

SAN-IZE Education Reports

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Nature Education Reports

Wildlife Week Celebration at Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur, Maharashtra

At Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve we celebrated Wildlife Week from 1st to 7th October. In this programme we targeted high school students of Chandrapur City and neighbouring towns and we used the educational materials received from ZOO. The education material was well appreciated by all participants. School teachers were very happy to see such material and expressed their interest to join in our future programmes. Thanks for the educational material. **Submitted by: Dr. S.H. Patil, Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Tadaoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur, Maharashtra**

Wildlife Week 2006 celebrated in Tinsukia, Assam

The 'Ed-en' a Tinsukia (Assam) based society for environment education observed Wildlife Week at Saumerjyoti Vidyalyaya, Tinsukia on 7 October 2006 with daylong activities. With the educational materials on Conservation of Hoolock Gibbon provided by Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), Coimbatore about 40 students participated in various indoor activities wearing Hoolock mask and tying *rakhi*. Mr. Anirudha Dey Divisional Forest Officer, Tinsukia (Wildlife Division) as invited guest while speaking on the threats on Hoolock posed by loss of habitat expressed concern on disappearance of vulture population. Sonali Sarma, Kabyashree Mahanta and Panchalee Sarma all members of 'Ed-en' organized environmental games where students took active participation. **Submitted by: Rishi Das, Secretary, Ed-en, Tinsukia, Assam.**

Wildlife Week 2006 Report from OASIS, Mumbai

Oasis trained 25 college students on how to conduct the session of "World of our Ancestors". About 100 municipal school children from a school in Bandra were invited to participate in this workshop. The college students came up with an idea of making puzzles for the children from the posters. This idea really worked very well. Performances were prepared and presented by the students and ten best students were given Hoolock Gibbon Posters. Gifts for all participants were given by Oasis. On the National Youth Day the students were shown a gallery about "Understanding the animal world". An Elocution contest was held thereafter and the 20 finalists were given WZACS building a future for wildlife. **Submitted by: Ms. Vidhya Jaiswal. OASIS, Mumbai-50, Maharashtra**

Report on Wildlife Week, Rajsamand, Rajasthan

Rajsamand is a small district in south-central Rajasthan. Forest division Rajsamand came into existence in the year 1986 and Tadgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary was added to it in the year 2003. Wildlife week celebration started from last year with the help of Zoo Outreach Organisation. This year (2006) too wildlife week was celebrated with greater participation and enthusiasm. This year again request was made to Zoo Outreach to supply reading material like Amphibian-Global warming and South Asian Monkey Colouring book/charts. Sloth Bear poster was also received which was a special attraction. Sloth Bears are present in the Todgarh Sanctuary in a quite good number and is the key animal of sanctuary. Various programmes with a theme on environmental awareness was organised

between 4-7th Oct, 2006. These included spot painting, quiz competitions. Separate competitions were held for Juniors and Seniors students. Eco-trekking was also organized in the Tadgarh Raoli Sanctuary. Students and teachers from local schools were the target group. Dy. Superintendent of Police, who is a nature conservationist, was the chief dignitary to witness this occasion. Range Forest Officers were the resource persons, who explained minute details and satisfied the curiosity of students about nature, wildlife, forests, biodiversity etc., More than 200 students and teachers participated in the Wildlife Week programme. **Submitted by: Pratap Singh Choondawat, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tadgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhim, Rajsamand Dt. Rajasthan.**

Animal Welfare Fortnight 2007 held at St. Andrew's High School, Pune.

To mark the beginning of Animal Welfare Fortnight, St. Andrew's High School organised a special workshop on 13th January at the zoo. The students of 'Photography Club' attended the day long workshop.

The objectives of this workshop were:

1. To make the visitors understand that the zoos carry out many functions. The most important ways are Education, Research and Conservation.
2. To help the zoo visitors to understand how difficult it is to manage living wild animals. To find out what they do to help the zoo to do its job better for the animals.
3. To help zoo visitors to understand how important it is to behave respectfully towards the animals and the zoo property.

