

## Education reports

### World Environment Day at Corporation H.S.S. Nungambakkam, Chennai

On 13 June, around 100 National Green Corps NGC students participated in the "Against Illegal Animal Trade" programme at corporation H.S. School, Nungambakkam, Chennai. The NGC coordinator Thangaraj welcomed the students and gave an introduction to the programme.

Chandrasekaran, Assistant Education Officer, Corporation of Chennai delivered keynote address and encouraged the students besides instructing them to keep the school clean and green. He distributed the educational material supplied by Zoo Outreach Organization.

With the introductory talk about Zoo Outreach Organization, Jessie Jeyakaran described what is wildlife, the reasons for wildlife decline in India and across the world and one of the major threats to wildlife that is illegal trade using power point presentation, which attracted the students very



**Jessie Jeyakaran explains about wildlife species which are in trade**

much. The coordinator explained about the lion, tiger and monkey with the special mention about their body parts and species itself in wildlife trade. He led the next session about the elephants which is in trade for their tusks. In the subsequent session a student read the notes taken during the sessions as a recap for better understanding of the WED theme. The final session was about butterflies that turned out to be a very interactive and interesting session, and the discussion was more about its kinds, colours, shape, lifecycle and adult feeding time. The programme was published in daily and Arivakkam, a magazine for school students.

### Human Animal Co-existence programme at Madurai

A programme promoting the need for human animal coexistence was arranged for C.S.I primary school students at Sandaipettai, Madurai on 3 August 2016. Nearly 65 students from std I to V eagerly participated. After the prayer, Rani, Headmistress welcomed the gathering. Rev. R. Athisayam the Correspondent delivered a special talk on animals and plants. Jessie Jeyakaran, the Coordinator



**Rani, Headmistress welcomes the gathering**

elucidated the different types of animals, their habit and habitat.

After introducing the terminology such as wild, domesticated or tamed, and the daily life wildlife which are the visitors of our home, an audio-visual session on wild animals was conducted. As the students went through the education materials displayed there the way with which they interacted showed their enthusiasm.

The Do's and Don'ts poster, which carries information about how to tackle the confronting elephants and monkey, were explained. The students went through the poster thoroughly. Since these materials were developed in local language and students can pass on the information to their parents and their friends. Then activities were conducted related to "Monkey Menace" in which students' showed how the monkeys approaches human to getting food in various ways. what are the precautions to be taken when see the elephants on the road. These activities created participants involvement in the programme and it was a thought provoking programme for them.

Posters and pictures developed by ZOO and others were displayed on the compound wall for the general public to view and read. The Headmistress proposed vote of thanks. **Submitted by: Jessie Jeyakaran. Email: [jessiejey@rediffmail.com](mailto:jessiejey@rediffmail.com)**



**C.S.I. primary school students posing with animal masks**