

World Environment Day 2011-Education Reports

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore conducts Nature Camp during World Environment Day

We received ZOO's WED educational materials and used all the materials for our programmes on World Environment Day 2011. A Special Nature Camp was organised by the NMNH, New Delhi through the Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore for the children with Hearing Impaired during 4 – 7 June 2011 at the Bannerghatta National Park, Bangalore. The Special Nature Camp was inaugurated by Shri Jairam Ramesh, the Honourable Minister of State (independent charge) for Environment & Forests, Government of India on 4.6.2011 at the Institute of Wood Science & Technology. Dr. A. Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP, Shri Hem Pandey I.A.S., Joint Secretary, Dr. G.V. Subramanyam, Advisor, MoEF, Dr. S.C. Joshi IFS, Director, IWST and Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH were present.



Honourable Minister Shri Jairam Ramesh at the tree planting session

Twenty-five children with Speech/Hearing impairment participated in this Special Nature Camp from South India (Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu). The participants were introduced to various attractions in the Bannerghatta National Park such as zoo, museum, Reptile Park, butterfly park, children's corner and trekking available in the Park. The camp was arranged with the help of All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysore.



Honourable Minister Shri Jairam Ramesh interacting with students during tree planting

The Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore observed World Environment Day 5 June 2011 at the Museum Auditorium along with valedictory function of the summer vacation Programme. Dr. Javeed Nayeem, Director, Bibi Ayesha Hospital, Mysore was invited as the Chief Guest and Dr. T. N. Manjunath, Faculty, Government Ayurvedic College, Mysore was invited as a Guest Speaker in this occasion. Green Teens, a Summer Vacation Programme for teenagers was organised in the Museum from 2:12 May 2011. Nearly 15 students were participated in the programme. Also Green Cubs, also a Summer Vacation Programme for Junior children was organised in the Museum from 18:30 May 2011. We acknowledge all the sponsors, who helped to prepare the WED Kit for the children.

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Students participated in World Environment Day programme at Nahan, HP



Installation of Solar Led lamp training is given to the students and community people at Sagar Island, WB



Students of P.K.Ray Memorial Rural Study Centre, Sagar Island with illustration depicting environmental hazards

Nahan Forest Division, HP celebrates World Environment Day

World Environment Day was celebrated at Nahan, Himachal Pradesh with active cooperation from the Environment Society Nahan, Deputy Commissioner Nahan, SP Nahan and various schools of Nahan District on 5th June 2011. During the week from 4-6-2011 to 10-6-2011 various programmes were organised with active participation of school children. Declamation contest, Quiz competition, Prabhat pheri, cleaning on water bodies, Environment oath was organised during the week. The materials i.e. Poster, A-Z pamphlet and stickers were highly appreciated by everyone. Pamphlets were also given to school children during various

competitions in the schools. All participants were informed about the sponsors of the education materials. Everybody praised ZOO, WILD, SAZARC, WAZA and UNEP for providing excellent educational materials and their effort in supporting a noble cause of environmental conservation. We look forward to cooperation from all in future also. **Submitted by: Harsh Vardhan Kathuria, DFO, Nahan Forest Division, HP. Email: harshoney@gmail.com**

World Environment Day celebrated at Sagar Island, Sundarbans by PUPA, Kolkata

An activity oriented awareness programme on World Environment Day involving school students, parents

and community members conducted at Sagar Island, Sundarbans on 4-5 June 2011 with the materials received from Zoo Outreach Organisation. Students of Class VII & VIII from Phulbari Sitla High School, Phulbari and Vivekanada Vidyaniketan High School, Sibpu, participated in this programme. The primary objective was to find the possibilities of working together on some pilot projects on adaptation to climate change at Sagar Island with a view to achieve 'Community Development through Schools' (CDTS). Immediate objective is to involve the rural students so as to participate in global environmental movements keeping the local needs in mind.

