

Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha's
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous)
Department of Zoology
Academic Year 2023-2024
"Wildlife Week Celebration" (1st to 8th October 2023)

Report

Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous) has organized 'Wildlife Week -2023' from 1st to 8th October, 2023. The theme of this year's wildlife week celebration was '**Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation**'. Wildlife Week is celebrated every year to coincide with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to follow his principles of Ahinsa and Compassion for all living beings and also to arouse the general awakening of the students towards the protection of wildlife. It was decided to celebrate this event for one week by organizing some special activities connected with the importance of wildlife conservation. India is highly biologically diversified country which requires proper education and awareness to preserve this rich cover. Hence, the Wildlife Week was conceptualized.

The objective behind the celebration of this week was to make student and faculty more aware about the conservation and protection of wildlife and also to focus their attention towards the importance of wildlife conservation. Any damage done to wildlife over a prolonged period of time endangers the entire ecosystem. So, it is critical to protect it systematically. There is a symbiotic relationship between the forest, forest-dwelling animals, ecosystem services and humans. Under this wildlife week, department has organized various competitions including Rangoli, Animal Photography, Craft Model, Essay, Speech, Poster Presentation, Quiz, Face and Hand Painting and Short Film Competition for students.

Inaugural function of Wildlife Week 2023 was held on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2023 at 11.00 am onwards in the Department of Zoology. The week was inaugurated by president of this event principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar by cutting the ribbon and watering the plant. Students from B. Sc. I, II, III performed Pathnatya on '**Wildlife Protection and Conservation**' for the awareness of the students. Introductory speech was delivered by Dr. G. K. Sontakke, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology. He highlighted the significance of Wildlife Week celebration which is being practiced since 1952 in India. He also pointed out the impacts of climate change in the wildlife habitats. Hon'ble Principal in his presidential address shared valuable knowledge about significance of such celebration and mentioned

importance of animals in human life. Vote of thanks for inaugural function was offered by Dr. T. C. Goupale.

The first activity of this Week- **Rangoli Competition** was organized on Tuesday, 3/10/2023 at 08:00 am onwards in Zoology Department. Themes for rangoli competition were any wild animal with its habitat, any ecosystem- terrestrial ecosystem, aquatic ecosystem, food chain/ food web, biodiversity conservation. Students have drawn various colorful, creative and message-giving rangolis based on themes. Total 23 students from B. Com., B. Sc., B. Sc. Biotechnology and M. Sc. Microbiology have participated in rangoli competition. Total 39 faculty members and 127 students visited Zoology Department for Rangoli competition. The examiner for this competition was Ms. S. H. Nadaf, Head, Department of Biotechnology (Optional), Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous). Rangoli competition event was coordinated by Miss. N. A. Jadhav.

On the same day **Animal Photography** and **Craft Model Competition** also organized at 10:00 am onwards. Theme for Animal photography event was photographs of animal in their natural habitat and on that topic various photos are clicked by students. Total 37 students registered their name for this event. 24 students very enthusiastically took part in Photography Competition and submitted 65 original photographs clicked by them. On the same day, Craft Model Competition organised at 11.00 am. Theme for Craft Model Competition was any ecosystem, habitat, biome model, biodiversity conservation model, effects of pollutant on environment, volcanic eruption, habitat destruction its cause and prevention, construction of roads, buildings, dams and its effect on climate. Theme also included antique jewellery- made from shells, feathers, silkworm cocoon. Total 17 students registered their name for craft model competition. 12 students participated and presented their models. On this activity 134 students and 25 faculty members were visited to the department. The examiner for this competition was Mr. Rushikesh Goni, Department of Photography and Videography & Mr. S. Upalavikar, Department of Graphics, Vivekanand College (Empowered Autonomous) Kolhapur. Event Coordinator of this event was Ms. A. P. Sutar.

On Wednesday, 4th October, 2023 **Poster Presentation Competition** was organized. Poster presentation activity help develop the presentation skill, self confidence in students. The Topics for Poster Presentation competition was importance of wildlife for nature, animal hunting animal poaching, animal shooting and trapping, recent issues regarding wildlife, global status of wild animals. Total 22 students participated in poster presentation competition. The students had prepared and presented poster based on theme. The examiners

for competition were Dr. B. T. Dangat, Head Department of Botany and Mr. S. G. Kulkarni, Head Department of Entire Biotechnology Vivekanand College Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous). Event coordinator for Poster Presentation Activity was Dr. T. C. Patil.

