

Centre for Environment Education, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh celebrates AWF in schools

Animal Welfare Fortnightly 2014 was celebrated by Centre for Environment Education, CEE Madhya Pradesh State Office, Bhopal with educational materials support from ZOO Outreach Organization, Coimbatore with institutional support from TRI-NATURE Organisation, Bhopal and Satpura Science Educational Welfare Society, Chindwara, M.P. from 16-31 Jan, 2014. We outreached to more than 400 students and 50 teachers, principal and staffs.

ZOO and CEE materials were used in 4 schools: The programme went on for week long at different schools with different themes. This year our focus is on three key species of forest as tiger, bear and monkey. Sessions were divided into two parts: In the first session basic information on animals, its characteristics, habit and habitat and its ecological importance, threats on animals with examples and conservation measures taken by different Govt. and NGO at national and international levels were given. While describing these information, resource materials on tiger and mind your monkey manners provided by ZOO was very useful, as it is simple, informative and attractive. In the second session, the resource team conducted environmental games while using kits.

Principal, teachers and other staff also participated in the programme and they were happy to have such a programme at their school. They paid sincere thanks to ZOO, WILD and the sponsors for the wonderful animal kits. CEE and other invited institutions.

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AWF Golden Jubilee at Samaria St. Johns HS School, Kulasekaranvilai, Tirunelveli
Animal Welfare Fortnightly celebrated at the St. Johns school.

Mind your monkey manners programme



Students with tiger rakhi taking pledge to save the big cats

Taking oath





Tiger awareness programme by CEE, MP



Mrs. Rani Kirubairaj leading the session



Plants with names displayed to the participants at Samariah St. John's School

One hundred and sixty five students both boys and girls of 9 standard and 12 teachers participated in two sessions. Mr. W. Joel Revinston, Head Master gave an introductory talk. The biodiversity help in ecological balance on the earth. Then Vijai Margaret, PG Zoology teacher coordinated drawing session on insects. Forty five students participated and made beautiful and colourful drawings. The teacher displayed an insect box and scrap book which contains paper clippings of insects and other animals.

Mrs. Rani Kirubairaj shared information about Animal Welfare Board of India and Animal Welfare Fortnightly. She spoke about biodiversity and also mentioned about humans' daily mistakes, cruelty to daily life wildlife, how to watch and enjoy them. She asked the students to be kind to pet animals as well as wild animals. She reminded that plants and animals do not need mankind but we need them. She said on visits to zoos and sanctuaries youngsters should not tease or harm the animals. Plant more trees and flowering and medicinal herbs and plants to attract animals to your backyard. She delivered her message based on Mahatma Gandhi's 'Live More Simply' principles.

Students wore the animal masks and tried to mimick them. Did they hurt or tortured any animals was asked and most of them acknowledged that they were not kind to bats, squirrels, mynah bird, chameleons, grasshopper with throwing stones, arrows, cataapult, sticks and snares and make fun of domestic animals such as donkeys, cats with the crackers. They pledged not to do this hereafter. **Submitted by: Mrs. Rani Kirubairaj, Teacher (Retd). Kulasekaranvilai. Email: ranijoel12@gmail.com.**

IES Madurai's AWF Event
Institute of Ecological Studies organized an event on Daily life Wildlife at Pandugudividyalaya Sri Lakshminarayana Vidhyalaya, Alagarkoil on 25 January 2014.

Putting on masks and placards - Samariah St. John's School



Students with Daily life Wildlife packets - Samariah St. John's School



Dr. S. Dinakaran explains about Daily life Wildlife



There were about 28 girls and 23 boys belonging to the age group of 13-16 who took part in the event. The Principal inaugurated the program. The school is situated in the foothills of Alagar hills, where monkeys were abundantly found. Hence the program started with awareness on monkeys. Dr. S. Anbalagan narrated on how to behave with monkeys to the participants and prepared a skit with a set of 4 students. Dr. S. Dinakaran explained about Daily life Wildlife in the light of role of butterflies, millipedes and small reptiles and mammals. Institute of Ecological Studies and the Management of PSLV, CBSE jointly organized the event. This program was accompanied with the PRO and 4 faculties. Masks, wristbands and placards were used to boost up the event with the magnanimous support from Zoo outreach Organization.

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Murray Schools, Chennai joined AWF celebrations

On 20 January 2014 seems to be a joyous day to the students of Murray Matriculation, Nursery and Primary School, Chennai students and they celebrated AWF 2014. Mrs. Geetha Leonard, Principal welcomed the resource person and others. The day's program began with introductory questions on animals in general and in the campus. Beside the butterflies, the tiny insects, which can be seen in nearby places, helped the participants to know a lot about them. They prepared a long list of animals visiting the campus and bubbled to share their experience in catching the butterfly and dragonfly. Few students shared their hardship in catching and setting them free. After a prolonged discussion, they came to feel that how much they would have suffered.

With this mental preparedness they were divided into four groups and according to their option named as Dragon Fly, Ant, Butterfly and Grasshopper team. The photocopies of the headband 'Be Kind to Daily Life Wildlife' distributed to all.



