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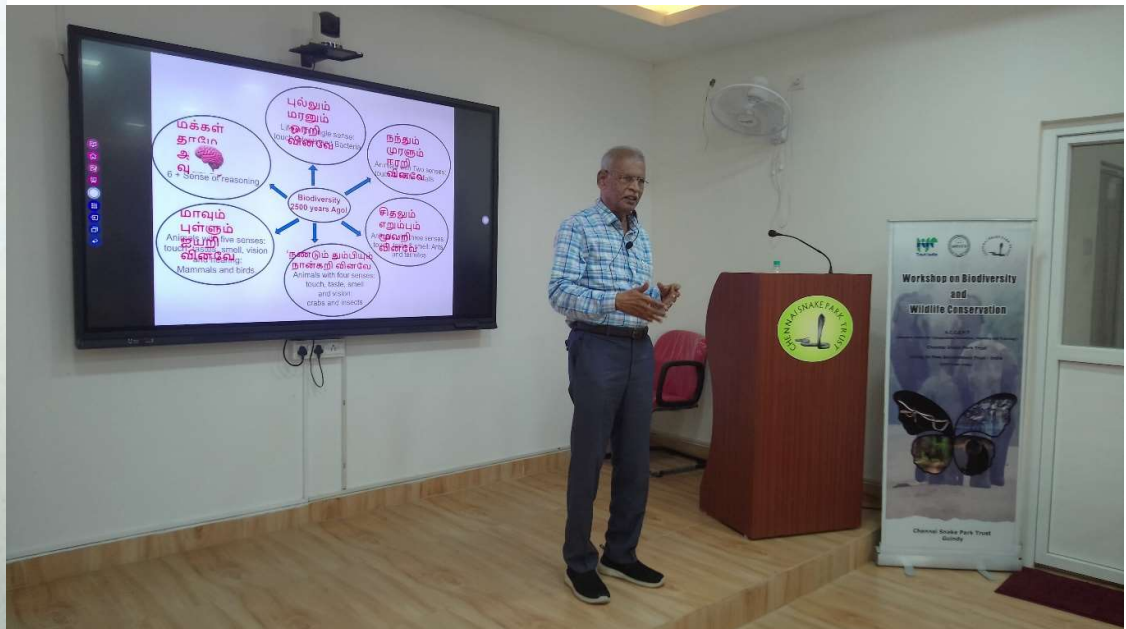
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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS:

Two-day Workshop on **Wildlife conservation and education** conducted on 15/2/25 & 16/2/25 at Learning centre, Chennai Snake Park Trust, Guindy organized by Advanced Centre for Conservation Education, Planning and Training (ACCEPT) of Chennai Snake Park Trust and Dr. B.A. Daniel, Director LIFE Trust-India, Coimbatore.

Dr. S. Paulraj, IFS Retd., Executive Chairman of Chennai Snake Park gave a presentation on the topic Biodiversity and Conservation for the participants.

He also delivered a talk for the participants of One day workshop- **"Snake conservation and Snakebite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu"** conducted on 19th Feb 2025 .Further details are reported in the ACCEPT Activities.



Dr. S. Paulraj, IFS Retd., Executive Chairman delivering a talk at Wildlife conservation and education Workshop.

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[Executive Chairman of CSPT Interacting with the Participants of Wildlife conservation and education workshop.]



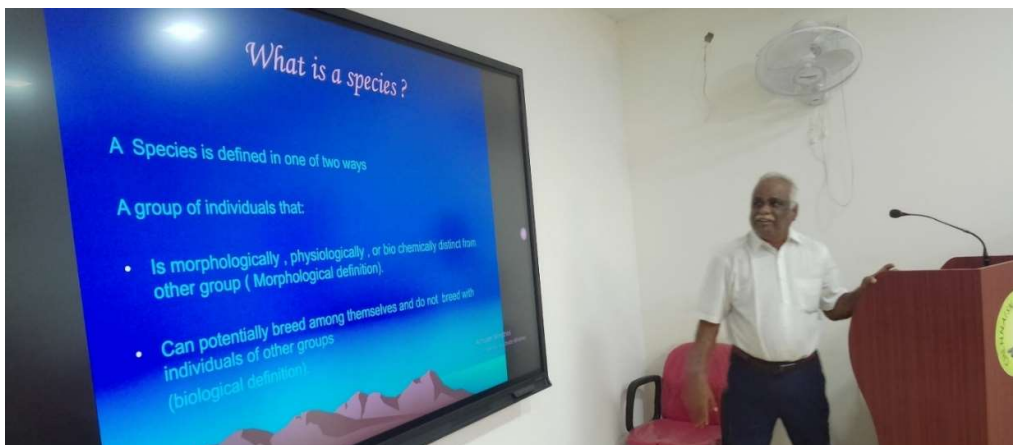
[Dr. S.Paulraj (IFS Retd.), Executive Chairman of CSPT delivering a talk for the participants of one day workshop- "Snake conservation and Snakebite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu" conducted on 19th Feb 2025.]