Mr. Suresh Salunke, Chief Garden Supt., Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation inaugurated the function by distributing a kit containing guide documents sent by the ZOO, Coimbatore. Mr. Anil Khaire, Zoo Director spoke about welfare of animals and conservation of nature as it is our national wealth. Mr. Milind Kulkarni, a nature photographer, demonstrated how to capture wildlife in a camera. Dr. Satish Gore, Veterinary Officer, PCMC, delivered a lecture regarding animals, their diet, health management and disease control. He also explained how to take care of animals, the do's and don't's in zoo. Mr. Dilip Kamat, supervisor explained how to tackle with poisonous and non-poisonous snakes. An essay competition was also conducted later in the school. Successful students were presented with the small books entitled 'Building a future for wildlife'.

We thank ZOO (India), World Association of Zoos and Aquariums WAZA (Bern), Chester Zoological Gardens (U.K), Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation and Mr. Anil Khaire, Zoo director and all the participants and staff members who made this workshop successful.

Submitted by Ms. Vidya Dhekane, Teacher, St. Andrews High School, Chinchwad, Pune 411 019.

Animal Welfare Fortnight Celebration by Conservation of Nature Society, Kozhikode, Kerala

The conservation of Nature Society organised education programmes on the occasion of the Animal Welfare Fortnight from the 14th to 28th January 2007 in Kozhikode

areas using Zoo Outreach Organisation materials. The venues were (1) Regional Science Centre & Planetarium (2) NGO's meeting venue (3) Circus playing in the city, local zoo etc.

Various opinions came up from the participants while we discussed about 'zoos'. Some opined that there are still zoos in our country in bad conditions. Participants had a very big discussion at Regional Science Centre on the Parashinikadavu (Kannur District, Kerala) Zoo. The programme concluded with suggestions to improve the Zoo and visit to the zoo.

Discussions also came up about the Chimpanzee seized from a circus in Chennai in the name of cruelty died in a famous zoo in the city and the need for proper arrangements before it is shifted. This type of matters only will bring bad impressions on the zoo's while attempts are going on to improve the zoo situations day-by-day. Suggestions came from the participants that in the event of 5 Leopards that died in Wayanad District why the forest Department is not using the (IUCN) SSC guidelines for re-introduction as suggested by the "World Zoo and Aquarium conservation strategy" of WAZA in such cases. Participants spoke about the monkey menace in some areas in the District and rabies threat. **Submitted by: Vinodh Kumar Damodar, Jt. Secretary, Conservation of Nature, Arte, Namsheer builidig, Thiruthiyad, Calicut 4, Kerala.**

Observation of Animal Welfare Fortnight by (APOWA) Kendrapara, Orissa.

Animal Welfare Fortnight is celebrated every year in India from 14-30 January. Each year APOWA being observed Animal welfare Fortnight in association with schools, colleges, and local youth clubs in Kendrapara district. Each year, we try to add either a new service, or a new thrust to the movement. The primary objectives of the observation is to create awareness and action amongst community and especially school students from the early stage of life & kindle their feelings of love, kindness and compassion towards all living beings. Fortnight activities included: animal treatment camp, rescue of a rare species hurt owl, human chain for animal welfare, placards & shouted slogans, a poster & photo exhibition, feeding programme was arranged for animals. Also arranged was a First Aid/Vet Training to village Youth consisting of 1. Emergency procedure 2. Useful techniques & assessment of accident & injured cases and 3. How to handle animals? This four day long training programme was held at APOWA office premises, Hatapatana from 18th January to 21st January. Above all the poster campaign (slogans on animal welfare) was made colourful to our observation. The posters were displayed at various important places throughout the district. It ensures that - for us - Animal Welfare does not end on 30th January, nor begin on the 14th of January! **Submitted by: Rashmi Ranjan Kabi, Secretary, APOWA, Kendrapara, Orissa 754 222.**

AWF Report from Lucknow Zoo, Uttar Pradesh. Lucknow Zoo celebrated "Animal Welfare Fortnight" from the 14th to 28th of January, 2007. Drawings/paintings from children of various schools of Lucknow, regarding conservation of Swamp deer (which is the State animal of U.P.), was invited and apart from this interesting skits relating to bear conservation were organized by school children. Prizes included education packets sent by ZOO as reported in The Times of India newspaper dated 29th

January. **Submitted by: Eva Sharma, Director, Lucknow Zoo, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**

AWF Reports from Maitri Baag Zoo, Bhilai. Zoo Education programme on vulture, tiger and bear.

