and projects done in the zoo and how to integrate technology into wildlife conservation. The zoo education officer, public relations officer, zoo cops, volunteers from Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI), Mulugu organized several activities and talk shows for students and visitors.

The talk shows were focused on tiger conservation and were given information about camera traps and other software's used to

monitor tigers in wild. The ZEO, PRO along with zoo cops organized activities such as drawing competition, quizzes, jumbled words, jumbled sentences, cross word puzzles, and have gifted away tiger masks and other refreshments to the participants. More than 500 individuals including children, youngster, parents and senior citizens participated in the activities organized throughout the day.

Speaking on this occasion the director of the zoo said that the zoo is committed to provide best in class experience to visitors in terms of conservation education. Smt. A. Nagamani, Dy. Curator emphasized on the importance of habitat and ecosystem conservation and urged everyone to switch to a sustainable lifestyle and maintain ecological balance.

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Children posing with tiger masks.



Children learning from the awareness programmes.



Children participating in various activities organized.