It is also aimed to select some students who may be designated in the long run as the "YOUNG GREEN CHAMPIONS OF SAGAR ISLAND". The following activities were conducted; Interaction with students: i) Informed the students about the current environmental problems, particularly Climate Change related issues and motivating them in some local actions ii) Selection of leaders (group of students) who will be motivated and given responsibility of continuing the activities in future. Interaction with the Community members: Interaction was made with the parents (mainly mothers) of the selected students keeping local environmental problems in mind. A drama was staged by the students of the Village Kachuberia (Phulbari Sitla High School), facilitated by Ms. Bipasyee Ghosh, International Climate Champion of BCL, informing the environmental problems of their own village. In drawing competition, a total of 45 Children of P.K.Ray Memorial Rural Study Centre, Sagar island (Class IV-VI) were involved. Training and Installation of Solar Led lamp were conducted and it is donated by Rotary Club of Calcutta MidCity. At the end saplings were distributed among the students of STUDY CENTRE, PUPA.

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Pitchandikulam Forest conducted awareness programmes during WED

We conducted awareness programme on the World Environment Day in 9 schools at Nadukuppam Panchayat. All our environment teachers utilised your posters and post cards for these programmes through stories, drama and some local games. Students have learned the importance of conservation, ecosystems, save the water and electricity, not to use the plastic bag etc. Some students planted trees at their home gardens. Thanks for your support to promote the environment awareness programme through your education materials. They are very powerful in the classroom among the children of our village schools. Our teachers are also appreciating your materials. Particularly this month there is no formal teaching from the Govt side, so we use your materials for all our outreach schools. **Submitted by: Mr. Lourdes, Env.Edu. Coordinator, Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville. Email: lourdes@auroville.org.in**



Nadukuppam students are explained about threatened animals on the WED poster

WWF (J & K) World Environment Day Programmes

World Environment Day was celebrated on 2 June at Kud Patnitop where more than 25 schools and 200 students from Chennai education zone participated. On 3 WED was organized at Khoon village in Majalta Tehsil on the theme role of Panchayats in Forest and Environment Protection. About fifty Panchayat members attended the function. Tehsildar Majalta and Chairperson WWF-India delivered lectures. On 5 June, an Environment Rally was organized by the WWF-India and Department of Environment from Stadium ground to Gandhinagar on Cycles and roller skates. Inspector General of Police and Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu were the chief guests. About six schools and 250 students took part in the rally. ZOO education materials were used in these programmes for the students and eco-club members. In addition, WED posters were given to 13 schools and colleges who organized WED in their school premise and also Chief Education Officers of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts for using in their WED programmes. WWF-India State office J&K is grateful to Zoo Outreach Organization for supplying resource materials.

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Shangrila HS School, Jammu students with placards and WED posters



Students and citizens of Jammu are participating in Green Rally



Students are very keen in reading WED posters



Youth Club members performing drama on frog conservation at Mysore Zoo



Posters sponsored by DOCOMO released at the Mysore Zoo function

Special Report on World Environment Day 2011 from Mysore Zoo

This zoo has celebrated the World Environment Day on 6/6/2011 and awareness programme in collaboration with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Tata Docomo were organized. About 6000 members have participated in the rally and the rally was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner. The rally was culminated near the zoo, and the participants were allowed to visit the zoo. The valedictory function was presided by Sri M. Nanjundaswamy, Chairman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Sri Niranjana, Senior Environment Officer, Pollution Control Board, Sri K.B. Markandaiah, the Executive Director of Mysore zoo, and Sri Manjunath represented the Tata Docomo, were on the dais. Sri Niranjana has highlighted the importance of the World Environment Programme, objectives and theme for this year and the importance of creating awareness on this occasion to the gathering. The winners in bird identification, drawing and quiz competitions were given prize.

UNEP World Environment Day related education materials provided by Zoo Outreach Organisation were used to full extent by Youth Club students of 2011-12 batch at the Mysore zoo. A number of topics related to the environment were discussed and debated upon. Frog's species' vulnerability to extinction and related conservation measures were the highlight of the day. Also very importantly the vitality of the forests to human existence was debated upon and hence enriched was the knowledge of the Youth Club members to a great height with the theme of the World Environment Day 2011 being - FORESTS: NATURE AT YOUR SERVICE. Each student was provided with a poster, pamphlet, sticker and the pack of goodies based on W.E.D.