The students and staffs of the Ajad Higher Secondary School, Maroda, Bhilai visited Maitri Baag Zoo on a Zoo educational trip in the month of December and January. About 120 students of different age group from 9th to 12th standard along with teachers participated. The group was divided into two groups and the zoo staffs conducted programmes on bears and tigers. Educational materials containing booklet on the monkey tales, mask, stickers, rakhi, etc were distributed. For the Bear group Zoo Education Unit encourage not to see the bear program on the street, and to discourage such activities, ultimately to save the species in the wild. They were taken to the animal enclosure and detailed species information was provided.

In January 2007 two more programmes for about 100 students of same school was organised on vultures and bears. One group was given information about bears and their role in the ecosystems while the other group learned about vultures. A lecture was given by Dr. T. Kalaichelvan about vulture status in the Indian Zoos: 11 zoos in India are having 4 to 6 species of vulture. The students were given information about declining of the vulture. The importance of vulture in maintaining ecological balance was described. The students shared their opinion to save the valuable species. All the participants of the schools took oath by tying *rakhi* each other to help by saving wildlife in their life times.

Zoo Education programme on Primate Primer

The students and staffs of the Doon Valley, Hudco, Bhilai visited Maitri Baag Zoo on 16th Jan 2007 on a Zoo educational trip. The zoo education unit of Maitri Baag conducted a special programme on "Primate Primer".

About 35 students below 5 years participated in the programme. They were given educational materials containing booklet on the monkey tales, mask, stickers, rakhi, etc. The students wore the mask and took around the zoo to motivate themselves and the visitors. All the participants took oath by tying rakhi each other to help save wildlife.

The Zoo Education materials were provided by Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore. BSP Management waived the entry fees to participants to encourage students on Zoo Education to create awareness about wildlife, environment etc. among themselves. **Submitted by: GK Dubey & T. Kalaichelvan, Maitri Baag Zoo, Bhilai Chhattisgarh.**

Megamix Nature Club Training for Environmental Efficiency, Assam.

As a partner of SAN-IZE, Megamix Nature Club has organized a daylong training for environmental efficiency to school students on 24 December, 2006. Eighty students from 7 schools took part in it. Likhan Gohain, Chiniram Baruah, Narindra N. Dutta, Amal Ch. Dutta and Debojit Phukan were the trainers. The objectives of the programme were: 1. To make the student know what is forest, wildlife and biodiversity and 2. What they have to do as an environmental activist. Accordingly they were

trained indoor for four hours and outdoor for three hours by means of field studies and environmental games. Eight kinds of wildlife and plant packets provided by ZOO was used in field demonstration.

Magamix Nature Club in another occasion in association with Akhomi Sangha, had organized a daylong training for Environmental Efficiency to the youths of the locality at Bhagamukh Namghar on 21 January, 2007. Sixty two participants from five villages had participated. The event was in the form of demonstration, presentations and interactions. Resource persons were Likhan Gohain, Narindra Nath Dutta, Debojit Phukan from Megamix and Bhogram Konch from Akhomi Sangha. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of the community to effort for conservation of the wildlife, fishes and an important bird are "Kaobari Daloni" nearby. **Submitted by: Debojit Phukan, Coordinator, Megamix Nature Club, Dhakuakhana-787055, Lakhimpur, Assam.**

National Environmental Awareness Campaign 2006, Bhopal. RMNH and ZOO.

Downward mammals : RMNH and ZOO collaborated on a bat awareness programme 1 November 2006. Detailed information about bats were given to the children along with literature containing masks, booklets, etc. A nature game was also organised.

