

Wildlife Week 2011-Education Reports

Wildlife Week celebrations at Madura College, Madurai, TN

To commemorate Indian Wildlife Week, NEST, Nethaji Snake Trust organized a one-day workshop on 4 October 2011 in the PG Department of Zoology, Madura College, Madurai. The workshop was inaugurated by R.K. Jagenia IFS, District Forest Officer, Madurai District and R. Murali, Principal Madura College. Eighty-four students from Meenakshi Government Arts and Science College for Women, American College, Sourashtra College, Madura College Higher Secondary School and Madura College, participated. They were enlightened with information on wildlife conservation. Resource persons gave detailed presentations on frogs, bats, bears and snakes entitled Frogs – Facts and myths, Bats – an interesting mammal, Bears – endangered animals and Snakes– Friends of our backyard. Masks, bracelets and placards on frogs, bats and bears were distributed to students to dramatize the need for conservation to the audience in the form of skits and feedback. Posters on amphibians and Lion-tailed Macaque were displayed in the venue and distributed to representatives of the colleges who attended the workshop.
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Students with bat masks at Madura College Wildlife Week programme



Resource person giving presentation on bats conservation at Madura College

Madras Veterinary College, Chennai Celebrated Wildlife Week

Wildlife week was celebrated in Madras Veterinary College on behalf of Wildlife Club, Department of Wildlife Science from 2-8 October, 2011 to create awareness among the students about the conservation of wildlife and environment. To achieve above goal, several activities and programmes were conducted during including essay writing competition, quiz competition and pencil drawing competition.

On 3 October an essay writing competition was conducted for 21 graduate and post graduate students. The topic of the essay was assigned as "Human – Animal Conflict: Causes & Prevention". Next programme was wildlife quiz competition, which was held on 4 October 2011 for 48 students.

On 10 October, a function for the Wildlife Week was organized. Dr. M.G. Jayathangaraj, Professor and Head, Department of Wildlife Science,



Students awarded with participation certificate at Madura College



Distribution of prizes to the participants by the Dean, Faculty of Sciences, MVC, Chennai



Anil Khaire giving presentation on snakes at PCMC Zoo

welcomed the gathering. Presidential address was offered by Dean, Madras Veterinary College about the role of student community at large in wildlife conservation. Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences released a Digital Guide (CD) for Vets on "Differentiation – Features in Wildlife", together with the distribution of prizes and certificates to winners in different and addressed the gathering about importance of Wildlife Conservation. The Chief Guest, Head, Veterinary Operations, Wildlife SOS, Bannerghatta Bear Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Bangalore delivered a guest lecture on "Health Care of Bears in Bear Rescue Centre" followed by a vote of thanks.
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Snake friends and wildlife lovers participated in PCMC Zoo

Celebration of Wildlife Week in PCMC Zoo

A workshop was held at PCMC Zoo, Chinchwad, Pune on the occasion of Wildlife Week 2011 on 7 October 2011. About 60 snake-friends and wildlife lovers participated in this programme. Dr. Ashok Deshpande was the chief guest to this programme and Mr. Pravin Ladkat inaugurated this workshop. Dr. Datta Gaikwad welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. Mr. Prabhakar Kukadolkar gave an audio-visual talk on 'Birds of Pune and their Conservation'. Mr. Anil Khaire, Zoo Director spoke on 'Diversity of Snake and Rescue Management' guiding on safe measures of rescuing snakes, their first aid and ecologically safe release procedures. Vet Dr. Satish Gore spoke on 'First-aid to Animals' focusing on treating injured wild animals and birds in emergencies when vet is not available. Participants had many questions to understand this subject better. Mr. Dipak Sawant was compeier. Mr. Vinod Pawashe read an informative article on snake bite. Dr. Satish Gore proposed vote of thanks. The Municipal Corporation felicitated all the animal friends by giving a Animal friend badge and Certificate of Appreciation. Entire zoo staff assisted in successful coordination of all this event.
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Chief Guest cuts a cake in the Lahore Zoo, Tiger House

World Animal Day 2011 with Punjab University and Lahore Zoo Education at the Zoo

WAD began in Florence, Italy in 1931 at a convention of ecologists and became an annual activity.

