

Education Reports -- Vulture Awareness day

International Vulture Awareness Day Programme at Adyar Poonga, Chennai

Adyar Poonga is basically functioning as a centre for Environment Education and Research studies. The major objective of the education programme is to provide information about the importance of restoration ecology of the wetlands and conservation importance of Adyar Creek and Estuary Ecosystems. As part of the education activities, various schools from Chennai and nearby districts are visiting to explore and experience the wonder and importance of wetland diversity. We are regularly celebrating the world ecological significance days such as World Wetland Day and World Environment Day etc.

In order to support the vulture conservation initiatives and to highlight the importance of Critically Endangered Gyps Vultures in the ecosystem, we celebrated the International Vulture Awareness Day on 1 September 2012 to create awareness among the school children.

On that day, around 127 students from National Public School, Gopalapuram, Chennai participated in the programme. The interpretation executive of Adyar Poonga delivered a presentation on Gyps vultures. Students were well-taught about the characters and behaviour of vultures, the cause of their decline in Indian Sub-continent and how to save them. With the help of the resource materials provided by Zoo Outreach



Students with ZOO's vulture kits

Organization, they gathered information through the flash cards and booklets. They tied vulture rakhi to one another by taking an oath to save the vultures and holding up the placard they conducted a small rally after which the reading materials were circulated to all the students.

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Vulture Awareness programmes at Mysore Zoo

Mysore Zoo conducted vulture awareness programmes on the occasion of International Vulture Awareness Day (2012) with materials received from Zoo Outreach Organization. On 9 September 2012, the Youth Club members were involved in the programme. They were asked to appraise the importance of vultures

and share what they know about them. Also they were given an assignment to which they responded enthusiastically with write-ups and photographs. The members were very enthusiastic indeed and even educated the visitors about vultures. On 11 September 2012, another programme was conducted for Gopal Sishu Shikshana Government High School students. They were told about vultures and their conservation after which ZOOs education packets were given to them. After they went through the contents of the education materials they wrote essays about vultures.

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Youth Club assignment on vultures