The day began with a class on Amphibians and Reptiles - their importance and need for conservation by one of the resource persons. The participants were taken through the world of amphibians and reptiles and got acquainted with their life and existence and the harms to it. They also were acknowledged regarding the various species that exist round the world.

Later on, the students were asked to go through the information in the material that was provided to them regarding WED. They were enriched with the facts regarding the usage and importance of forests for the ecological balance and very essential and pivotal

for the inhabitation of humans and their survival and quality of life and thus the need for their conservation and not just forest but the intensity for preserving the flora and fauna.

The students were divided into three groups and were given the topic of Amphibian Conservation. They had to create a skit directed and choreographed by themselves in accordance to the topic. The outcome was a brilliant performance communicating their ideology and thoughts out to the audience. One team brought out the life process and survival tactics of the frog beautifully making use of the masks and stickers that were provided to them. An explicit display of team work was exhibited by the second team and they brought out the Importance of frogs to human life and well-being and their diversity with the other team reaching out to full extent to the audience on the Conservation aspects of the frogs. The skit proved to be a helpful activity in

bringing out awareness in concern with environment and conservation. To end the programme, students stood in formation, forming a three-dimensional image of "W.E.D" when seen from a height and a picture was taken of that assembly. In all it was a whole day dedicated to W.E.D that enriched the Youth Club participants in a wide range of ways especially in accordance with environment and the vitality for their conservation. **Submitted by: Sri K.B. Markandaiah, Executive Director, Mysore Zoo, Email: zoomysore@gmail.com**

WED celebrated by Megamix Nature Club, Assam

WED 2011 was celebrated by Megamix nature club in three remote locations of Dhakuakahan in Assam in the same day. To run the diverse kind of activities, Megamix nature club deputed 11 seniors to the three locations with educational materials and other accessories to involve the pupil and women. The venues were

Floating venue at Kolakota wetland, K K Girls H S School at Ghilamara and Gondhia High School. In the Kolakota wetland, activities related to environmental games, competitions, environmental wall magazine and mass conversations have been carried out by Mr Debojit Phukan, Dr Amal Ch Dutta and Mr Cheniram Baruah. In the 2nd venue popular talk on forest, wildlife and medicinal plants have delivered by Mr Sarbesawr Barua and Mr Digen Hazarika. In the 3rd place Mr Mriganabh Gogoi, Mr Prafulla Chutia and Mr Narendra Nath Dutta were there to begin the day by planting saplings and hoisting a 120 strength [pupil] environmental art competition and to end the day by delivering lectures and conversation on the topic of the WED2011. All the three events were packed with prizes of books, stickers, folders, leaflets and packets of Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore. **Submitted by: Mr Debojit Phukan. Email: phukan.debojit@rediffmail.com**

Wildlife Week 2011

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Wildlife Week has been celebrated every year in India from 1-7 October for the last 56 years. For the past 26 years Zoo Outreach Organisation has helped zoos, forest divisions, NGO's, museums, schools and educational institutions to celebrate this event by providing free educational materials.

This year's wildlife week is unique because there are so many campaigns. There are three major campaigns, **International Year of Forests (2011)**, **Year of the Bat (2011-2012)**, and the UN **Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020)**.

In supporting these campaigns, ZOO will provide free educational materials on species of interest to in context with the three campaigns. The materials are designed to be used to support activity based learning. Educational research indicates that people of all ages remember things best if they are not just passively listening or given something to read. They remember if they are having fun, or are participating in a game or other activity, or if an emotional experience is connected with learning. That is why we supply packets with several items to be used in activities, instead of just facts in a booklet or handout.

ZOO and ZOO's Educator Network (ZEN) can offer you some materials for Wildlife Week with species and conservation themes. Each packet contains items such as posters, booklets, masks, rakhis, etc. You can order up to 50 copies of each packet for a programme, if you send us a proposal indicating what you will do, whom and how many you will call, and how you will relate the contents to the event.

We will supply the material at no cost but you must reimburse us for postage and packing. Send us the filled in order form by **1 September 2011** using Speed post, Fax or email only. **Please contact us at zooreach@zooreach.org for the order form.** We look forward to your participation in the Wildlife Week celebration.

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