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THE CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST'S NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025
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EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S NOTE:



(Executive Chairman delivering the Key Note address for the Founders day program.)

Founders day Celebration:

Chennai Snake Park Trust proudly celebrated its 53rd Founders' Day on 21.06.2025 at Learning centre, Advanced centre for Conservation Education Planning & Training, Chennai Snake Park honouring the vision and legacy of its founders who laid the cornerstone for excellence, service, and growth. Dr. S. Paulraj, Executive chairman, Trustees Dr.V.Kalaiarasan, Mr.R.Vidyadhar IFS, and Dr.Vijay Venkatesh attended the event.

The event started with welcome address by Mr.R.Rajarathinam, Director. Dr.S.Paulraj Executive Chairman in his key note address mentioned the milestones of the trust activities. Dr.V.Kalaiarasan, Trustee and Research Director remembered contribution of the Founder Trustees. The Chief guest of the event, Dr.N.Krishna Kumar, IFS (Retd.), Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Tamil Nadu Forest Department delivered the keynote address. During his address he appreciated the Trust and its activities.

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The celebration featured A.N.Jagannatha Rao Award and Sallywalker Award. Dr.N.Krishna Kumar, IFS (Retd.), presented the A.N.Jagannatha Rao Endowment Award-2025 to Mr. G.Ramakrishnan, Wildlife Conservationist, Trichy and Sally Walker Endowment Award-2025 to Dr. J.Murali, InnoVotek, Chennai. The day concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr.C.Arivazhagan, Dy.Director, CSP.



(Honouring the Chief Guest :Dr.N.Krishna Kumar, IFS (Retd.))











A.N.Jagannatha Rao Endowment Award-2025

to Mr. G.Ramakrishnan



Sally Walker Endowment Award-2025 to **Dr. J.Murali**.

GROUP PHOTO OF THE AWARD WINNERS



(Group photo of Award winners with the Chief Guest Dr.N.Krishna Kumar, IFS (Retd.), Executive Chairman Dr. S.Paulraj, IFS (Retd.), Dr. V.Kalairasan Research Director and Trustee, Mr.R.Vidyadhar IFS, Trustee and Dr.Vijay Venkatesh, Trustee.)

Board Meeting

The special meeting The Board of Trustees of Chennai Snake Park Trust held on 06.06.2025 at 3.30 p.m. Six Trustees were present in the Meeting Dr.S.Paulraj presided over the Board meeting discussed about the renewal of lease land occupied by the Snake Park and matter related to Founder's day celebrations during the meeting. The list of Trustees present in the meeting are Dr. S. Paulraj IFS, Dr.C. Arulvasu, Dr.V.Kalaiarasan, Mr.Manish Meena IFS, Ms.V.Thenmozhi IFS and Dr.Vijay Venkatesh.

RESEARCH DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

On June 3rd, Dr. V.Kalairasan, along with the staffs of Chennai Snake Park conducted a Snake Awareness program for Fire Service Officers equipping with crucial knowledge to handle snake related emergencies. This session enables the Fire Service personnel to respond effectively to snake encounters, ensuring public safety and their own well-being. Such program enhances the importance of preparedness and expertise in managing Snake related issues.





(Awareness program for Fire service officials led by Dr.V.Kalairasan at Tamil Nadu Fire Safety and Rescue Department.)

RESEARCH SCIENTIST NOTE:

Research Note-Snake Repellents-Dr.K.Ramalingam

Snakes abound or visit in small house yards even in middle towns and cities. Generally, the forests are ubiquitously abounded by these venomous reptiles. A perusal of literature has revealed that the existence of several snake repellants. For example the watery extract of onions serves as a repellant. The sanitizer fluid viz the phenol is a good repellant. If the backyard in the houses is bushy, snakes can be expected in summer because they bask underneath the bushes. The plant extract of *Calotropis* containing its latex act as a repellant. Its intra-venomous infusion can neutralize the venom during snake bite envenomation.

Research investigations regarding natural neutralization of snake venom remains poor only. The snake venom and its individual ingredients can be neutralized by several mechanisms. For example metal chelating chemicals can bind with metallic compounds of venom and thereby attenuate its toxicity or venom.

Several anti-coagulants and anti-haemolytic chemicals can neutralize the snake venom and its diffusion potential in such a way that they may be considered the FIRST AID measures to avoid the fear psychosis and death of the snake bite victims. A cocktail preparation of snake repellants will work better. The above steps are timely need of the hour inevitable in view of the alarming number of deaths (\geq 70000) in India due to snake bite envenomation.

DIRECTOR's NOTE:

During the June 2025, the Park had 25,588 Visitors (20,617 Adult and 4,971 Children).

MOU with Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Bangalore.

The Board of Trustee at their meeting held on 06.06.2025, approved the proposal to enter a MOU with CEE, Bangalore a Ahmadabad based NGO to collaborative program on conducting eco camp, awareness programme and creating new environment related education materials. The purpose of the MoU conducting various awareness programme with CEE and their obligation is establishing their region office in Chennai. i.e. in Snake Park Campus.

