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EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S NOTE:



(Executive Chairman of CSPT Dr. S.Paulraj (Retd. IFS) delivering a talk on "Value of Biodiversity conservation" at One day workshop on 11th Dec 2025. For further details refer ACCEPT activities.)

TRUST MEETING :

The Chennai Snake Park Trust's Board meeting was held on 12.12.2025, Dr.S.Paulraj, Executive Chairman and Trustees, Dr.C.Arulvasu, Dr.V. Kalaiarasan, Mr.Manish Meena IFS, Dr.T.Sundaramoorthy, Ms.V.Thenmozhi IFS and Dr.Vijay Venkatesh were present in the meeting. The Executive Chairman explained the various activities carried out in Snake Park to the Trustees. Regular agendas were discussed during the meeting.

ACCEPT ACTIVITY :

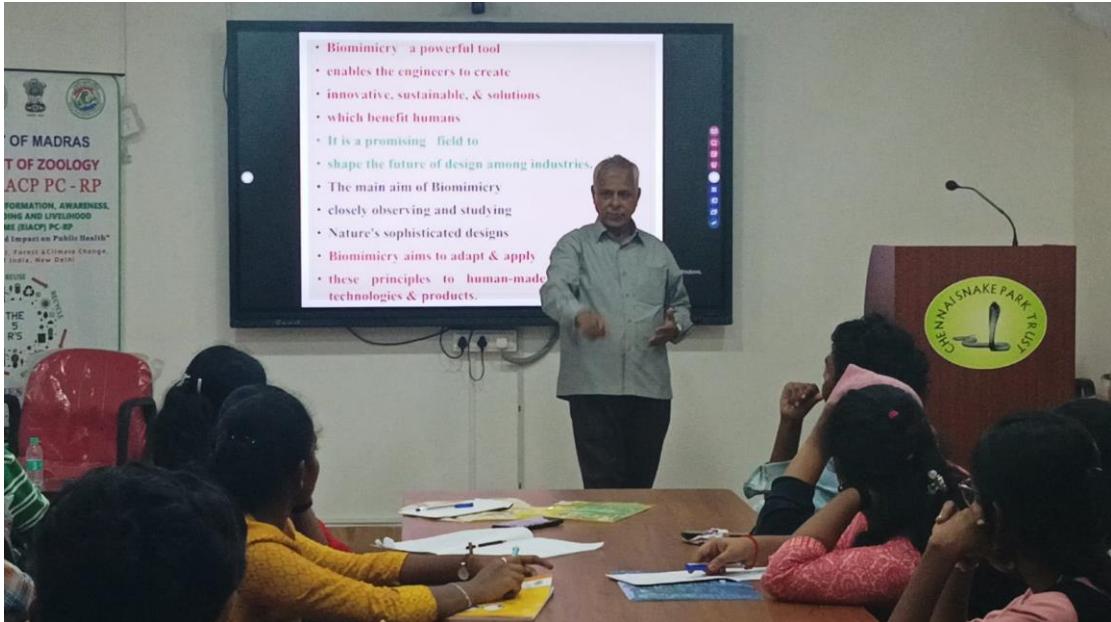
One day workshop on Biomimicry Applications : Chennai Snake Park Trust conducted one day workshop on Biomimicry Applications on 11.12.2025 at Learning Centre. Ms. K.Mirdhula, Biologist welcomed the speakers and audience.

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In inaugural address, Dr.S.Paulraj, Executive Chairman highlighted the theme of the workshop. Subsequently, he delivered a talk about “Value of Biodiversity conservation”. Dr.M.C.Sathyanarayan, former professor, Dept of wildlife Biology, AVC College delivered a talk on Snake Biomimicry & Biomimetic.



(Dr.M.C.Sathyanarayan delivering a talk for the participants of the workshop.)

During concluding morning session Dr.K.Ramalignam, delivered a talk on Biomimicry in cancer.



During afternoon session the participants were taken around the Guindy National Park for a field visit by Dr.S.Paulraj, Dr.M.C.Sathyanarayan, Dr. C.Arivazhagan and Ms. Mirdhula.K. On the concluding session participation certificate were distributed

by the guest speaker to the participants. There are more than 30 participants participated in the workshop.

