

Education Reports

51st Wildlife Week and Elephant day celebrations

The divisional level celebration was organized at Bun Behari School, Kujang in Jagatsinghpur Distict Orissa on 5th October 2005. It was preceded by a rally of the school children who wore masks sent by Zoo Outreach Organisation along with educational packets. The Collector, Superintendent of Police, Coast Guard Paradip, Zilla parishad Chairman and Circle Inspector of Schools attended the function and spoke to the students. All of them stressed the importance of forests in the district. Prior to this various competitions had been held and prizes were distributed during this function. Wildlife film shows were also organized at three different places of the division. The materials received from Zoo Outreach Organisation were given as prizes and activities were conducted based on the materials. **Submitted by Ajay Kumar Jena, OFS-I, Dy. Conservator of Forests, Rajnagar District, Orissa**

Wildlife week, 2005 at Malabar Botanical Garden, Kerala- Plants for Life

Wildlife Week was celebrated on 1st October, 2005 in collaboration with "Darsanam" a local NGO. It was attended by 32 upper primary class students aged 10-14 years from 16 schools. The students were supplied with Zoo Outreach Organization's "Plants for Life" packets. The programme started with rakhitying. Then, Dr. Ansari, Managing Director, introduced the plant posters and explained about the packets to the students. Mr. M.K.Sreekumaran, Tech. Officer and M.A. Johnson were the other programme co-ordinators. Quiz and painting competitions were held and prizes were distributed up to three ranks. The paintings were evaluated by well-known artists of the locality, Mr. Biju Lakshman and Mr. Kalam Vellimedu. In the afternoon, games were played using the masks in the education packets. **Submitted by Dr. Ansari, Managing Director, Malabar Botanical Garden, Guruvayurappan College P.o., Kozhikode Dt.- 673 014, Kerela Email: dr_ansari@yahoo.co.in**

Arignar Anna Zoological Park - Wild Life Week Celebration "2005

During 2-9th October 2005, various education programmes were conducted. On 2nd October an education programme was conducted especially for the Arignar Anna zoo volunteers. A wildlife film was screened for the visitors on 3rd. A wildlife awareness programme was conducted for 81 students and 16 staff from Sankara Vidyalaya Higher secondary School, Pondicherry. A one-day teacher training programme was organized in collaboration with the Science & Technology Centre for fifty science teachers of different districts throughout the state. Twenty veterinary assistant surgeons from Kerala attended a series of programs on 6 October. The various wildlife education resource materials supplied by the Zoo Outreach Organization were distributed to the participants and it was very useful to disseminate the conservation message among them. **Submitted by N. Baskar & A. Manimozhi, Biologists, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai "600 048. Email: aazp@vsnl.com**

Wild life week 2005 Observance Report — Plants for Life

As the first programme, drawing competition was held on 4 October for college students with the theme "Plants for Life". On 6 October, a quiz as well as guest lecture on "Plants for Life" has been arranged. The lecture was given by Prof. K. Paramanchandran. Zoology students were taken on a field trip on 7 October to the nearby Western Ghats, guided by forest personnel. Zoo Outreach Organisation had supplied Plants for Life packets and posters which was acknowledged even in press news. **Submitted by S. Murali, Head, Department of Zoology & Genetics, Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi West 626 124 Tamil Nadu. Website: www.anjac.com, Email: vgr_anjac@sancharnet.in**

Wildlife Week 2005 Report — Plants for Life & Vulture Culture

Friends of Birds Nashik and Vanaraj Mitra Mandal arranged a workshop on "Vanishing Vultures" for secondary school students on 2 October 2005. Ten students and four teachers participated from four schools. The education packets received from the Zoo Outreach Organization were utilized in the programme. During this programme, a lecture on visiting roosting sites of vultures, leopard problem in Nashik, biodiversity and slide show on vultures were given by different persons. On 9 October "Plants for Life" orientation camp was organized for 30 students and their teachers from 4 secondary schools. The participants were supplied with ZOO materials. In this programme, a slide show of Nashik trees, an exhibition with indoor plants was organized. The students were told that the importance of trees and they pledged for protection of Mother Nature. **Submitted by Digambar Gangil, President, Friend of Birds, 39, Anandvan colony, College road, Nashik 422 005, Maharashtra.**

A Brief Report On Wild Life Week Celebrations at Thrissur Zoo

"We Care", an education programme was conducted for eco-club students of eighth and ninth standard aged 13-14 at State Museum and Zoo on 8 October 2005. The students were taken to the zoo and taught about animals, their behaviour, nutrition and management. Then the tiger packets were distributed to the students and explained, as well as Zoo Outreach Organisation's efforts in creating awareness. Then the students were briefed about big cats, snakes and other animals. The resource persons were Dr. K.K. Muraleedharan and Dr.P.P.Giridas. We are also deeply grateful to the sponsors, Tiger and Rhino Fund of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serviced: **Submitted by Dr. G. Mukundan, PhD., Former Director and Professor of Genetics, Centre of Excellence, Kerala Agricultural University, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Chinmaya Gardens, Kolazhy, Thrissur – 680 010, Kerala**

Celebration of Wildlife Week, 2005 with Tiger and vulture materials

The Fifty-first wildlife week and elephant day was celebrated on 4 October at Mud House near Motijharan Deer Park. On that day, a study tour programme was organized for school children to study wildlife habitat. Drawing and painting competitions were held on the themes of Forest, Tiger and Role of Vulture. Winneres were awarded with prizes and educational materials. Member of Parliament, DFO and CF, Sambalpur and other dignitaries have attended. The education materials and posters supplied by Zoo Outreach Organisation were highly appreciated by the audience and the school students. **Submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Hirakud Wild Life Division, Sambalpur**

Wildlife Day Celebrations - 2005 - Vulture Culture

The "Vulture Culture" programme was conducted on 10th October at Corporation Middle School, P.N.Palayam, Coimbatore for the 50 students aged 10-14 years. The headmistress presided over the function and spoke about preserving the environment. She went through the vulture packets, highlighting important or interesting information such as number of species, wingspan, food habits, flying abilities, their role in balance of nature, and in mythology were explained to the students. Then Vulture packets were distributed to students. To test the students' drawing skill they were asked to draw vulture pictures in a separate chart sheet using the vulture colouring book as a guide. Special mention was made about the sponsors, Chester Zoological Gardens, U.K., and Columbus Zoo USA, ZOO and WILD whose resourcefulness and generosity had made these packets possible. **Submitted by Mr. S. Joseph Prem Kumar, Sec. Gr. Asst, Corporation Middle School, P.N. Palayam, Coimbatore, TN**