The University of the Punjab Vice-Chancellor has directed the Zoology Department and Centre for Undergraduate Studies faculty members and students to visit and arrange a ceremony at Lahore Zoo on the eve of World Animal Day, arranging an informative and colorful activity at Tiger House of the Zoo.

Senior academics and a large number of undergraduate and post graduate students also participated in the ceremony, preparing posters, cards, animal love poems and awareness camping at zoo. The students brought foods of animals' choice and cut a cake in the Tiger House. The speakers highlighted the need to work towards welfare of all animals including wild and domestic, adding that the impact of biodiversity decline on ecology and economy very grave. They stressed how zoological gardens and students can play an important role for conservation of biodiversity. All the participants enjoyed the program and expressed their love for animals. Muhammad Shafqat thanked the Punjab University, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhter, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aamir Ijaz, Bushra Nisar Khan, faculty members and students for their participation. He acknowledged Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran for his immense love for animal. In fact, Prof. Mujahid Kamran adopted a pair of Tigers at Lahore Zoological Gardens donating Rs. 1,214,000 for the upkeep of this beautiful big cat for one year. The university arranged a grand function and placed a beautiful monument at Tiger House. Vice-Chancellor, faculty members, and students participated in this function. The DG Wildlife and Parks and Director Lahore Zoo welcomed all participants and desired that PU students should conduct some of their research projects on Zoo animals. The management of Punjab University and Lahore Zoo also signed a MoU for animal welfare, research, arrangement of awareness seminar which helps to boost up animal importance in ecosystem among young scientist and visitors. **Submitted by Bushra Nisar Khan, Punjab University, Pakistan. Email: bushrank@yahoo.com**

Conservation of Nature Society Wildlife Week 2011 Programmes

The Conservation of Nature Society arranged programmes for Wildlife week from the 2-8 October 2011. There were programmes on all the days, on the Year of the Forest, Year of the Bats etc, except on the "World Animal Day" 4.10.2011. on which the small



Punjab University Dept. of Zoology students prepared the posters at Lahore Zoo



Chief Guest was greeted by Lahore Zoo elephant



Awareness on Lion-tailed Macaque created during the programme to the students

programme on Elephant-Human Conflict was held and further an awareness programme on the protecting of the 'Cows'. On 3.10.2011 a programme was organized for students of MAMO college, near Mukkam about Amphibians. On 5 a programme on Bats was conducted, the society Executive Committee had taken classes on the need to protect Bats. On 6.10.2011 a programme was held on Biodiversity which covered maximum on the biodiversity threats faced by the states Huge Felling of shade trees, threat faced by Lion-tailed macaques during the decade. On 7.10.2011 there was an awareness programme on the cruelty to captive elephants and the fall in the implementation of the specially made Kerala Captive Elephant Management Rules 2005. The awareness was done by the Society using the materials of ZOO (Bio Diversity) particularly about bats & amphibians. **Submitted by Mr. Vinod Kumar Damodar, Joint Secretary, Conservation of Nature Society, Calicut, Kerala. Email: mspca3@live.com**

Celebration of Wildlife Week 2011 at V.J.B. Udyan Zoo, Mumbai

As a part of these educational activities, it was decided to celebrate the "Wildlife Week" in the first week of October 2011 and to acknowledge IUCN's "International Year of Forests " 2011. Educational activities were conducted in collaboration with the Bombay Veterinary College, Parel and "SPROUTS", a Mumbai-based NGO. The Zoo celebrated Wildlife Week from 1-8 October 2011 with support from SPROUTS. The theme was care, conservation and protection of wildlife found in Indian forests conveyed through many interesting events. The Wildlife Week festivities were flagged off at 10 a.m. on 1 October 2011 by a pledge-taking ceremony displayed at the entrance gate of the Zoo. On 2 October 2011, a day-long workshop was organized for the II-IV year veterinary students of Bombay Veterinary College, Parel to understand concepts of modern zoo-keeping, involving enclosure design, care, treatment and education. From 2-8 October 2011, the SPROUTS' volunteers organised guided tours for over 200 visitors visited the zoo during the period. Nearly 1500 people visited the weeklong exhibition and greatly appreciated the rarity and quality of the photos. The photo exhibition and the oath panels were kept open to visitors for one more day on 8 October 2011 beyond the period of Wildlife Week, so as to compensate the weekly



