

Empowering Educators through Storytelling



I recently trained 24 teachers in a one-day workshop on 30 May 2024, Vishwankar Public School, Coimbatore exploring the art of storytelling as a tool for conservation education. The day culminated in a group storytelling session, where teachers showcased



their newfound skills, impressing me with their engaging voice modulation, confident eye contact, creative incorporation of wildlife concepts, and thought-provoking ethical takeaways.

I thank Zoo Outreach Organisation, for inspiring and equipping me to conduct this workshop. I'm eager to continue empowering teachers and touching lives through storytelling, seeding conservation values in young minds. By sharing the power of storytelling, I aim to inspire a love for conservation and learning. I look forward to conducting more workshops, helping educators ignite imagination and curiosity in their students, and fostering a new generation of conservation leaders. Together, I believe, we can make a difference!

Since my workshop, teachers have continued to reach out for support and share their achievements. I've been delighted to help, such as providing a teacher with techniques to create a convincing crocodile sound effect, which led to a successful and engaging session with her students. Another teacher sought my guidance on crafting a story about Ganesh Chaturthi, and I offered a plan that incorporated fascinating elephant facts and highlighted the importance of conservation. I'm passionate about empowering educators to share stories that inspire a love of nature and learning in young minds. The skills I gained from the Zooreach's 'Art for Conservation' (A4C) workshop have been invaluable in shaping my approach.

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