



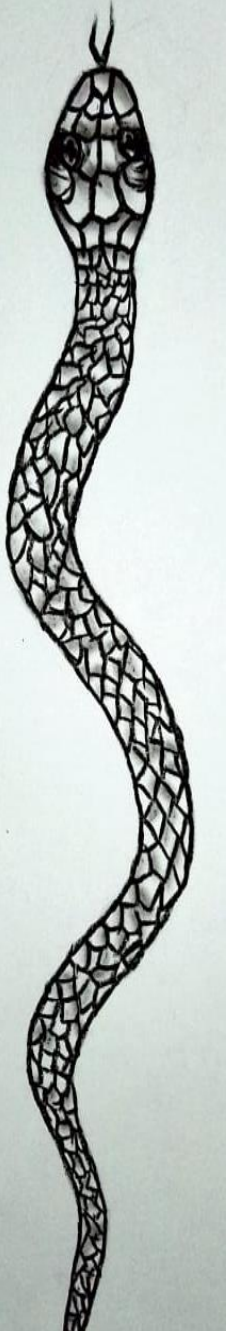
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CSPT NEWS LETTER

THE CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST'S NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025
(Monthly -For Internal Circulation)

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S NOTE :

An article on "Snake rescues: Do they help or harm?" by Dr S. Paulraj, Executive Chairman (CSPT) has been published on 2nd week of April in the Times of India. It discusses about snake rescue in Tamil Nadu and has recommended a SOP for same. It also highlights the point "In India, Man-Snake conflicts affect 50,000 people a year. Yet, attention is focused on conflicts involving larger animals though they are less frequent."



South Pole: A Deep Dive Into Politics, Society And Culture

In 2024, Chennai Recorded 2,844 Incidents Of Reptiles Being Removed From Residential Areas. Yet Across State, Most Operations Are Carried Out Without Legal Sanction Or Trained Personnel

Snake rescues: Do they help or harm?

Cobras formed the majority of venomous snakes encountered in Chennai

IN INDIA, MAN-SNAKE CONFLICTS AFFECT 50,000 PEOPLE A YEAR. YET, ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON CONFLICTS INVOLVING LARGER ANIMALS THOUGH THEY ARE LESS FREQUENT

% OF INCIDENTS

Snake Type	Average 2010-2015	In 2024
Cobra	70	85.5
Russell's viper	6.8	6.5
Saw scaled viper	9.7	3
Common krait	13.4	5

IN THE RESCUE, MOST MIGHT HAVE DIED

Harperologist V. Kalaiarasan says the saw-scaled viper, once widely distributed, is now becoming rare. The same trend is seen with kraits. In Chennai, the percentage of saw-scaled viper encounters dropped from 9.7% to 3% over the past 10 years, while krait sightings have fallen from 13.4% to 5%.

There have been instances, as in Tulum, where snakes were released into other residential areas without informing local forest officials, leading to public outcry. Improper handling and relocation by untrained personnel effectively amounts to culling rather than conservation.

The forest department's field level training programme should include snake conservation, covering snake identification and safe rescue methods. Trained and certified volunteers or NGOs with expertise in safe snake rescue should be available at the taluk level, offering free or paid services as needed by the department. Each forest division should have a dedicated helpline to address snake-related issues. It is also essential to develop a common snake rescue protocol for the state.

(The writer is executive chairman of Chennai Snake Park Trust)

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He also has discussed the encounter of Big four snakes from a period of 2010 onwards. The article stated a information of increased number of cobra encounter (venomous snake) in Chennai. The article also cited the mishandling of snakes by unethical tools and also insisted a proper protocol to be prepared for snake catching.

Streamline for Snake and Wildlife Rescues: Snake Rescuers Consultation in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Forest Dept. 2025 organized by Children's Nature Park on 30th April 2025. CSPT Executive Chairman Dr.S.Paulraj, Dr.V.Kalairasan-Trustee and Director of Research, CSPT actively participated in the panel discussion.Dr.C.Arivazhagan-Dy.Director of CSPT has also participated in the discussion.



