

Wildlife Week at Kamala Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad

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The Kamala Nehru Zoo celebrated Wildlife Week and allowed children free entry for a week. A total of 2852 children enjoyed their zoo visit during this period. We distributed Wildlife Week materials on bats, primates, bears, etc. provided by Z.O.O. to some children. We organized a drawing competition on 2nd October and gave 15 prizes to different categories of children. We also provided a Magic Show for children which was also a great attraction to them. We gave the conservation message through the magician.

We are thankful to Z.O.O. for sending a lot of literature, materials, T. shirts etc.

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Children hard at work on their drawing of wildlife in the drawing competition organised by Kamla Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad. Photo courtesy of the Zoo.

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Other continuing Programmes on Nature Awareness

Programmes for village ladies and village children for bringing them to the Zoological Park and giving them exposure to Audio-Visual programmes and also a zoo visit was continued throughout the year. Under this programme about 750 Ladies were brought to the Park and given exposure to Nature Conservation aspects. This programme was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jamshedpur.

The School and Colleges were encouraged to form Eco-Clubs in their Institutions. Most of the Schools now have Eco-Clubs. They have undertaken projects like Recycling of waste material, elimination of Use of Polythene, Tree Planting, Vermiculture etc. The Zoological Park also organised School-Group visits to the zoo where they are given knowledge about the animals and also encouraged to take part in Quizes and Green Games. During the year, 29 Schools took part in this Programme in which 5281 Children visited the Park.

The School Children and the Eco-clubs took part in the Tree Planting

Activities. During the year, about 250 Trees and 100 Bamboo Cuttings were planted.

The Park also took part in the Activities of Science for Society Programmes where the Students were guided to prepare Projects on various Environment related topics for National Science Congress Organised at District, State and National Levels.

Regular Quiz Programmes, Painting Competitions, Debates, Fancy Dress Competitions and Essay Competitions were organised during the Wildlife Week celebrations. This year the programmes were sponsored by various Social organizations like Rotary Club (Main), Rotary Club (Midtown), Lions Club of Steel City and Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur.

Other National Days like Environment Day and Animal Welfare Fort-Night and SPCA programmes were also celebrated.

Jamshedpur people are very fond of outings during winter. Keeping this in view a picnic area has been developed adjacent to the park. This area attracts many picnickers during winters. The zoo visit has become an additional attraction for them.



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