

Education and Awareness programmes during the year

During this period we organized a no. of awareness programmes.

Following are the programmes :

International Earth Day:

The International Earth Day was celebrated on 23/04/2018. To raise awareness and promote the importance of Earth Day and to end plastic pollution, International Earth day was observed on 23/04/2018. The main objective was to make people aware of the plastic pollution and its adverse effects on environment. The students and teachers of Bhangarh A.H. High Madrasah and Officials of Zoological Garden, Alipore actively participated in the programme. Around 75-80 people attended the programme. After an interactive presentation by Anuradha Dutta, Zoo Educator, educational zoo visit was conducted.



The Earth Day Network:

For spreading awareness about the adverse effects of plastic on the environment and the plastic pollution, an awareness programme was organized on 27/04/2018. In collaboration with the Earth Day Network, Zoological garden, Alipore organized the programme to promote the theme of plastic free world. Fifty students from different schools took part in the programme. They made paper bags to promote the idea of banning plastic bags. Shri Agni Mitra, IFS, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB Eastern Region also came forward and delivered an interactive lecture on plastic pollution.

Celebration of Rabindra Jayanti:

On the occasion of 125th Birth Anniversary of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore, a programme was organized on 11/05/2018. After lighting the lamp by Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl. PCCF and Member Secretary, WBZA, cultural programmes were organized by the staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore like song presentation, recitation etc. Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata delivered a speech on “Prokriti bhabnay Rabindranath”.



Swachh Bharat Mission:

In association with Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, The Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata had organized a cleanliness drive at different enclosures on 29th May, 2018. The main objective of the programme was to raise awareness on plastic pollution and beating plastic pollution. A procession with placards and banners was organized. Children of the staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore actively participated in the programme. At the end of the day, they were given gifts for their participation in the programme.



Celebration of World Endangered Species Day and World Biodiversity Day:

World Endangered Species Day is observed on 18th May and World Biodiversity Day is observed on 22nd May. To create awareness on these days, an awareness programme was observed at the Zoological Garden, Alipore. On 18.05.2018, around 56 students from Thanamakhua Model High School took part in the commemoration. Programmes were organized to promote the importance of the day, like sit-and-draw competition, procession with banners, placards, guided zoo visit, interactive presentation by the zoo educator etc. The attending faculty and students from the institution also shared their views.



Commemoration of World Giraffe Day:

On 21st June, 2018 World Giraffe Day was observed with zoo officials and staffs. A procession with banners was conducted upto the giraffe enclosure. Soon after the procession, the programme began with the welcome address by Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary,

West Bengal Zoo Authority. World Giraffe Day is very important for Zoological Garden, Alipore as one of the major attractions of the zoo are the Giraffe. There are a total of 11 giraffes which are of a superior variety. The keepers of the giraffe take proper care of the animals and help in their well being. For this reason, on World Giraffe day, the Giraffe Keepers and the Animal Supervisors of the wing were felicitated by Shri V. K. Yadav, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA. Later an interactive presentation was delivered by the Zoo Educator. The programme continued for about 3 hours.



Seminar on standardization of animal diet and enrichment:

A seminar was organized to throw some insight into the Standardization of Animal Diet and Enrichment of Enclosures. Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA and Officials of the Zoological Gaarden, Alipore along with the Veterinary Doctors attended the programme. After a brief cultural programme by the staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore, Interactive presentations were delivered by Smt. Runia Ghatak, Zoo Dietician and Smt. Tania Chatterjee, Zoo Biologist to promote awareness among the animal attendants and zoo keepers. Veterinary Officers of Zoo conducted an interactive session to throw more insight on the topic of discussion.



World Environment Day:

On 05.06.2018 to commemorate World Environment Day, a sit-and-draw competition and plantation was conducted to promote awareness amongst the children. Children of the staffs of the Zoological Garden, Alipore participated in the sit and draw competition. V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA distributed the prize to the participating children. The sit-and-draw competition was followed by a plantation programme by V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA and other Officials of the Zoological Garden, Alipore.



Vanmahotsab:

Vanmahotsab is the festival of planting Trees. The festival was observed at the Zoological garden, Alipore on 14th July, 2018. Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee penned slogan for this year's Vanmahotsab which is " Aranya o Banyapran, Prakriti Mayer Sabuj Daan" which goes quite too well with the activities of the zoo as both 'Aranya' i.e. forest and 'Banyapran' i.e. wild animals are conserved in the zoo.

On the morning of the event, the staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore assembled at the zoo compound and initiated the programme. The first tree was planted at the Glass Enclosure for tiger by Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden Alipore. He was joined by Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore and other staff of the ZGA. It was heavily raining on the day, but the staff was very much enthusiastic about the programme. The sapling planting went on for the entire day till it was impossible to work for the rain. About 500 saplings of different species were planted around the zoo at many places. The Day was celebrated to make people more aware of the value of the trees and with hope that the saplings planted today grow into big trees and help the environment.



