

Education Reports from SAN-IZE Network

SAN IZE stands for South Asia Network of the International Zoo Educator Association. Zoo Outreach Organisation hosts SAN IZE and raises funds for producing educational materials suitable for students and others in the South Asian Region. The following reports are from recipient organizations which applied for and received a quantity of educational packets, posters, t-shirts and guidelines for a successful programme. Most of the individuals and organizations reporting are members of SAN IZE and receive ZOO's popular educational materials.

BIHAR

Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park celebrated Wildlife Week. Thanks a lot for providing us with "Tiger Tool Kit" and "Primates in Peril" packets -200 during our wildlife week ceremony. We organized a good show during the ceremony and the kits received from Zoo Outreach Organisation was well appreciated by the children. However, there was demand for Tiger tool kit among the children. Detailed programme were:-

Wildlife March-school children-Guest: Chief Secretary, Bihar
Spot painting-school children-Guest: Chief Secretary, Bihar
Quiz competition for school Children Guest: Zoo Director
Zoo visits by slum children, Patna
Prize distribution- Guest: Secretary, Env. & Forest
Submitted by: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, IFS, Director, Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna, Bihar.

GUJARAT

Education activities of Wildlife Week by Gir (East) Forest Division, Dhari, Gujarat

Environmental Education camps were organised by the Gir (East) Forest Division, Dhari and also celebrated Wildlife Week. The camps were organized during October first week to until December 2005. These camps were conducted Chikhalkuba in Una Taluka, Junagadh District and Krishnagadh in Savarkundla Takuka, Amreli District.

In the Wildlife Week Celebration a total 30 number of schools in Amreli and Junagadh district participated. The target groups were school children from standard 8th to college level.

Material sent by ZOO made the Environmental Education Camps more interesting for the participating school children.
Submitted by: Deputy Conservator of forests, Gir (East) Forest Division, Dhari, Gujarat

Sasan Gir, Wildlife Division conducts wildlife week

During the Wildlife Week from 2nd October to 8th October, 2005, this Division organized the following activities to promote the conservation efforts and strengthening the base of conservation among the student, teachers, tourists, and villagers living around the GIR PA, following programme at different places and villages were organised during the wildlife week.

1. Nature camp for student and teachers, 2. Drawing, Debate and Essay competition among student, 3. Public meeting at village level, and interaction with tourists, 4. Filmshow for tourist and at villages 5. Slideshow at Village and in schools 6. Exhibitions in School and villages 7. Snake show in school and villages 8. Radio talk 9. TV. talk

2. During the programme student, teachers and villagers living around the GIR PA were the main target groups, apart from that the visitors and tourists were also covered. The wildlife materials (booklet, posters & stickers, T-shirts) provided by the Zoo Outreach Organization, Coimbatore, was distributed among the students, villagers, teachers and tourists for more awareness and education. The materials helped them to understand the conservation value.

Assistant Conservator of Forest coordinated the entire programme and "Deputy Conservator of Forests encouraged the activities and gave special address on wildlife conservation for villagers at village level meeting and during Nature Education camp, and awarded the wiser during the wildlife week.

It is estimated that during the wildlife week, 2005 a total of 200 students and 15 teachers and 25 Guides, 500 tourists and more than 1000 villagers got a chance to learn about wildlife and its conservation and this division has made efforts to spread the conservation ethos among them.

Submitted by:- P.P.Raval, Deputy Conservator of Forests Wildlife Division, Sasan Gir, Gujarat

JAMMU & KASHMIR

WWF, Jammu & Kashmir conducts wildlife week

Educational material were used during the Wildlife Week 2005, National Green Corps programme and activities in 1400 schools, Teacher Training programmes and awareness activities of mini zoo and deer parks of the state in joint collaboration with the state Pollution Control Board, State Forest Research Institute and Wildlife Department.

Submitted by: Dr.Seth, Hony. Director, WWF-India, Jammu & Kashmir

JHARKHAND

Jhamshepur Zoo Celebrates Wildlife week

We utilized some of the educational materials provided by ZOO during Wildlife Week and balance will be utilized properly in the coming functions to create awareness & interest among the participant/audience.

Submitted by Dr. Palit, Dy. Director, Jhamshepur Zoo

Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam - 51st Vanya Prani Saptah celebrations during 1st week of October Report

It is informed that the 51st Vanya Prani Saptah celebrations were celebrated in Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam during 1st week of October, 2005. In view of the 51st wildlife week celebrations, various competitions like painting, quiz, elocution and essay writing were conducted to the students of various schools and colleges. Competitions were conducted on the topics related to wildlife preservation and conservation. More than 300 students from 15 schools and colleges from the city had participated. Further, it is informed that during the wildlife week celebrations, various educational and awareness programmes based on the importance of wildlife conservation and importance of environment etc. were conducted in the Zoo Park with the coordination of NGO's and Zoo management.

The education material procured from the Zoo Outreach organization helped the Zoo management in conducting the theme based educational programs in more befitting way. The final day celebrations of the 51st Vanya Pprani Saptah were celebrated on 14.11.2005 (Childrens' Day) from 10.00 a.m. onwards in the premises of Zoo Park for which Sri P.V. Padmanabham, Conservator of Forests (T), Visakhapatnam was invited as a chief guest. The chief guest did prize distribution to the winners of various competitions. During the 51st Wildlife week celebrations children below 12 years were given free entry into Zoo Park from 01.10.2005 to 07.10.2005 and about 5000 children have availed this opportunity.

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