

## World Environment Day 2011 - Education Reports

### NESSA Chennai celebrates World Environment Day

The three dimensional theme of Celebration, Reflection and Call to Action of International Year of Biodiversity 2010, has paved the way to the necessity of protecting the forest. The forest is not only the habitat of animals but also has its 4 fold roles namely the subsistence needs, environmental uses, industrial uses and genetic store house. Hence the UNEP has coined this year W.E.D's with the theme Forest-Nature at Your Service. Two days program was organized on 4-5 June 2011, by NESSA, Chennai to the children, youth and adult of 65 in number. Dr. E. Alwin Thomas, The Director Nessa, welcomed the gathering and gave the introductory talk. The first day's programme included five topics first including benefiting of forest which were told after which the WED logo was explained as the tree of action programmes.

In session two the WED logo was explained and the WED...ABCs according to the age group the participants were divided in to share and spread the importance of forest. In the last session a role play was conducted about uses of frog and the reason for the decreasing number and the steps to be taken to protect them. In day two, the coordinator along with the participants shared about the importance of forest and the role to be played by each individual to the congregation in the Ru-ah Church with the materials supplied by ZOO. Sapling was also distributed to them. The coordinators sharing were viewed globally in Live Web Cast through WWW.RuahTV.org between 12.45 to 1.00pm.

### WED programme for Self Help Group, Kovilambakkam, Chennai

Another programme was conducted for the family members of Self-Help Group of Kovilambakkam, Chennai. Nearly 35 participants attended the program. The fourfold benefits of forest, the description about the WED logo and the importance of frog were explained. As many of them were school and college students, the day's program was very interesting. Few of the participants identified the endangered species from the posters. As many of them have seen frogs in their village,



ZOO's WED and amphibian education materials blown up in flex sheets



Dr. E. Alwin Thomas distributing saplings to participants



Demonstrating method of obtaining bark impressions on trees





Self Help Group members getting ready for the cultural programmes



Students are enthusiastically competing to respond to quiz questions



DFO of Rajnagar Mangrove Forest Division (WL) planting a tree sapling

the kids quickly grasped the points about the frog and did the role play wearing mask, placard and rakhi. They were divided into groups to do a small activity on tree from root to tip. The activity on "Bark Impression" was carried out on coconut tree, morinda tree and neem tree. They were thrilled to see the difference and decide to select five plants in their village to do the follow up work. Rev.

Purusothaman, The Project Manager encouraged the participants to do various types of cultural programs in village meetings and in schools. He proposed the vote of thanks and appointed a leader in the Self-Help Group to send a follow up- report.

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#### **Yenepoya School, Mangalore report on Environment Day Programme**

On 18 June 2011, The Yenepoya School, Mangalore organized WED program for high school students with educational support of Pilikula Regional Science Center Society, Mangalore and Zoo Outreach organization, Coimbatore. Smt. Shanta, Event Manager, Yenepoya School coordinated the programme. The programme started with sapling-plantation in the school's premise by K. K. Singh, Curator, PRSC. Then inauguration observance and first with a lecture on "Nature & Biodiversity" by Shri K. K. Singh. There were educational games "Who Am I?" & "Web of Life" under the supervision of Education Assistants, PRSCS. Educational resources, provided by Zoo Outreach organization, were greatly helpful in this session of the programme. About sixty students took participate in the programme and bore paper made animal's masquerade over their face. Participants were delighted to engage-in-recreation during the programme. Thanks to Zoo Outreach Organization for printed materials. **Submitted by Dr. K. V. Rao, Email. Kvrao\_44@yahoo.com**

#### **APOWA observed World Environment Day**

This year, Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) celebrated World Environment Day jointly with District Environmental Society, Kendrapara and Mangrove Forest Division (Wildlife), Rajnagar at Badkot village under Rajnagar block on 5 June 2011. On this occasion, the chief guest was inaugurated a film on Bhitarkanika and a newsletter 'Sabuja Sakala' of Eco-club (national green crops) produced by Mangrove Forest Division (Wildlife), Rajnagar. Some six Prakuti Bandu awards by Dept. of Forests and



Environment, from six different blocks of the Kendrapara district were given away at the function. The Prakuti Bandhu awards were conferred upon individuals for their outstanding contribution in the field of environment. The chief was also presented an award to Sri Anadi Charan Swain of Badkot village as a best organic farmer. A plantation activity was also organized at the end of the programme. All the resource persons and participants were participated in plantation activity. WED thanks ZOO for educational materials used the materials to teach students and villagers. **Submitted by: B.K. Kabi, APOWA, email: mail@apowa.org**