International Tiger Day:

International Tiger Day, an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation, was observed on 29th July, 2018 at Zoological garden, Alipore. The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues. The Zoological Garden, Alipore organized a programme to commemorate International Tiger Day along with WWF-India, WBSO. Students of Baidyabati Charushila Bose Balika Vidyalaya and Santoshpur Sikshayatan participated in the day's events. Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority and Smt. Saswati Sen; State Director of WWF were present at the event and shared their views. A procession with placards and banners was organized inside the zoo upto tiger enclosure. Students participated in a sit-and-draw competition and a short cultural programme organized by the visiting schools.



World Elephant Day:

International Elephant Day is observed on 12th August. The idea was initially launched to bring the urgent plight of Asian and African Elephant. Zoological garden, Alipore plays an important role in conservation of Asian Elephant so the day was observed here. Janab Firhad Hakim; Minister In Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, and Sri Binoy Krishna Barman; Minister In Charge Forests, Government of West Bengal inaugurated the Open Air Enclosure for Elephants. Sri Indeevar Pandey, IFS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal; Sri N.K. Pandey; IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal; Sri R.K. Sinha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and CWLW, West Bengal; Sri S.K. Barari, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal; Sri V. K. Yadav, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority; Sri Kalyan Das, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, South-East Circle, West Bengal were present with us on the day's events. There was an interactive presentation which was followed by a procession with placards and banners in the zoo. The students of participating schools, officials and staff of Zoological garden, Alipore participated in the procession. A sit-and-draw competition was organized for the students. Students from Jote Shibrampur Shiksha Niketan (H.S) and members from Kidderpore Unit for Social and Welfare Activities participated in the programme.



Independence Day:

Like every year, on 15th August, 2018, 72nd Independence Day was celebrated at Zoological Garden, Alipore. Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological garden, Alipore hoisted the flag at the zoo premises. Smt. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, Zoological garden, Alipore and other officials and staffs were present at the programme. Flag hoisting was followed by National Anthem.

Plantation and a brief cultural programme followed. A cleanliness drive was arranged under the Swachh Bharat Programme. The officials and staffs of Zoological Garden, Alipore participated in the programme.

Zoo Festival:

Zoological Garden, Alipore recently hosted a five day long celebration of the Zoo Festival for the 2nd consecutive year. The 2nd Zoo Festival started on 14th November on the joyous occasion of Children's day and ended on 18th November. The Festival was inaugurated by honourable Sri Janab Firhad Hakim; Minister In Charge, Urban Development, West Bengal, and Sri Binoy Krishna Barman; Minister In Charge Forests, West Bengal, Sri V.K. Yadav; IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, Smt. Alka Yadav, N.K. Pandey; IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal, Sri Arunava Roy; Director, Doordarshan, Sri Soumindranath Majumder; Professor of Art College, Govt. of West Bengal. The Inauguration programme was held at the Nature Information Centre Auditorium within the Zoo premises, in the presence of esteemed members of Zoo Authority and other officials and dignitaries.



Visit from Vishakhapatnam Zoo:

A group of 5 officials- Deputy Director, Zoo Education Officer, Veterinary Officer, Assistant Curator from Vishakhapatnam Zoo visited our Zoological garden, Alipore from 2nd January to 3rd January, 2019.



East India Tour Programme of Range officers:

The East India tour programme of Forest Range officers took place on 14th January, 2019 at Zoological Garden, Alipore. Smt. Priyadarshini, IFS, Deputy Director, Tamilnadu Forest Academy coordinated the entire programme. A group of 33 individuals including 2 faculties and 31 trainees of which 12 were ladies. A brief presentation was given on the activities and management of the Zoological garden, Alipore. The Zoo Biologist, Zoo Dietician, Zoo Educator and Education Assistant took part in the programme. Assistant Director of Zoological garden, Alipore also participated in the guided Zoo visit followed by the presentation.



Visit of NCC Cadets:

A visit of 90 trainees of NCC Cadets came for a visit to our Zoological Garden, Alipore on 20th January, 2019. The Assistant Director of Zoological Garden, Alipore along with other officials of the Zoological Garden, Alipore attended the programme. An interactive presentation given on the Zoological Garden, Alipore was given by the Education Assistant. The presentation was followed by a tour of the Zoo.

T raining of Forest Guards:

38 Forest Guard trainees came for visit and training along with their Instructor Sri Mantu roy from Kharagpur Division. A brief presentation on the activities of Zoological garden, Alipore was presented by Zoo Educator, Zoo Biologist, Zoo Dietician and Education Assistant.

D VM Intern Training:

A short training programme for DVM Interns from Sylhet Agricultural University, Bangladesh was organised by Zoological Garden, Alipore. The programme was held from 13th to 15th February, 2019. The Veterinary Officers, Visiting Officials from ARD and WBVAHFS, Zoo Biologist and Zoo Dietician gave speech followed by practical training of the visiting interns.