Students with butterfly mask - IEF, Madurai



The ABC team with the poster - Murray School, Chennai



The insect team draw their insect drawings

Butterfly team admired their Daily Life Wildlife cover page given by ZOO Outreach Organisation, India. The difference between the conservation and welfare were explained. With the booklet definition for Wildlife, Daily Life Wildlife, Animal Welfare, Human Welfare, cruelty in daily life, our mistakes etc were dealt with. Starting with the shapes of their eyes, the "eyes" of animals on the last page kindled their knowledge about animals. The students learnt about the bat, bear, invertebrates, frog and rodents from the given sheet. The entire team tried the stamp album with the teacher coordinator.

Dragonfly team got ABC-Biodiversity Poster. Students learnt about their behaviour with a moral behind from A-Z. They prepared an oath, which was repeated by all. They came to know about worldwide organizations like UN, IUCN, WAZA, CBSG, UNDP, UNEP which are working to sustain the earth's rare animals and their habitats. The Grasshopper team introduced the animals with the habitat were introduced from the polar region to the ocean besides the terrestrial once were explained. They observed pictures in the charts and library books. For the Ant team drawing activity was allocated. They drew colourful pictures of butterfly and other tiny insects. At the end each one described what made them to select the particular species. Then all the teams were taken out to observe the insects at the campus. The day's program came to the end with the pledge not to hurt any animals and be kind always.

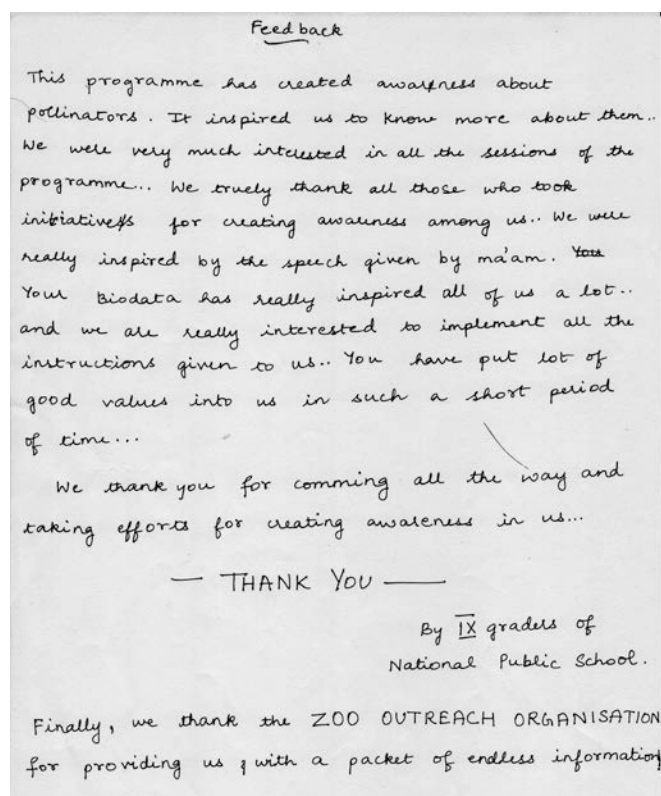
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AWF at National Public School, Chennai

On 21 January 14, AWF program was conducted at National Public School, Chennai and 25 students of std 8-9 attended. Dr. V. Laxmi Priya, Principal, welcomed and encouraged the students. Mrs. Rosalind Priya the Teacher coordinator introduced the day's program and Mrs. Jessie Jeyakaran member ZEN. They were taught about the symbiotic relationship



The importance of pollinators explained to the participants - National Public School, Chennai



Feedback from a student

between man and animals, the role to be played by man to safeguard them and the reasons for the present condition due to climate change. In order to have a clear idea the CD on Climate Change prepared by ZOO, India was shown.

We exchanged ideas on the animal welfare. In order to bring out the welfare of man and animals for their life, few selected animals, which play an important role in pollination, were explained. ZOO's education kit on pollinators was distributed to the students. They looked at the materials very quick, observed and grasped the information very fast. The vegetables and fruits from kitchen garden and agricultural field are the result of the pollinator's action. The invertebrate and vertebrate pollinators such as bees, butterfly, moths, flies, wasps, beetle

and bat, squirrel, rodents, primates etc play the predominant role in pollination. But today their decline in number has resulted in reduction of crop harvest.

The students said they would assist in proper disposal of wastes, creating home gardens, eco garden at school and developing a pollinator garden as well. Two students composed a song on pollinators within 30 minutes and sang together. The management extended their thanks and the students submitted the feedback about the day's program.

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GRG Polytechnic College-Animal Welfare Education Programme

The Science and Humanities Association and Eco-Watch Club of the GRG Polytechnic College, Kuppapalayam, Coimbatore organized Animal Welfare Fortnightly program on 31 January 2014, to create awareness of various domestic and wild animals. A total of 260 students participated in this programme and gave a presentation followed by conducted a quiz program. The presentation was about the earth's amazing animals, their role in the ecosystem and what the human society gains from them. Also, the importance of the common domestic animals and the wild animals, animal welfare and role of zoos were explained. The audience was curious



Quiz programme

about the nearest zoos and total number of zoos in Tamil Nadu. Zoo Outreach Organization education poster "Put yourself in their place" was used to help the audience relate to the plight of animals mistreated in zoos. The quiz program had eight teams with four participants in each team. The four rounds of quiz program were mammals, plants and insects. The winning three teams were awarded prizes and the other teams received appreciation prizes from the mechanical engineering department of GRG. **Submitted by: R. Brawin Kumar. Email: brawinkumar@zooreach.org**