### **Chambal Conservation Initiative, Madhya Pradesh- World Environment Day Report**

World Environment Day took place at Science Hall, Gwalior with Govt. College, and Chambal Conservation Initiative, Gwalior. 'Biodiversity of Chambal Region' was presented by Sy.General, CCI about the importance of Chambal Region biodiversity for local communities. Two important protected areas, National Chambal Sanctuary, and second is proposed second home for Asiatic Lion, Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary. He also discussed in Chambal Ravines is found ravines thorn forest, one of the type of forest according to Champion and Seth, 1968. Chambal River is only home for largest breeding population of critically endangered Gharial in India. In the Chambal River, 7 species of turtles, 240 species of residential and migratory birds and approximate 40 species of terrestrial and aquatic vegetations are present. Dr. Taigor is also given details of Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary. In the last session, wildlife movies were shown and explained to the entire students. Four wildlife movies "Kuno Ka Jadu", "The Chambal riverine Sanctuary" 'The great Cats of India' and 'The Vanishing Vultures' (Hindi) were shown. Environmental education materials also are given for awareness about species conservation, Biodiversity Conservation and environmental conservation in students. 200 students of graduate were participated. **Submitted by Dr. S. R. Taigor, Chambal Conservation Initiative, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Email: maachambal@gmail.com**

### **De Paul School celebrates World Environment Day**

De Paul International Residential School celebrated the World Environmental Day. The Principal Rev. Dr. Jose Aikara released the poster specially designed for this occasion by



**Releasing of newsletter "Sabuja Sakaja"**



**Gwalior Govt. College students group photo after celebration of W.E.D. with ZOO's educational materials.**



**Students adding leaves to the tree skeleton that was drawn on the De Paul School amphitheater wall**





**Pupils from De Paul school on W.E.D. displaying posters provided by ZOO**

Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore. While speaking on this occasion, he highlighted the need for the conserving the forest and promoting a much sustainable relationship with nature. Jerry of tenth grade presented a talk on W.E.D significance and UNEP projects. Jenial and Charls conducted quiz based on theme "Forests of India". Winners were awarded by school principal.

They all received set of beautiful WED poster, brochure and sticker designed by Zoo Outreach Organization as their prize. Bobby Joseph read W.E.D oath to the school to repeat after him. Pupil took oath and committed to follow eco

friendly life style as mentioned in the brochure distributed. Academic Dean Mr. Sunny Francis invited selected students along with their class teacher from every class to add leaves to the huge skeleton of Tree. He explained the importance of trees in our life. A huge tree skeleton was drawn on the school amphitheater wall. Saplings were also planted around the campus by our principal, teachers, and students.

It was a worthwhile experience for the students to join hand in hand in planting trees and to learn the importance of forests, its protection and conservation. **Ms. Mamatha Sathyanarayana, Mysore. Email: mamathamys@gmail.com**

### **Department of Registration, TN joins hand with NGO's in tree plantation**

TREE Trust, in collaboration with ATREE, Bangalore and ZOO, Coimbatore, celebrated World Environment Day on 03 June 2011 at Sub registrar Office Campus, Kallidaikurichi, Tirunelveli. The main objective behind the programme was to establish a biodiversity enrichment



**Future leaders plant a tree**



**Tree Guards decorated with sponsor and organizers names**





**Participants hear a short presentation on the importance of tree during a walk on the nature trail at V.J.B. Udyan Zoo**

zone by planting trees to lure birds, insects, invertebrates etc to the selected spot which is very closely located to Manimuthar Hills of Western Ghats.

K.S. Sankarsubramanian, Secretary appreciated the noble efforts of ATREE, ZOO and TREE TRUST the organizers of the event. Mr. P.S. Subramanian explained the role of trees in creating sustainable environment and promised that his department will take the maximum efforts to make the area

green rich. Mr S. Essakkypany released an awareness newsletter from ATREE, Bangalore. The dignitaries and all the participants planted variety of saplings. **Submitted by: Dr. S. Viswanathan, Email: greenvishu@gmail.com**

**W.E.D. at V.J.B. Udyan-Zoo, Mumbai.** WED was celebrated on 5 June 2011 with programmes creating empathy and awareness in public, about protection and conservation of environment by taking oath about

protection and conservation of environment, nature trails for showing the rare trees inside the premises of the zoo and a drawing camp for the students of Gurukul School of Arts, Lalbaug. In all 10,522 citizens visited the zoo on the day. Posters of environment on the Earth, in Marathi, Hindi & English languages were displayed at the zoo gate. Two Nature trails for giving information about the rare and important trees inside the premises with 68 visitors and students visiting the trails.

A Drawing competition for students of Gurukul School of Art was organized with 64 students participating by pictures of rare and important trees of the zoo. Other groups drew animals and a third, heritage structures and all were awarded participation certificates. The Students (6 Nos.) from St. Xavier's College, Mahapalika Marg, Mumbai and the Volunteers (4 Nos.) of the Ecofolks helped the authorities in conducting the activities on that day. **Mr. Anil Anjankar, Director, VJB Zoo, Mumbai. Email: vjbudyanzoo@yahoo.co.in**

**Judges selecting the best drawing at a competition organised by V.J.B. Udyan Zoo, Mumbai during World Environment Day 2011**

