

Wildlife Week Education Reports

Wildlife Week at Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve

Wildlife Week 2007 has been celebrated from 1st to 7th October 2007 with material we have received from Zoo Outreach Organisation, such as Tiger toolkit, Monkey Manners & Amphibian Ark. The materials have been used by organizing rallies of school students on 4-8 October 2007 at Tadoba.



The student, parent and teachers highly appreciated the programme and material. Thanks for educational material sent by ZOO. **Submitted by: Dr. S. H. Patil, CF & FD, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Re, Chandrapur. Email: cf_fdtatr@rediffmail.com**

Wildlife Week 2007 at Parambikulam WLS

The posters, study and interpretative materials ZOO had supplied were distributed to school children and other participants of the Wildlife Week celebration from 2-8 October at Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary. The materials were highly appreciated and the drama kits were also used to perfection. Many thanks to ZOO for providing such materials which really supplemented our efforts of awareness and conservation campaign. **Submitted by Mr. Sanjayan Kumar, IFS, Wildlife Warden, Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala**

Wildlife Week at Madikeri, Karnataka

The kits that were sent by ZOO were utilized in interactive sessions with the school children. It was very well received by them. They also acted as animals, poachers, forest officers by wearing the masks. The t-shirts were given as prizes in the inter-school competition held at Kodagu Vidyalyaya, Madikeri. **Submitted by: Mrs. Saswati Mishra, Deputy Conservator of Forests(WL), Madikeri, Karnataka. Email: dcfwlmadikeri@yahoo.co.in**

Wildlife Conservation Awareness programme

This programme was conducted by M.Sc., students of Animal Science, Department of Zoology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 15.10.2007, during Wildlife Week Celebrations 2007 as part of the school adoption programme of Bharathiar University in Vadavalli Devasthanam, Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore. This programme

created awareness among the students on the importance on Wildlife, conservation and Management. The programme started at 3.30 pm. with a prayer song followed by introductory talk given by the Headmaster of the school, he highlighted the needs for conservation and how student should take part in the Wildlife conservation. Then, Mr. Kamlakannan of II year M.Sc., student in his talk highlighted the need for wildlife conservation and role of animals in ecological balance. Mr. Vasanthakumar of second year M.Sc., student highlighted the educational resource material from Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore and students enthusiastically received the material and learned the importance of wildlife. Finally Ms. Umamaheswari, second year M.Sc., student gave a vote of thanks and the programme ended up with a pledge by the students on Wildlife Conservation. **Submitted by: C. Gunasekaran, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Email: chrisguna@gmail.com**

Wildlife Week Celebration at PSGR Krishnammal Nursery & Primary School, Coimbatore

Wildlife week was celebrated in our school premises in the 2nd week of October 2007. We selected some topics and conducted the activities as per the guidance given by Zoo Outreach Organization. Based on this, various competitions were conducted and winners were awarded with



prizes and certificates. During the Eco-club session all the activities and competitions were conducted by the programme co-ordinators with the help of the Teachers for tigers manual and tiger tool kits. The materials provided by Zoo Outreach Organisation were used to conduct competitions and for giving prizes. An exhibition was also arranged with the presentation and material prepared by the students.

A half-day programme was arranged on 13.10.07 in our premises with students and the teachers. A sample of all the activities and all the dramas

predicting the behaviours of tigers were performed by the eco club members, it was wonderful and eyes catching. The programme ended with the prize distribution. Teachers for Tigers programme coordinators were Mrs. Narmada.N, Mrs. Devi, Mrs. Kavitha.N, Ms. Devika and Mrs. Sasi Kala. The target groups were 6-12 years students. The activities and games conducted were: Red light and Green light to illustrate how the tiger catches the prey, parental care and finger challenge to explain importance of thumb finger. Fishing game and habitation game to explain sustainability, drama-animal behaviour to gain more knowledge about tiger behaviour. Other than these various activities such as quiz, essay, song, drawing, action of animals, colouring and drama were also conducted. **Submitted by: Headmistress, PSGR Krishnammal Nursery & Primary School, Peelamedu, CBE, TN**

Dachigam National Park, Jammu & Kashmir observes Wildlife Week

The Wildlife Division Central, DOWP in collaboration with Zoo Outreach Organisation Organisation (ZOO) Coimbatore, and SRVES, a local NGO organised a student's meet titled "Feel the Nature" on 11th October 2007 at Dachigam National Park, Srinagar. Students of FAM secondary New Theed participated in the programme. Wildlife publicity materials, related to various themes received from Zoo Outreach Organisation was first displayed, made to understand and then distributed in groups aimed at inculcating message of wildlife conservation through participation and field orientation. **Submitted by: Rashid Naqash, Wildlife Warden, Dachigam National Park, Jammu & Kashmir. Email: hangulnaqash@yahoo.com**