On the same day, **Essay and Speech Competition** was organized. Aim of Essay competition was to develop writing and thinking skills, topic presentation and organization skills. Speech competition gives opportunity for students to develop stage daring and also it is a platform to share their thought through their speeches awareness about wild animals their protection, conservation and importance. Topics for Essay competition was if wildlife disappears, Climate change and wildlife, preserving nature- enriching economy: the wildlife conservation advantage. Topics for Speech competition was price of entertainment: circus animals and their painful journey, silent sufferers: Marine life affected by solid and plastic waste, the impact of pollution on wildlife. Total 40 students registered their name for essay competition and 21 students participated. Total 19 students registered their name for Speech competition and 09 students participated. This event was attended by 37 students and 29 faculty members. The examiner for both these competition was Dr. E. B. Alavekar Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Marathi, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous). Event coordinator for this event was Ms. K. K. Lokhande.

Quiz Competition was held on Thursday, 5th October, 2023. The Objective behind to organize Quiz Competition is to evaluate the knowledge of the participants within academics, students can do critical thinking and get into a habit of innovative learning. The questions covered in Quiz Competition was on wildlife and environment, Wildlife Protection act, Animal Behaviours, Extinct, Endangered Animals, National Park, Sanctuaries, General information on Indian forest and Wildlife. Total 63 students registered their names for this event. Total 51 students participated in Quiz Competition. The examiners for competition were all faculty of Zoology Department. Event coordinator for Quiz Competition activity was Dr. S. S. Desai.

On the same day, **Short Film Competition** was held. The theme of this competition was any life cycle (e.g. Frog, butterfly, mosquito), animal behaviour (nesting behaviour/ parental care, courtship behaviour, food searching, communication, prey catching, defence mechanism, swimming, flying, diving), animal interaction or association. Total 16 students registered their names for this event. 12 students took part in a Short Film Competition. This event was attended by 66 students. The examiner for this competition was Mr. Rushikesh Goni, Assistant Professor, Department of Photography and Videography, Vivekanand

College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous). The event coordinator for Short Film Competition Ms. P. R. Gaikwad.

On Friday, 6th October, 2023 **Face and Hand Painting Competition** was organized. Face and Hand Painting Competition gives opportunity to student to present their skill and boost up their confidence. Topics for Face and Hand Painting Competition was wildlife animals. Participants paints variety of wild animal on their hand and face. Total 25 students registered their name for this event and 22 students participated. This event was attended by 55 students and 11 faculty members. The examiner for this competition was Dr. R. Y. Patil, Dean and Assistant Professor, Department of Computer science, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous) and Mr. Satish Uplavikar , B.Voc Department, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous). Event coordinator for this event was Ms. P. S. Shetfalkar.

On Saturday, 07th October, 2023 department has organized Pathnatya to spread awareness among the society about importance of wildlife and also importance of conservation of wildlife for balancing the ecosystem and sustainable development, to promote and encourage the mass people regarding conservation of fauna and flora. Pathnatya was performed at Near Central Bus Stand of Kolhapur, Bindu chowk and Rankala stand. NCC students from Vivekanand College (Empowered Autonomous) were also present for Pathnataya to chair up our students.

The Guest lecture and Valedictory function was scheduled on Friday, 6th October, 2023, the ceremony was inaugurated by Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, Dr. Shruti Joshi, IQAC Coordinator Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous), Guest speaker Rohan Madhukar Bhate Shah, Honorary Wildlife Warden, Satara and Dr. G. K. Sontakke by watering the plant. Guest speaker Rohan Madhukar Bhate Shah, gave insight about importance of wildlife conservation, endangered species and how to protect them and also gave information about current issue of hunting and poaching of wild animals. Total 158 Student and 09 faculty members attended guest lecture in library hall.

The commencement of the Wildlife Week started with full enthusiasm and zeal same way; the closing ceremony has started. First 3 Rankers from each competition were awarded with trophy and certificate and every participant receives certificate of participation. Participants from all the events were very active and their faces reflect the thirst for their knowledge. Responsibility of anchoring for these events was handled Dr. T. C. Patil.

Inaugural function, guest lecture and valedictory function was handled by Dr. S. S. Desai in an excellent way. Total 283 students registered 196 students participated in the various competitions. Total 124 faculty members and 717 students attended the various events in this week.

Under the supervision of Dr. G. K. Sontakke, all the teaching and non-teaching faculty, volunteer students of B. Sc. I, II and III painstakingly worked to make the Wildlife Week-2023 successful. This wildlife week celebration definitely motivated students to promote the conservation and protection of animal life. The ultimate objective was to sensitize students, appreciate our wildlife and work towards its conservation. This wildlife week definitely played a small role to aware students and society to conserve and protect wildlife and move towards a healthy environment and sustainable development.



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विवेकानंदमध्ये वन्यजीव सप्ताहानिमित्त विविध स्पर्धा

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