Special Programme for Slum Children: RMNH and ZOO collaborated to convey important environment education to slum kids in Bhopal on 17 Nov 06 with quiz competition and introduction to animals of the world. Main focus was bear conservation called "No Bear Hugs please". Bear packets were distributed which helped teachers explain the things children should not do in relation to bears. Drama and games with bear characters were conducted. Bear posters were offered to the public free of cost on first come first served basis.

Gibbon Game: The Hoolock Gibbon is rarely the focus of any wildlife programme. RMNH and ZOO worked together to create awareness for a group of 50 students on 25 Nov 06 about the only ape of India. They were reached through educational packets and booklets stickers, literature, rakhi, masks along with nature games.

Save Tiger Street Play: RMNH and ZOO helped to create awareness on tiger conservation through a street play that was attended by children, students, teachers, visitors and general public on 31 Dec 06. Topics such as behaviour at the zoo, bad practice of teasing and feeding zoo animals were covered. Bachelor Students of Excellence College, Bhopal pledged to behave in accordance with the suggestions given in the programme and convince others to do so. Asst. Director and staff of Van Vihar zoo also attended the programme.

Care Wetland Animals

RMNH with help of ZOO materials conducted a sort of prelude to World Wetlands Day to highlight the importance of wetland animals in Bhopal, city of lakes. The programme featured Gharial was held at Police Public Higher Secondary School on 25 January 07. Presentations and discussions were held on all aspects of Gharial, a critically endangered species. In addition interesting facts were shared about many "daily life" wildlife species such as geckos, frogs, etc. Packets from ZOO featuring gharial, amphibians and daily life wildlife

were used to reinforce the many lessons. **Submitted by: Dr. Sethuramalingam, RMNH, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

Pugmarks celebrates AWF 2007 in West Bengal

We organized a programme during the Animal Welfare Fortnightly on 18 January 2007 in the Visva Bharati university campus, Santiniketan, Birbhum District, West Bengal. The materials which you have so kindly sent to us were widely utilised and much appreciated. The programme started with a procession by school students, teachers, veterinary doctors, forest officials, animal welfare activists, intellectuals and the general public of the locality, carrying the posters of Zoo Outreach Organisation, Animal Welfare Board of India, Forest Department, West Bengal, and WWF and few others created by the students. The dignitaries were welcomed by girl students in the traditional way. All of them had a brief talk related to wildlife, animal welfare and nature. The Forest Range Officer explained the work of Wildlife SOS related to the conservation of Sloth Bear.

This was followed by a drama by a nature club "Shabuj Abuj" ("Green and Innocent"). The members are all school students. The theme was - "Dare to Care about Sloth Bears" - briefly the story goes - a little Bear cub was captured by a *madari*- the animals in the jungle held a meeting and decided to rescue the cub and capture the *madari*. They managed to get hold of the *madari* and the cub. Finally they let the *madari* go home to tell the people that the wild animals are kind hearted and friendly to the human beings. They should follow this example and should never ever torture animals in future. The drama ended with the national song of the jungle - "we are all kings in the kingdom of our king" (a Tagore's song). The programme was telecasted in two local T. V. channels and other Bengali channels. This programme was organised jointly by the Pugmarks Society and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Birbhum district

Thank you once again for your kind cooperation and we strongly believe that we shall continue our activities together in future. **Submitted by: Urmila Ganguli, Pugmarks Society for Conservation of Natural Heritage, "Dera" Purbapalii Santinekatan P.O., Birbhum Dist, West Bengal**

Mind Your Monkey Manners...Misplaced monkey Mischief - How to handle -an education programme conducted in Assam

In February 2007, Shahnaz Begum Deka, the headmistress of GBN Academy School, who was one among the participants of Hoolock gibbon Educators training workshop in Assam, shared with us the monkey problems that their students face in their campus. It was decided to conduct an education programme using the newly developed "Monkey Manners" packets at GBN Academy School which is situated in Jalukbari in the Guwahati University Campus, about 10kms from Guwahati City centre.