WORKSHOP PHOTOS:



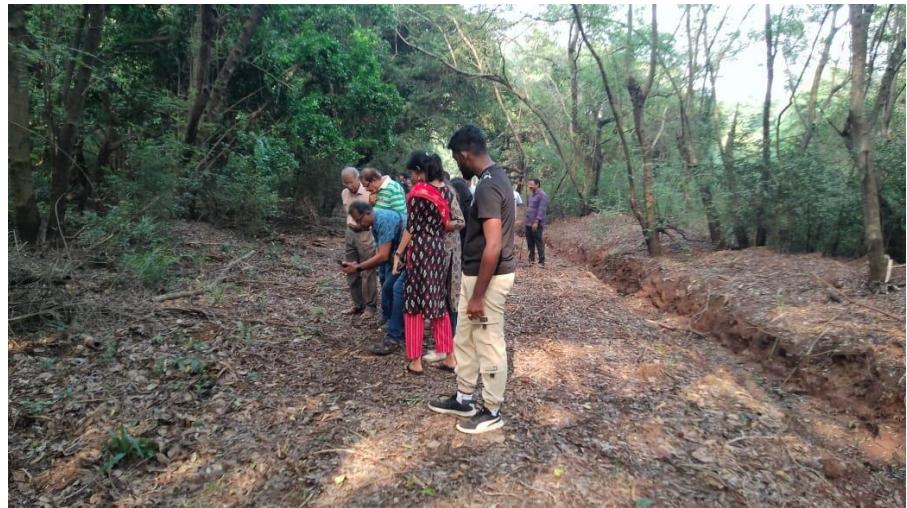
(Distribution of Workshop Certificates to the participants by the Executive Chairman Dr.S.Paulraj, (IFS Retd.)



DURING THE FIELD VISIT TO GUINDY NATIONAL PARK FOREST AREA:



(During the field visit into the forest of Guindy National Park)



(Dr. S.Paulraj, Executive Chairman and Dr.M.C.Sathyaranarayanan having an interactive session in the forest field with the participants.)

PUBLICATIONS :

Dr.S.Paulraj, Executive Chairman, Dr.V.Kalaiarasan, Trustee, Mr.R.Rajarathinam, Director, Dr.C.Arivazhagan,Dy.Director, Dr.J.Subramanean and Dr.A.Kumaraguru, Project scientists authored papers were published in recent issue of **Cobra** journal. The details as follows. To see the full articles please visit the Chennai Snake Park website: [www.chennaisnakepark .in](http://www.chennaisnakepark.in).

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STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE – SNAKE RESCUE

Chennai Snake Park conducted one day workshop for NGO's in Tamil Nadu in total 15 NGO's all over from Tamil Nadu were attended the workshop. In consultation with NGO's Chennai Snake Park prepared SOP for snake rescue.

1.Safety First: Prioritize the safety of both humans and snakes.

Conservation Focus: Aim to minimize harm and relocate snakes to suitable habitats.

11. Call Handling and Assessment:

Call Reception:

- Calls should ideally be received or communicated through the Forest Department.
- In emergency situations, inform the department before proceeding.

Caller Management:

- Calm the caller and gather information about the snake's location, size, and appearance.
- Request clear photographs of the snake and/or the area from a safe distance whenever possible.

Advise the caller to:

- Maintain a safe distance.
- Avoid chasing, disturbing, or attempting to capture the snake.
- Refrain from using fluids, hot water, or smoke to lure the snake.

Situation Assessment:

- Evaluate the necessity of a rescue.
- Snakes in open areas may not require rescue; advise the caller to allow the snake to move on.
- If the snake is inside a building or compound, instruct the caller to observe its movements from a safe distance while awaiting rescuer arrival.

III. Rescue Operations:

Equipment Preparation:

- Essential equipment: snake bag, snake hook (no tongs), PVC pipe, secure transportation container, boots, full-sleeved clothing, and flashlights (for night rescues).
- Always carry a partner.

On-Site Procedures:

- Ensure a safe and undisturbed rescue area.
- Set up the snake bag in a secure location.
- Identify the snake species (if possible) before handling.
- If identification is uncertain, treat the snake as venomous and use hooks for safety.
- Employ appropriate bagging techniques, avoiding methods that could injure the snake (no squeezing in plastic containers).
- Use the bag to guide the snake inside, avoid using the bag to directly catch the snake. Reverse bagging is only for nonvenomous species.
- Minimize handling time (less than 5 minutes).
- No public display of the snake.
- Secure the bagged snake immediately for transportation

Night Rescues:

- Exercise extra caution and utilize adequate lighting.
- Partner is mandatory.