(Higher officials from Tamil Nadu Forest Department and the Chennai Snake Park Trust joining for the Snake rescuers Consultation at Guindy Children's Nature park on 30th April 2025.)

RESEARCH ABSTRACT:

An abstract has been submitted to International conference on cancer and breast cancer treatment by Dr.S.Paulraj- Executive Chairman, CSPT and Dr. K.Ramalingam- (Senior Project Scientist, CSPT) on the topic “Anticancer Potentials of Snake Venom in Cancer Therapy” giving an insights on the science behind the snake venom on the role of killing cancer cells.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- Dr.V.Kalairasan-Trustee and Director of Research, CSPT, have given an interview and was published on April 19 2025 at “ETV Bharat Tamil Nadu” channel titled as “If you see these 4 snakes, don't go near them.. they are very dangerous! - DANGEROUS SNAKES”.



He also adds important point- It's a dangerous situation if snake population gets decreased. Automatically the rat population gets increased leading to several diseases such as - Rat bite fever, Leptospirosis. So it is also important to maintain a stable population of snakes for a healthy ecosystem. Habitat destruction is one of the major threats for species degradation, not only snakes but also for other animals.

For detailed information you can visit the given link:

<https://www.etvbharat.com/ta!/state/which-snakes-are-very-dangerous-to-human-tamil-nadu-news-tns25041901011>

ACCEPT ACTIVITIES:

- The ACCEPT and Prakruthi jointly organized Earth month 2025 event on 18th March 2025. The versatile film maker Mr. Alphonse Roy delivered a talk about ‘capture in the Wilds’ and screened his captive Elephants film during the occasion to honor Dr.V.Krishnamurthy, Elephant Doctor and former Trustee of Chennai Snake Park Trust.



(Welcoming address to the guest speaker Mr. Alphonse Roy by Executive Chairman Dr. S.Paulraj on 18th March 2025.)



(Mr. Alphonse Roy engaging the audience with his inspirational talk.)



(Honoring the guest of speaker Mr.Alphonse Roy with a Memento by Mr.Dipanker Ghose (Founder of Prakruthi), Mr.K.Sridhar, Dr.S.Paulraj (Executive Chairman-CSPT) and Dr.V.Kalairasan (Trustee and Director of Research- ACCEPT) [L-R respectively.]

Glimpses of the Program :



(Trustee and Director of Research- ACCEPT-Dr.V.Kalairasan giving an introductory speech to the audience.)



(Mr. Dipanker Ghose- Founder of Prakruthi engaging and interacting with the audience at the program.)



(Honoring our guest Mr. K. Sridhar with a small Memento given by Dr. S.Paulraj - Executive Chairman of CSPT.)

RESEARCH SCIENTIST'S NOTE:

Dr.K. Ramalingam Senior scientist [CSPT] has submitted an Abstract entitled “Anticancer Potentials of Snake venom in Cancer Therapy” to the 3rd International conference on cancer and breast cancer treatment due to be held in Dubai on November 10-11-2025 in online webinar and on November 03-04-2025, in on request and invitation from coordinator /convenor, Luna Watkins/cancer science.

Contribution to Dubai Breast Cancer Conference :Dr.K. Ramalingam added in his paper- “Several growth factors and/or proteins are synthesized synchronously to fulfil the journey of cancer cells phases. By desynchronization of the successive events the breast cancer and its recurrence which is detrimental to the patient can be eliminated.”

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

During the month of April, 2025, the Park had 30,186 Visitors (22,368 Adult and 7,818 Children), as against 36,146 visitors (28,226 Adult and 7,920 children), for the corresponding month of last year i.e. decrease of 16.49 %.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS:

During the month April 2025, several precautionary arrangements were made to beat the summer heat. Misting chambers were created in yellow anaconda enclosure, Dog faced snake enclosure and walk through Iguana Enclosures. Water sprayed in all enclosure to reduce the heat. In albino python enclosure and chameleon enclosure, jute bags are spread above the enclosure and water sprayed at regular intervals. Enclosure ambient temperatures were regularly monitored.



