

Education report

Rhino conservation education

The participants of the Rhino Conservation Education programmes held at Jalpaiguri, North Bengal in June 2014 committed to do awareness programmes after the training using the materials developed by ZOO, sponsored by Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong and Chester Zoo, UK.

As part of it on 2 September 2014, a Rhino awareness workshop held at Dakshin Mouamari Eco-camp, Maynaguri organised by Maynaguri Environment and Adventure Club (MEAC). It is a small step towards wildlife conservation especially on Rhino and to aware young generation. Rhinos are killed by poachers for the horns and bones. The intention of the awareness programme is to spread the message that why Rhino conservation is important. The workshop started at 11:00 am after an inaugural speech of club secretary and flag hoisting by Mr. Dilip Dutta the senior most member of our club. Thirty three students of eleventh standard participated in the workshop. The author, who was the participant of the ZOO's training programme and the Chief-Instructor of the workshop made the programme lively and charming utilizing the education tools developed by ZOO. The participants were given information about Rhino in India as well as in the world. They were made aware of the causes why the number of Rhinos is gradually decreasing and how we can prevent this. They also



J.K. Rai giving introduction to the programme



A session in progress

understood that the importance of Rhino conservation in India.

Smt. Sanhita Talapatra, B.D.O. Maynagri, Mr. Nikhil Adhikari, Siksha Ratna, Mr. Tanmay Shakul, Prof. A.C. Collage, Zoology Department and all members of MEAC were present in the

workshop. About 70 people observed the workshop. The workshop came to an end at 5:15 pm with a closing speech of Mr. Ranjit Roy.

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