Sepahijala Zoo, Tripura celebrates wildlife week

Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary and the Zoo started the Wildlife Week 2007 celebration on 2nd October 2007 and various programmes were held until 16th to generate massive awareness about wildlife conservation among people and the young generation. As part of it *Sramdan* (cleanliness campaign) by workers was organized. The staff of the zoo cleaned the entire aviary section covering over 9.5 hectare area. In another even sit and draw



competition was conducted. In this 124 students from 22 schools from class VI-XII participated. In another event eight Eco Development Committees took part in *Padayatra*. Slogan and photo competition on wildlife conservation also held. During valedictory, Sri. Jitendra Choudhury, Hon'ble Forest Minister, Principal and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura were present as guests and distributed prizes to the winners of the competitions. ZOO packets were distributed to the guests/dignitaries and they appreciated the materials and the materials were given to the students winners of the competitions. We acknowledge the materials and thank Zoo Outreach Organisation and South Asian Network of International Zoo Educators SAN-IZE for offering us such important materials. **Submitted by: Ajit Kumar Bhowmik, Director, Sepahijala Zoological Park, Tripura. Email: bhowmik_ak@yahoo.com**

Celebration of Wildlife Week at Black buck National Park, Gujarat

Wildlife Week was celebrated by this sub-division from 2-8 October 2007. During this various activities such as public meeting, wildlife film shows, drawing, colouring were conducted. Range



Officers of M.S. Range Bhavnagar, Velavadar, Black buck National park carried out these activities. A total of 760 students participated in the above activities. The materials sent by Zoo Outreach Organisation were used during the activities. It was also distributed to advocates and local villages during the awareness campaign for wildlife.

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Clay Modelling Competition on the Occasion of Wildlife Week

A clay modelling competition for school children was held on the occasion of wildlife week at Bahinabai Chaudhary Pransangrahalaya, Chinchwad, Pune. Nearly 200 students from 6 different schools including 20 students from physically handicapped section participated in the programme. This programme was conducted by joint venture of Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation and



'Sanctuary Asia's Kids for Tiger. The programme was inaugurated by local Corporator Mrs. Mangala Kadam. Mr. Suresh Salunkhe, Chief Garden Superintendent (PCMC) was the chief guest. Mr. Anil Khaire, Zoo Director welcomed the guests & participants and explained the theme of the programme. The students were asked to prepare clay models of 'Big 5 of India' (Tiger, Lion, Elephant, Leopard and Rhinoceros) Mr. Ajit Erava and Mr. Chandrashekhar Joshi worked as Judges for the competition. This was the first competition of its kind where students enjoyed working with clay. The prizes were given for best sculpt and creative idea. A well known Environment educator Dr. Mayuri Panse gave a seminar on Conservation challenges of Big 5 of India. Ms. Devyani Khare-Coordinator 'Kids for Tiger', Dipak Sawant, Kapil Jaikar, Shashank Yawale, Sainath More volunteered for the programme. The Zoo staff assisted this entirely new venture. **Submitted by Dipak Sawant, MSc.(Env.) Student, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education, Pune, Maharashtra.**

WORLD celebrates Wildlife Week in Jaipur, Raj Wildlife Week 2007 was observed in Jaipur with the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation, Saras, Indian Oil Corporation. K.S. Motors, Jaipur Zoo and Zoo Outreach Organization. The primary

objective was to link youngsters with wildlife conservation education. Our focus was on various threatened species in a fun atmosphere with the specially designed educational packets by Zoo Outreach produced with support of WAZA, UFAW, ANSA, CBSG and Chester Zoological Garden. WORLD organized many activities starting with an open discussion on zoo standards with dignitaries, forest officials, students from five schools, NGOs and media persons. The unveiling of a special poster on wildlife by Manish Saxena, Director, WORLD followed with "Zoo Patrol" in Jaipur Zoo.

On 2nd Oct 2007 a programme on "Important Role of the Zoo in wildlife Conservation" was organised in SV public



school & School Blue heaven. On the third day Primates Conservation Programme was conducted for the students of Rainbow Kids School with colouring the South Asian Primates Colouring books. Another programme was organized for the Amphibian Conservation Programme in Study School. On the following day a Tiger education programme was conducted in St. Paul's School and Lawrence Public School with 50 participants in each. A Bear Conservation programme was organised on fifth day in the Tagore Vidhya Bhawan & D.A.V. School. On the sixth day Monkey Manners Programme in Ryan International School, and Kinder Care School. On 7th October, the grand final of wildlife week was observed at Jaipur Zoo. Shri Laxmi Narayan Dave, Minister of Environment & Forest, Prabhu Lal Saini, Minister of Animal Husbandry, R.N. Mehrotra, Chief Wildlife Warden of Rajasthan, S.C. Gupta, Director Jaipur Zoo awarded the "Wildlife Welfare Award 2007" to