ZOO developed an education packet called "Monkey Manners" and it has a booklet, colour poster on commensal monkeys of South Asia, sticker, monkey mask, create your own drama card and Rakhi -which introduces kids to a systematic approach to the free-ranging monkey problem which has become such a big issue today. The aim is to give kids (and also parents,

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An Opportunity: Teens for Planet Earth

Teens for Planet Earth (TPE) was created to help teens who are fascinated by wildlife, nature and the environment put their passion into practice. The TPE website has the latest environmental news, stories of real life role models in conservation, resources such as websites and books, and much more. Best of all, our fun, interactive guides support teens as they develop an environmental service-learning project that will make a real difference in their local community. Teens discover their conservation personality, decide which type of service-learning project they want to do, and then create an action plan.

But that's not all! We are also committed to educators and youth leaders interested in supporting young people's interest in conservation. Register online with Teens for Planet Earth and we will help you carry out an environmental service-learning project. Then, if we like what you have done, we will call you a chance to showcase your work on our website. And the best work will qualify for FREE participation in our Global Teen Summit, an international gathering of youth who have completed similar projects! The Summit will take place in India in the summer of 2008.

So to become an "Adult advisor" and tap into our resources visit the website: www.teensforplanetearth.org, and learn how to get involved! Or contact Judy Unis at <junis@wcs.org> or Jeanine Silversmith at <jsilversmith@wcs.org> for more information.

World Environment Day 2007 - Announcement for supply of Education Materials from SANIZE/ZOO

World Environment Day is on 5th June and the slogan selected for 2007 is "**Melting Ice a Hot Topic?**". In support of International Polar Year, the WED theme selected for 2007 focuses on the

many of whom read what kids bring home) a more positive and constructive orientation to this issue hoping that they will adopt a more practical attitude towards the animals and the behaviour. The packet explains this and also gives some monkey-do and monkey-don'ts which should help kids learn how to stay out of monkey trouble.

We conducted a short programme on 02nd March 2007 for a selected number of 23 students aged between 11-14 years. We shared with the students the monkey trouble and listened to the experiences of the students. Then the contents of the packets were briefed. They were explained in detail about the causes of monkey problem handling the situation using the booklet. Students actively involved in the discussion sharing their experience. Students wore the masks and tying the Rakhis each other and took an oath to "stop leaving garbage out in the open". Then, sufficient time was given to explore the

effects that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities, and the ensuing consequences around the world.

It is less than 2 months away to celebrate it. Zoo Outreach Organisation tries to help you to celebrate these events by providing free education materials, which is to be used in a very specific way. Our reason for this is simple – educational research indicates that people of all ages remember things best if they are not just passively listening. They remember if they are having fun, or doing something, or if an emotional experience is connected with learning. That is why we distribute packets with several items to be used in activities, rather than just a booklet or brochure of facts.

We offer you education materials on animal themes for World Environment Day even though this year's WED slogan is different. However, all wild animals are intimately related to the earth and the environment, so it is very appropriate to select a taxon group or species and base your WED celebrations around it.

We have some education materials such as packets, colouring book, posters, t-shirts etc. The packets contain a variety of items such as poster, booklet, mask, etc. ***If you are interested you can fill the order form that is given in next page with a*** small proposal in a separate sheet indicating what you will do, whom you will call, and how you will relate the contents to the event along with the order form on or before 15th May 2007.

We look forward to your participation in the World Environment Day.

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materials. We also took some time to evaluate what they understood about the theme using a questionnaire.

According to the evaluation results the students understood that — People don't know how to act around monkeys, and make mistakes. The biggest mistake people make with monkeys is by feeding them. The best way to handle is not to feed them and stop leaving garbage out in the open. The students also committed to educate people about do's and don'ts.

The teachers expressed their interest to continue educating rest of the school children in the future. We would like to thank Ms. Shahnaz Begum Deka and Ms. Seema Singh, science teacher for organising this programme. ***Submitted by: B.A. Daniel & R. Marimuthu, Zoo Outreach Organisation.***