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CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITIES:

Dr. S. Paulraj, IFS Retd., Executive Chairman of Chennai Snake Park gave a Special talk on 9th Jan 2025 Biodiversity and Conservation with special reference to Bacteria and our surrounding, for the participants of the certificate course – “Waste Optimization Professional” organized by the Department of Zoology, University of Madras-EIACP under the Green skill Development Programme at CSPT. He also gave a special note on how Bacteria plays a vital role in our daily life that we often neglect to pay attention.



Latitude
13.0034376°
Longitude
80.2387019°

Local 11:16:53 AM
GMT 05:46:53 AM
Altitude 18 meters
Date Thu, 09 Jan 2025

263Q+JHH, Guindy National Park, Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600022, India
Note : DZUM EIACP, CHENNAI

State level Workshop conducted by Tamil Nadu Forest Department on Turtle Conservation Awareness Workshop - Panel Discussion:

Experts from Chennai Snake Park Trust, Dr. S. Paulraj, IFS Retd., Executive Chairman of CSPT and Dr. V. Kalaiarasan, Trustee and Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T, presented as a panelist in the Panel discussion organized by Tamil Nadu Forest Department held at Guindy Children's Nature Park, Chennai on 7th Jan 2025 on the topic respectively-Panel discussion 1- “The use of Modern Tools and alternative approaches for Sea Turtle conservation.” And panel discussion 2- “Collaboration between Government, Academia and civil society towards conservation.”

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A.C.C.E.P.T :

Dr. V. Kalaiarasan, Trustee (CSPT) and Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T, delivered a session titled 'Zoo Waste management' for the participants of the certificate course – “Waste Optimization Professional” organized by the Department of Zoology, University of Madras-EIACP on 9th Jan 2025 at Chennai Snake Park- A.C.C.E.P.T. conference hall.

He also delivered a talk on Restoration Ecology on 20th Jan as a resource person for certificate course on “Waste Optimization Professional” organized by DZUM EIACP under Green skill Development program at University of Madras, Guindy Campus.

Invited as a Chairperson in the International Conference on Frontier-Research in life sciences ICFRLS 2025 organised by Dept. of Zoology, University of Madras, Guindy campus, Chennai-25.



“Waste Optimization Professional” Certificate course at Chennai Snake Park on 9th Jan 2025



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SCIENTIST's NOTE:

Dr. K. Ramalingam, Senior (Project) Scientist of Chennai Snake Park has delivered a thought-provoking presentation on “Waste Management and Human Health implication” on 9th Jan 2025 highlighting key aspects including- “Among the various categories of wastes Biomedical wastes can increase the risk of infection in general and among health workers in particular. The misarrangement disposal of medical wastes can cause fatal infections, genotoxicity, Nosocomial infections and etc.



“Waste Management and Human Health implication”-a talk by Dr. K. Ramalingam.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

During January 2025, the Park had 39,045 Visitors (29,364 Adult and 9,681 children), as against 57,704 visitors (46,115 Adult and 11,589 children), for the corresponding month of last year i.e. decrease of 32.34 %.

During Pongal holidays lots of preparatory works were done to control visitors such as engaging volunteers and stationed them in important locations to avoid vandalism.

During the month of January 2025, renovation works were done in Museum building such as painting inner wall and removal of damaged false ceiling and fixed new one. Facelift works were done near office building such as adding new potted plants and creation of new Rockery Garden.



New potted plants and creation of new Rockery Garden



Renovation work at Museum building

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES :

“Snake Awareness and Fieldwork in Action”

Dr. C. Arivazhagan Dy. Director of Chennai Snake Park Trust visited Lake Wood gated community on 22nd Jan to conduct an in-depth field survey on snakes.

In addition to the field survey, Dr. C. Arivazhagan also conducted an awareness programme on snakes at Larson & Turbo company, Madhavaram on 25th Jan 2025. In total 30 field workers attended the awareness programme.



Staff of Chennai Snake Park on a field survey at Lake Wood gated community on 22nd Jan 2025.



Field Survey - 22nd Jan 2025 at Lakewood gated community



Dr. C.Arivazhagan conducting an awareness programme on snakes at Larson & Turbo company, Madhavaram.



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BIOLOGIST's ACTIVITIES

Recently, it's a delight to host a special walkthrough for our distinguished guest from Indian Coast Guard- Commandant Rajiv. S. Bhatta (Officer in Charge) along with his team CGSMA, was led by the Biologist K.Mirdhula on 17th Jan 2025 at Chennai Snake Park.

On 7th Jan 2025 our Biologist participated in the "National Level Turtle Conservation Workshop" at Guindy Children's Nature Park.

Our Snake Park is thrilled to welcome a lively group of students from various schools, who eagerly explored the wonders of our Snake Park and left with unforgettable memories.



Biologist Mirdhula kamaraj on a Walkthrough session for the distinguished guest from Indian Coast Guard on 17th Jan 2025.



Group photo: Biologist Mirdhula kamaraj with Indian coast Guard Commandant Rajiv. S. Bhatta (Officer in Charge) along with his team CGSMA.



Lively group of students from Shree Narayana Mission School from West Mambalam at CSPT.

NEW ADDITION TO CHENNAI SNAKE PARK SOUVENIR SHOP



During the month of January, natural products such as-Little Millet, Foxtail millet, Proso millet, Turmeric powder, Pepper and Gift box made from bamboo were added to the shop. In addition to these, medicinal plants were also added to the shop for sales.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION:

76th Republic Day was celebrated in grand manner in our park on 26th January 2025. Dr.V. Kalaiarasan, Trustee and Research Director -CSPT, unfurled the tri-coloured flag which was followed by National Anthem. All the employees participated in the function. Sweets were distributed to the visitors.



TIDBIT: CHINESE YEAR OF THE SNAKE-

Chinese New Year 2025 Wishes: Celebrate the Lunar New Year with wishes for happiness, prosperity, and good fortune. The festivities begin on January 29, 2025, marking the Year of the Snake, filled with community events, family reunions, and joyful celebrations.



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