RESEARCH DIRECTOR 's NOTE:

Dr. V. Kalaiarasan, Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T addressed the students of Two-day Workshop on **Wildlife conservation and education** conducted on 15/2/25 & 16/2/25 with a presentation on “Urban Biodiversity and Conservation”, Highlighting the presence of Biodiversity within the Home range.



Dr. V. Kalaiarasan, Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T- Interacting with the Participants of Wildlife conservation and education workshop.]



Dr. V.Kalaiarasan, Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T addressed the gathering with the Keynote talk for the participants of One day Workshop “**Snake conservation and Snakebite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu**”- at CSPT for the NGO’s from Tamil Nadu conducted on 19th Feb 2025.And interacted with NGOs .

Participated in National workshop on Venomous Snakebite, mitigation measures , First AID & treatment protocols organized by PG & Research Department of Zoology, Thiru. Vi. Ka. Govt. Arts College, Thiruvarur on 28th Feb 2025. And delivered a Felicitation address at Thiru. Vi. Ka. Govt. Arts College,Thiruvarur.

DIRECTOR 's NOTE :

During February 2025, the Park had 28,437 Visitors (19,029 Adult and 9,408 children), as against 34,159 visitors (26,931 Adult and 7,228 children), for the corresponding month of last year i.e., decrease of 16.75 %. The Park was opened for public on 11.02.2025 (Tuesday) even though, it was a weekly holiday for the Park.

On 09.02.2025, Dr. Rajendra Singh Retd. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest from (Uttarakhand) along with his family visited our park. Our Biologist Ms.Mirdhula Kamaraj led the guest around the park and guided them with explanations and information on Reptiles of the park . He felt happy to revisit the park after many decades.



[Dr. Rajendra Singh Retd. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest from (Uttarakhand) along with his family visiting the park, accompanied by our Biologist Ms. Mirdhula Kamaraj]

Our veterinary consultant Dr. Catherine Rebecca has done deworm for the Reticulated python on 28.02.2025.



Deworming in Pythons

A.C.C.E.P.T's NOTE

Various programs are been actively conducted at the A.C.C.E.P.T Learning centre, Chennai Snake Park Trust. On 15/2/25 & 16/2/25 **Workshop on Wildlife conservation and education** was conducted at Learning centre, Chennai Snake Park, jointly organized with the LIFE Trust- India, Coimbatore.

“Snake conservation and Snakebite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu”-One day Workshop at CSPT for the NGO's from Tamil Nadu conducted on 19th Feb 2025, organized by ACCEPT of Chennai Snake Park Trust. CSPT Executive Chairman, Dr. S. Paulraj and Dr. V.Kalaiarasan, Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T addressed the gathering with their Keynote talk.

The main objective of One day workshop is to know the ground reality of Snakebite mitigation in Tamil Nadu and the role of NGO's to minimise the Snakebite cases in Tamil Nadu.

Eleven Non-Governmental Organisations from all around Tamil Nadu shared presentation about their contribution in snake conservation, their experience and activities. CSPT is to prepare a standard operation protocol (SOP) for the Snakebite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu. On the line of the workshop ACCEPT is planning to organize 1 day workshop for snake rescues across Tamil Nadu in future.

During the workshop our Chief guest Dr. V. Naganathan, IFS, APCCF (Wildlife), Government of Tamil Nadu interacted with all the NGOs about Snakebite mitigation.

The workshop was concluded by the Chief Guest, Dr. V. Naganathan, IFS, APCCF (Wildlife), Government of Tamil Nadu, the Executive Chairman, Dr. S. Paulraj, IFS (Retd.) of the Chennai Snake Park Trust and Dr. V.Kalaiarasan, Director of Research, A.C.C.E.P.T.



[Group photo of one day workshop on “Snake conservation and Snakebite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu”- with the Chief guest Dr. V. Naganathan, IFS, APCCF (Wildlife), Forest Department of Tamil Nadu.]



[Participants of "Snake conservation and Snake bite mitigation measures in Tamil Nadu" workshop.]



[Panel discussion as a part of one day workshop.]



Our **Project Scientist** Dr.J.Subramanean, have done visitors survey about perception of Chennai Snake Park on visitors angle from Nov.2024. An interesting observation from the data shows that 66% visitors are the first-time visits to Chennai Snake Park. The remining 34% visitors visited the park for a gap ranging from 2months to 20 years.The full paper will be published in the forthcoming *Cobra* journal.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR 's NOTE:

As part of Eco-Tourism Activity on February 1st, Dr.C. Arivazhagan held an eco-awareness program for IT professionals at Nanmangalam Reserve Forest. He took a morning trail walk and encountered several birds and star tortoise hatchlings. Overall, they enjoyed the morning walk, though some were taken aback by the presence of such a lovely natural ecosystem in the middle of the city. Eleven Participants attended the program.



- Eco-Tourism Activity on February 1st



Dr. C. Arivazhagan Dy. Director of CSPT gave an expert talk on “Ecology of Asian Elephants and discussed the wild behaviour of elephants to the participants of Wildlife conservation and education Workshop on 16th Feb 2025.



