

South Asian Network of International Zoo Educators -- Some Reports for 2006

Celebration of 51st Wildlife Week at Sakkarbaugh Zoo – Junagadh, Gujarat

India's fifty-first Wildlife Week was celebrated during 2nd - 8th October 2005 at Sakkarbaugh Zoo, Junagadh. Various events were organized. It was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University on 2nd October 2005 at the Sakkarbaugh Zoo Campus. Quiz, painting and debate competitions were held for school and college students from 2-4 October. Students from Bahaudin Science College-Junagadh voluntarily participated in organizing all the activities.

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Wildlife week 2005 Report

The programme was organized for one week at Eco Center, Ratlam by using materials received from Zoo Outreach Organisation. The target groups were school children in two separate groups – Junior up to Fifth standard and Seniors from sixth to twelfth standard. The children especially liked the Tiger Kit. Overall response to the material sent by Zoo Outreach Organisation was encouraging.

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World Environment Day 2005 Report-Plants for life

The world Environment Day was celebrated in our zoo on 5 June with "Plants for Life" education materials. This was held at the entrance gate. The materials were displayed to create awareness among visitors. Some volunteers from Andhra University Zoology Department, Visakhapatnam had also taken part in this campaign and much publicity was given about the importance of flora and fauna in the present environmental conditions. Rakhies, masks and literature kits of the Plants for Life was distributed to the visitors. Most of them were attracted towards this programme and enjoyed interaction with zoo staffs and students. Hence, I request you to extend your cooperation in future also to conduct the education programs in Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam.

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Amphibian and Bats Education Report from NCS EERC

First of all our heartiest congratulations to you and your entire team working on education projects and publishing the materials. We have been receiving your material for the past few years and we have been doing some exercises with the school in Surat. These materials are proved to be interesting and informative. Two activities were undertaken this time. For first activity the students were taken to the farm, informed them about frogs, different species, their food, habitat etc.,. There they were taken to a pond and observed different frogs. They wore the mask and had a

debate on frogs and also had a quiz. The second activity was on Bats. Information about bats such as their habitat, food, their appearance, habits, myths, were also told to the students. They were taken to the roost at the farm and explained about their hanging habits. Children had a great fun seeing all this and gathered more information and learnt more new things which they were unaware of.

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Fifty-first Wildlife Week 2005 at Bikaner Zoo

Every year wildlife Week is celebrated in Bikaner Zoo. The idea is to inculcate a feeling of affection and care towards wild animals amongst young children. This year about 15 schools participated in the programme. On 1 October a drawing competition was organized in which 280 students of class V-XII from different schools participated. On 2 October zoo visit and special lecture on wildlife was given by resource persons. The topics were snakes, birds and generally about animals. An essay writing competition was held on 3 October for different schools students ranging from V to XII std. Quiz contest were conducted for 117 students of class V to XII on 4 October for different schools. On 5 October a drawing competition for small children-I to IV std was held. About 149 children from different schools took part in this. At last on 6 October a debate was organized. Eighteen students from 9 schools have participated. On 7 October 2005, the prizes were distributed. On that day about 1500 people enjoyed free entry to the zoo. Printed materials were supplied by Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore.

Submitted by Office of the Dy. Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Wildlife Week Celebration at Krishnagiri – A Report

Hosur Forest Division conducted a special programme on Wildlife Week at Krishnagiri on 25.10.2005. Various competitions such as essay writing, elocution, drawing and drama were conducted for the students. A total of 26 schools covering the entire Krishnagiri district participated. The winners were awarded prizes and certificates by the Hosur Forest Division. A special programme including quiz programme on primate conservation for various schools were also organized. Shri. P. Mani, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sri. Ashok Kumar, I.P.S. Superintendent of Police, M. Selvaraj, I.F.S., District Forest Officer Interface Forestry Division and S. Suganya, Chief Educational Officer, Krishnagiri were speakers for on the occasion. The prize materials which was contributed by the Zoo Outreach Organization was distributed by Dr. S. Paulraj, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Hosur.

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