

## Education Reports

### Wildlife Week Celebration at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan

The Department of Environmental Sciences celebrated 59<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week with some practical approach at the University campus as well as in the fields from 1-7 October 2013. In which over 75 postgraduate students, researchers and teachers from the university, and local colleges of sciences departments were participated. This includes series of lectures by the experts of wildlife, wildlife education and awareness programs with school children's, field projects, wildlife photography workshop, photography competition, field visit to wildlife areas, wildlife films and documentary shows, etc. were organized throughout the wildlife week. On 1 Oct. Prof. M. M. Saxena, Dean, Faculty of Science inaugurated the celebration and gave a lecture on the "Desert Wildlife". Further Prof. S.K. Bhanot, Head, and Dr. Narain Singh Rao, Dept. of History, gave a detailed account of the wildlife and natural resources history in the Thar Desert.

On day two, Dr. Gautam Maghwanshi, Dr. Abhishek Vashishtha and Dr. Dharmesh Haewani, Dept. of Microbiology, shared their views on the role of microbiology in the wildlife conservation and management. Dr. Meera Srivastava Head, Dept. Zoology, Doongar College shared her views on the role of wildlife education and awareness by involving youth in wildlife conservation researches and studies. Dr. Rajaram Choyal and Dr. Prabhu Dan Charan, Dept. of Environmental Science organized a workshop and field visit for the participants to *Nathania Gauchar* for plant identification and preparing herbarium.

On the third day, Dr. Anil Kumar Chhangani and Dr. Abhishek Vashishtha showed few documentaries on wildlife, birds, vultures and Hanuman langur's social behaviours; Dr. Chhangani also organized a wildlife photography workshop. On day four, a wildlife photography competition was organized on the topic "Wildlife". Famous photographer and cartoonist, Dr. Pankaj Goswami and Dr. Meera Srivastava, Zoologist, judged the



Awareness programmes for the school children



Students on a field visit

competition. On day five, participants were taken to Joor beer, Kheechan, Badopal, Gajaner, Dashnok and Kota to conduct various field projects for research and community awareness.

Day six and seven, participants were sent in small teams to various schools of Bikaner city, some teams to the children's who do not go to school. The teams organized wildlife awareness programs independently through play, talk in local language and distributed the various education and awareness materials provided by the Zoo Outreach Organisation. All the participants were awarded with certificate and winners of the various

competitions awarded with prizes. Dr. Anil Kumar Chhangani, Coordinator of the Wildlife Week gave the details of activities, trainings and workshops conducted during the wildlife week to the house on the last day. **Submitted by: Dr. Anil Kumar Chhangani. Email: chhanganiak@yahoo.com**

### Paribesh Unnayan Parishad- Wildlife Week Report

With the technical support from Zoo Outreach Organisation we celebrated the Wildlife Week. Using ZOO's Biodiversity Loss and Change packets conducted wildlife awareness programmes amongst the rural school students.



#### Drama session

Awareness generated on local wild fauna and the harmful effects of plastic on wild animals. On 2 Oct. an art workshop and drama conducted at PUPA's office at Pulbari. Thirty students took part. Mr. S.K.Chanda, Retd. Chief Artist, Zoological Survey of India attended the programme.

On 4 Oct. at the Gangasagar Women Technology Park (VIB) & Gangasagar Sea Beach, a plastic removal campaign was conducted. The Sri Bankim Hazra, local MLA inaugurated the programme. Fifteen students of PUPA & more than 75 students from 10 other local schools

participated and also headmistress & headmasters of the participating schools, and Scientists of IESWM, Kolkata.

PUPA participated in 'clean plastic free coast' campaign in Gangasagar on the day of Mahalaya. The PUPA's study center's children joined the programme and roamed in the beach, collected solid waste and plastic in bags and spread awareness about the 'clean, green, plastic free coast' for the benefit of marine wild animals as well as for the environment, to the people, who participated in "Tarpan" in Gangasagar



Release of Books and Technical bulletins

from various place of West Bengal.

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#### Madras Veterinary College celebrated Wildlife Week

The Wildlife Club of Department of Wildlife Science, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai celebrated the Wildlife Week 2013 with the students of MVC to reiterate the needs of conservation of wildlife. Various theme-based competitions were organized and conducted on wildlife conservation. On September 20, an essay writing competition was organized and 14 students participated in the competition. Wildlife cartooning competition was held on 23 September. Almost 11 number of students actively participated. On September 24, Oratorical-Competition (Theme: Human-Wild Animal Conflicts") was conducted and 4 students participated. Following this, Wildlife Written-Quiz Competition was conducted on 25 September and 16 students participated. Valedictory function was held on 29 October 2013.

Dr. N.S. Manoharan, Forest Veterinary Officer, Tamil Nadu Forest Department, delivered a guest lecture on "Restraining of Wild Animals in Forest". Dr. S.A. Asokan, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, MVC, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Mathew.C.John, Former Professor and Head of the Department of Wildlife Science, MVC, was the Chief Guest of the occasion presided over the function. He also released the Wildlife Newsletter – Special Edition on Elephants and distributed the prizes and certificates to the winners of competitions.

Dr. S.R.Srinivasan, Director of Clinics, TANUVAS felicitated the gathering and also released a book on "Basics of Wildlife Biology for Vets" and three technical bulletins, namely "Asian Elephants (*Elephas maximus*), "Chemical immobilization of Asian Elephants (*Elephas maximus*)" and "Peste Des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in Wild Ruminants". Dr. M.G. Jayathangaraj, Professor and Head, Department of Wildlife Science, Madras Veterinary College proposed the vote of thanks. **Submitted by:**  
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