Manish Saxena, Director, WORLD. Winners of the Interschool Painting & Essay, Competition were awarded for their best performance during the function. **Submitted by: Manish Saxena, Director, WORLD, Jaipur, Rajasthan. Email: world_in@rediffmail.com**

Report of 53rd Wildlife Week programme Assam

A community for Wildlife Programme was held at Sialmari village L P School on 2nd October 07. All villagers here are either farmers or fishermen who have frequent confrontations with smaller wildlife



such as wild cat, fishing cat, fox, civets, hare and larger number of wetland and grassland birds and river turtles. This was the first wildlife meeting they had attended. The topics include the importance of wildlife for their livelihood, what are the wildlife crimes, how the wildlife are regenerating our forests. After informed about the wildlife crimes three people confessed their crimes of killing various animals.

Nature's Beckon organized a one day bat education programme for students at Dhemaji on 6th October 2007. A CCINSA Bat Club was invited to provide bat education training. Thirty middle and high class students were selected for this programme. Using bat education packets, the participants were taught about biodiversity, rules of wildlife and location of bats in biodiversity by its environmental contributions. Afterwards students played 3 bat games and an open interaction was held about myths, truths and wrongs about chiropterans. Participants got CCINSA bat education participation certificates. On 10th October "women for wildlife" programme was held at Hiloipora L P School. Village women as well as dozen young people were the participants. Participants were trained to know about the smaller animals living



around their village forests and the role they play to help our agricultural activities. **Submitted by Mr. Debojit Phukan, Co-ordinator, Megamix Nature Club, Dhakuakhana, Assam.**

Wildlife Week at Mount Abu, Rajasthan

Mount Abu wildlife division organised many educational activities during 53rd Wildlife Week 2007. The target groups were 5-12th standard students aged between 10-17 years from different schools of Mount Abu area. Various programmes such as Nature trail visit, drawing, speech, poster making, and quiz competitions were held. Panel of judges selected the winners. The winners awarded with I,II,III and consolation prizes for each category. Shri. Nagendra Singh, Inspector General of Police, C.R.P.F, Maharaja Sirohi Sh. Devat Singh and few others participated as dignitaries. All the arranged activities enjoyed by everyone. The educational materials provided by the ZOO liked by all the students, dignitaries and other nature loving people. **Submitted by: Deputy Conservator of Forests (WL), Mt Abu, Rajasthan.**

Wildlife Week at National Zoo, New Delhi

Wildlife Week was conducted National Zoological Park with essay writing, painting, amateur photography and wildlife quiz held for the students and amateur photographers. About 700 children participated thanks to support from the Commissioner of Kendriya Vidhyalaya and Director of Education. Topics for essay were "My expectation at Delhi zoo" and "Why do we need a zoo?" In the painting competition students were asked to draw Zebra, Giraffe, Elephant and White Tiger. Students from Cambridge School, Noida took part in the "Save Tigers and Save Primates". They were briefed on the zoo and taken to the respective animal enclosures. They were taught about tiger conservation. They tied the 'rakhi' to their friends and wore masks in the event. The problem of monkey menace was discussed with the participants and the staff. How we can contribute in checking the menace? was discussed. The participants were shown all the species of monkeys displayed in the zoo. The staff and students appreciated the material of the packets and said it was very good educational materials. Winners of events were given prizes on 3rd October 2007 in a prize distribution function wherein Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Forests was the Chief Guest. **Submitted by Dr. A.K. Malhotra, Curator (Edu), National Zoo, New Delhi.**

Wildlife Week Celebration 2007 at Dhaligaon, Assam

Wildlife Week 2007 was celebrated at BRPL Vidyalaya, Dhaligaon on 4th October with educational materials supplied by Zoo Outreach Organization. A day-long workshop on primate conservation was conducted for 10 std students. There was a talk on the importance of Wildlife Week by Mr. B. K. Sarma, Principal, a presentation on Primate Ecology by Mr. R. Soud, Pigmy Hog Programme. We used the packets provided by ZOO



for an awareness talk and practical learning. The students tried the concept map, drama and few games to get a practical knowledge. A discussion session among the participants in which they presented their views was held. The closing ceremony had been graced by Dr. D. Kowar, Deptt. of Botany, B R P L Vidyalaya along with the distribution of prizes and certificates by Mr. B. C. Roy, Prog Secretary , Nature's Foster.

The workshop was expected as a practical learning tool for the students to know about the current crisis of primates in the ecosystem.

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