Arivazhagan Dy. Director of CSPT giving an expert talk

The Snake Awareness program for OMR's IT staff

On request of IPS (Ret) Mr. AS. Rajan, an awareness Programme was conducted by Dr.C. Arivazhagan, Deputy Director of CSPT, for IT professionals at Space Zone India, Kelambakam on February 13th about the importance of protecting snakes, and a large number of individuals



Awareness programme for IT professionals led by Dr.C.Arivazhagan on February 13th

participated. The program was witnessed by fifty persons and was well appreciated.

Snake Survey at SSCO factory, Koyambedu, Chennai

On request of SSCO factory, koyambedu, Snake survey was carried out on February 24th by Dr.C. Arivazhagan, Deputy Director of CSPT along with animal keeper Mr. V. Selvam around factory premises. The factory is situated close to the Chennai Metro Office. The factory premises were cluttered with a large amount of construction materials. And suitable remedy for minimizing snake encounter were given.



Snake survey SSCO factory Koyambedu, Chennai

Conservation Awareness class for Madras Veterinary college students

A group of eleven postgraduate diploma students from Madras Veterinary College, led by Dr. Srikumar Head of the Department Wild Life Science veterinary College, Vevery visited park on 26th Feb2025. Dr. C.Arivazhagan conducted a session focusing on how to handle snakes in your area and identifying common species venomous and non-venomous snakes found in India through a presentation.



[postgraduate diploma students from Madras Veterinary College]



Group photo- Conservation Awareness class for Madras Veterinary college students

BIOLOGIST'S ACTIVITIES:

Mirdhula Kamaraj- Biologist of Chennai Snake Park Trust gave a special class and a Guided session for the “Assistant Conservator of Forest officers Trainees” from 38 SFS IC Batch 2024-2026 Dehradun on Feb 11th 2025 at CSPT.



- During the visit of ACF officers Trainees inside the park led by Mirdhula kamaraj-Biologist CSPT.]



[Trainees at Marsh
Crocodile Enclosure, CSPT]



[Fresh Vegetables, Fruits & Fishes cleansed with disinfectant.]

The vegetables and fruits which are purchased for feeding the herbivores such as American Green Iguana and Star Tortoise are thoroughly cleansed with disinfectant. Fishes are also cleansed in same manner for feeding the Gharial, Checkered keelback and other reptiles.

STUDENTS VISIT AT THE END OF THEIR ACADEMIC YEAR

BUDDING STUDENTS FROM WEST ST. JOHNS SCHOOL PORUR CHENNAI



Fun filled interaction of Biologist with the School students of St. Johns School Porur Chennai.

CSPT WITNESSING THE ENTHUSIASM OF SCHOOL STUDENTS



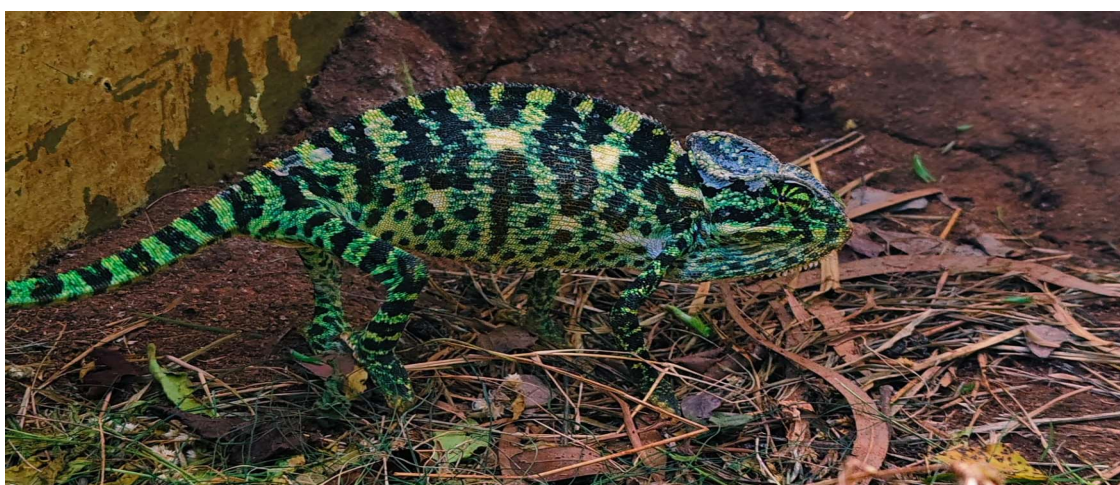
(St. Thomas group of schools Manali Mathur more than 60 students.)

Sri Shankara. E Tambaram (112 students)



(Venkateshwara school- Puzhal- 400 students)

(SAN Academy-Chennai-more than 100 students)



Capturing the Vibrant beauty of Chameleon (*Chamaeleo zeylanicus*) at Chennai Snake Park.]

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