(Mist sprayer fitted to maintain the ambient temperature to escape from the scorching summer heat.)



(Coverage of animal enclosure roofs with water imersed Jute bagsin order to reduce the heat wave from the summer.)

RECENT PUBLIC REVIEW ABOUT CHENNAI SNAKE PARK APPEARED IN GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE:



[Karthik Dhayalan](#)

Local Guide • 117 reviews • 1906 photos

**** 3 weeks ago **New**

Such a cool place! They've got a nice variety of snakes, lizards, and even crocodiles. Everything was neat and well-kept. It's a fun spot to check out, especially if you're into animals or just looking for something different to do in Chennai. Great for kids too!



[Aswini Ravichandran](#)

Local Guide • 40 reviews • 22 photos

***** 3 weeks ago **New**

Visited on

Weekend



[Rahul B](#) I am traveller and love explore new things.

Local Guide • 162 reviews • 276 photos

***** 3 weeks ago **New**

It's a reptile park, can see variety of snakes and crocodiles iguana etcetc

Good to visit and explore museum too



[M Karthi](#)

Local Guide • 33 reviews • 225 photos

***** 3 weeks ago **New**

Visit one time...

[Mike tyson Michael](#)

Local Guide • 7 reviews • 7 photos

***** 3 weeks ago **New**

Guindy Snake Park offers a fascinating experience, especially for those interested in reptiles. The variety of snakes on display is impressive, with informative boards and enclosures that are well-maintained. Facilities such as restrooms are clean and adequate for visitors. Overall, it's a good place for a short, educational outing, especially with kids or for nature enthusiasts. A bit more interactive exhibits or guided sessions could further enhance the experience.



[saranya S](#)

Local Guide • 2 reviews • 9 photos

***** 3 weeks ago **New**

Visited on

Weekday



[Eniyan Arvindh](#)

1 review • 10 photos

***** 20 hours ago **New**

Neatly maintained and new learning related to reptiles

[Vino](#)

12 reviews • 0 photos

***** 2 weeks ago **New**

Wow now snake park updated 🙄

[jamshil dr](#)

Local Guide • 124 reviews • 322 photos

***** 2 weeks ago **New**

Nice ambience with reptiles

How Visitors feel after visiting the Snake Park:

Here are their remarks and ratings. Most of the visitors gave Five Star ratings. On behalf of the Executive Chairman and Management we thank all the visitors for giving the highest ratings. Your rating is a good motivation for all our staffs!

TIDBITS

Clippings from “Dinakaran” Tamil Newspaper published on 14/4/25 depicting the summer arrangements done inside the Marsh Crocodile enclosure and a child enjoying the time with Iguana’s inside the Iguana Garden.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST

Chennai Snake Park Trust & LIFE Trust - India

Invite young enthusiasts interested in *Wildlife*
To a two-day workshop on

HOW NATURE WORKS!

An interactive workshop to inspire you to get involved in wildlife conservation.

Venue: Chennai Snake Park Guindy, Chennai

17 & 18 May, 2025. (Saturday & Sunday)

9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Attendee essentials:
Lunch, tea, snacks, registration kit

Certificates of participation will be issued.

link: <https://bit.ly/CSPMAY2025> QR for Registration

Workshop fee: ₹ 500

CONTACT: 80564 25262, lifetrustindianet@gmail.com

Call for Young Wildlife Conservationists

Wildlife Conservation & Education Workshop

- Learn from experts and participate in engaging activities.
- Gain unprecedented experience and learn
- Everything about 'How Nature Works'
- Opportunities for continued interaction after the workshop.

31 May & 1 June, 2025
9.30 am - 5.30 pm
Saturday & Sunday

Venue: Chennai Snake Park Guindy, Chennai

Attendee essentials:
Certificate of participation, lunch, tea, snacks, education materials, and registration kit

Workshop fee: Rs 500

Apply Now!

<https://bit.ly/CSPB7MAY2025>

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(STAY TUNED WITH CHENNAI SNAKE PARK FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS)

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