Visitors looking at wildlife photography exhibition at V.J.B. Udyan Zoo



SPROUTS volunteer interacting with visitors at V.J.B. Udyan Zoo



Guided tour given to the Bombay Veterinary College students at V.J.B. Udyan Zoo



Students who took part in the Treasure Hunt at Sakkarbaug Zoo



Students with their paintings at Sakkarbaug Zoo



School students visited the Sakkarbaug Zoo during wildlife week

off for the zoo. The event was a grand success due to the whole-hearted participation of the public. **Submitted by: Mr. Anil Anjankar, Director, V.J.B. Udyan-Zoo, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Email: vjbudyanzoo@yahoo.co.in**

Wildlife Week-2011 Celebration at Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh

Sakkarbaug Zoo celebrated WL Week celebrates from 2-7 October. Three different groups of age 10-13, 14-16 and college students from in and around Junagadh were targeted . Different subjects on wildlife and conservation suitable for the group was selected. On 2 October 42 participants took part. On subsequent days 126 and 44 people took part in the programme. On 5th October 15 teams from various schools of Junagadh city participated in the Treasure Hunt competition. On 6th October, 18 teams from various schools of Junagadh district participated in the Quiz Contest. The next day a Wildlife Photography exhibition was organized at the Zoo. Photos By Bhushan Pandya and Elvis Katara and Pranav Vaghiasiya were exhibited. On the last day, a closing ceremony of 'Wildlife Week' was organized at the Zoo Campus. About 49 winners from different competitions were encouraged by issuing certificates and exciting prizes during the ceremony. Throughout wildlife week i.e. from 2nd Oct. to 8th Oct. students and children below 12 Yrs. were given free entry in Zoo. Totally 18,692 Students of various Schools visited Zoo under this programme. To encourage students the zoo presented animal kits of Frog, Bat, Bear supplied by Zoo Outreach Organisation. **Submitted by V.J. Rana, Director, Sakkarbaug Zoo, Gujarat. Email: directorsb2@rediffmail.com**

Wildlife Week celebration in Tamil Nadu organized in four places

i) NESSA sponsored Wildlife Week at St. Christophers Training College, Chennai with 60 teacher training students participating. The TRIO theme e.g., UN Decade of Biodiversity 2011-2020, UN International year of Forest 2011 and Year of the Bat 2011 were explained which was followed by the distribution of 3 educational packets received from ZOO, India on Frog, Bat & Bear. At the end, all the participants shared their experience in the campus to the Hr. Sec. School students in the same campus.

ii) Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai entertained 40 NSS students of Madras Christian College, Chennai with input by Dr. Manimozhi of the zoo about the animals especially about Elephants. Packets were distributed to all and carried out the action-methodology starting from tying of the rakhi. Dr. Manimozhi took the lead to make the students to take the oath.

iii) Wildlife week 2011 at St. Mary's Hr. Secondary School, Madurai.

The celebration was conducted on 10 October 2011 for 40 N.G.C students received inputs on U.N. Decade of Biodiversity, U.N. International Year of Forest and the Year of the Bat. Regarding the forest the ecological, economical, scientific, aesthetic, social and recreational values were explained besides their benefits and services to mankind. The WED Logo was so attractive and informative and they were guided to observe a tree in the campus every day and note down the types of animals visiting it.

As the year of the BAT 2011 promotes the conservation, research and education on these unique flying mammals, St. Marys H.S.S. near where the bats visits for more than a century. The Lion-tailed Macaque poster was very informative.

iv) Climate change and wildlife awareness programme at Home for aged. Climate change and Wildlife awareness program was conducted at the Jubilee Home for Aged, Chennai. Twenty six NSS students of Jaigopal Garodia HSS, Chennai gave assistance in this home for 10 days and also gained knowledge on various topics . The ill effects of Climate Change on water, health, agriculture and biodiversity were studied as discussion method. The participants added at last about free ranging of wild animals to the residential areas. The day's program came to an end with a sharing by a student and vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Ramalakshmi, NSS coordinator. **Submitted by Ms. Jessie Jeyakaran, Chennai. Email: jessiejey@rediffmail.com**



St. Christopher college students are ready for Frog Leap



Students creating awareness to the visitors near LTM enclosure at Anna Zoo



Asst. Head Master of St. Mary's school with the students