Submission of HCL Tech Grant (FY 2025-26) application.

The Chennai Snake Park Trust has submitted HCL grant application in the field of Biodiversity for the year 2025-2026 with collaboration with LIFE, Coimbatore for an outlay of 5.06 crore.

Feedbacks from Visitors:

The visitors of the Chennai Snake Park who visited during June 2025 has given feedback in Google Business. Total 102 visitors reviewed and given comments. Out of 102 visitors, 55 visitors given 5star (53.92%), 29 visitors given 4star (28.742), 15 visitors given 3star (14.70%), 2 visitors given 2 star (1.96%) and 1 visitor given 1star (0.98% without any comments. Few feedbacks are pertaining to adjacent Children's Nature Park.

BIOLOGIST's NOTE:

The current general manager of the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai Mr.U.Subba Rao, IRS visited Chennai Snake Park on 8th June with his family. He is an officer of 1987 batch of Indian Railway Service (IRSME). Ms. Mirdhula kamaraj, Biologist of Chennai Snake Park led the guest for a visit to the park. He enjoyed observing various species of snakes and other reptiles in our premises.



(Mr.U.Subba Rao, IRS visiting Chennai Snake Park with his family led by Ms.Mirdhula kamaraj –Biologist)

❖ Biologist Ms. Mirdhula kamaraj took an interactive class for the Students of Sri Jayendra Saraswati Ayurvedic College and Hospital visited on 11th June. The students were very much enthusiastic in learning about Reptiles.



More than 65 students visited the park and had experienced a great learning session at Chennai Snake Park.

The students who visited the Chennai Snake Park well appreciated about the maintenance of the park and the animal health.



Few feedbacks are given below:

Recent Public Review about Chennai Snake Park appeared in the Google Business Profile <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhan.20

Local Guide • 49 reviews • 42 photos

It has most species of snakes



Naveen Kumar Venkat

Local Guide • 97 reviews • 54 photos

Worth for 1 day spent



Sohail Sir

Local Guide • 17 reviews • 40 photos

Very very good collection very good quality also and very neat and clean Store



Paul Andrews

5 reviews • 0 photos



mathan kumar

10 reviews • 1 photo

Very nice



Thril Anbu (King of love)

Local Guide • 9 reviews • 27 photos

Wow nice day 😉

***** 3 weeks ago New

Weekend spot for children



Avilipsa Sethi

Local Guide • 17 reviews • 46 photos

Enjoy my children



Mohamed Ajaf

Local Guide • 32 reviews • 15 photos

Good atmosphere, they have modified the entire park and when I went there, there was inspection.



Anusha

4 reviews • 0 photos

Children sightsee-worth



AVINASH GORKHA

Local Guide • 44 reviews • 53 photos

Good ③., recommend to visit with family and that to with children's ⑤



Mohamed Shoaib

Local Guide • 94 reviews •

***** 4 weeks ago **New**

Almost all the snakes were loaded fully and I was able to see them without any rush. a must visit place with kids and...



ABBAS ALI

2 reviews • 5 photos

They have the biggest crocodile that i ever see



Vandana Ravi

Local Guide • 16 reviews • 0 photos

***** 5 weeks ago

It can be more kids friendly



Ravi Kumar

5 reviews • 0 photos

**** 5 weeks ago

It was very nice to go here



Kailash Nath Reddy

Local Guide • 148 reviews • 4205 photos

***** 5 weeks ago

There are different types of live snakes, crocodiles and reptiles inside and some preserved ones in jars.

It hardly takes 1 to 1.5 hours to see the entire place.

There's a small area inside where you can walk in between iguana, chameleons for a charge of Rs 10.

There's a VR and AR show thingy at the end. VR costed Rs 100/- and AR was Rs 20/-



Muhammed Asadullah

Local Guide • 68 reviews • 34 photos

**** 5 weeks ago

Good for some time pass View full review



<u>Baskaran</u>

Local Guide • 356 reviews • 103 photos

***** 5 weeks ago

Guindy சிறுவர் பூங்கா பக்கதுல யே இருக்கு. ஒரு முறை போய் பார்க்கலாம்.



Prabu R

Local Guide • 99 reviews • 0 photos

The best snake farm located within the city of Chennai is a delight for everyone to see.



muthuraaj kumar

Local Guide • 31 reviews • 0 photos

Good



Kamadhenu Shree

4 reviews • 2 photos

It was Amazing to experience about reptiles and its Reproduction



pavan raj p

Local Guide • 20 reviews • 0 photos

Good, we can spend some time with children in this park

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Local Guide • 18 reviews • 3 photos

Good place to spend about 2 hours



Anoop Kumar

Local Guide • 109 reviews • 4159 photos

View full review



Sanal Raj

Local Guide • 128 reviews • 487 photos

***** 6 weeks ago

Bring your kids and family to enjoy a beautiful day with nature

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