IV. Post-Rescue Procedures:

Data Collection:

- Record the date, time, location, species, size, and any injuries or abnormalities.
- Take a photograph of the snake.
- Submit all data to the Forest Department.

- **Snake Handling:**
- Consult with the Forest Department or a government veterinarian regarding any observed abnormalities.
Hand over injured or weak snakes to the department for treatment or release after consultation.

Release:

- Release snakes in designated forest areas, ensuring appropriate habitat selection (aquatic, terrestrial, or arboreal) as advised by the forest department
- Only release the snake at the release point.

Community Awareness:

- I. Panchayat wise villages to be listed and awareness program should be conducted to 100 day workers, government, aided and private school, colleges.
- II. Must display snake bite first aid posters at Rural and Urban Primary health centres, taluk hospitals, Government, and private hospitals.
- III. Theatres, Bus stands, airports, railway station can play or install hoarding awareness clips or boards.
 - Snake behaviour and safety.
 - Building security measures.
 - Proper waste disposal to deter rodents.
 - Snakebite first aid.
 - Forest Department contact information

SOP for Snake Rescue Network.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

During the December,2025, the Park had 35,005 Visitors (27,107 Adult and 7,898 Children).

Feedbacks from Visitors

The visitors of the Chennai Snake Park who visited during December 2025 have given feedback in Google Business. Total 86 visitors reviewed and given comments. Out of 86 visitors, 45 visitors have given 5 star (52.32 %), 25 visitors have given 4 star (29.06%), 11 visitors have given 3 star (12.79 %), and 3 visitors have given 2 star (3.48 %) and 2 visitors have given one star (1.16%). Few feedbacks are pertaining to adjacent Children's Nature Park.

Reptile Husbandry:

Our veterinary consultant, Dr.Prabhu Madheswaran attended a juvenile reticulated python. It has moulting problem and eye cap moulting issues. He attended the problem and rectified it.

BIOLOGIST'S NOTE:

On Dec 21st , Mr. Rahul Bhagat - IG of Police visited the park with his family and explored the snake park and Ms. Mirdhula Kamaraj accompanied the officer and explained the details of reptiles in the park.

On Dec 8th , students of Chaitanya school from various Chennai branches visited Chennai Snake Park and enjoyed the AR Show. Around 400 students visited the park.



(Chaitanya School students enjoying the AR Show at Chennai Snake Park.)

Recent Public Review about Chennai Snake Park appeared in the Google Business Profile



Vetri Selvan B

Local Guide • 14 reviews • 10 photos

******* 3 days ago New**

It is simple and 30 mins is enough for complete visit this park



Suprio B

Local Guide • 299 reviews • 1928 photos

***** 3 days ago New

Absolutely love this park. There were multiple snakes and reptiles, tortoise, crocodiles here. It was peaceful with a... [View full review](#)



Dr.Venkatesh K R

Local Guide • 29 reviews • 10 photos

*****4 days ago New

Very nice place to hangout. More varieties of the snake. The best is man water crocodile which is very huge and largest available in snake park. [View full review](#)



Raghavan

Local Guide • 26 reviews • 226 photos

***** 5 days ago New

Large varieties of snakes to be seen at one place. The display of crocodiles was also good. The interactive exhibits such as the iguana was a good experience. Access to Zoo Cafe just outside this park was a plus.



nithya sri

9 reviews • 8 photos

***** 6 days ago New

Enjoyed well with my kids.



Anish Kumar T

Local Guide • 144 reviews • 99 photos

***** 1 week ago New

Nice place to enjoy with kids [View full review](#)



shivam mishra

Local Guide • 134 reviews • 136 photos

***** 1 week ago New

Good collection of reptiles. You can see the 'big 4' and other reptiles like iguanas and turtles. Crocodiles are a great... [View full review](#)



Raghu Yerra

Local Guide • 21 reviews • 0 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Super

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[Vishal Singh Meena](#)

Local Guide • 316 reviews • 466 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

It's beside that Guindy Children's Nature Park .. can be visited .. with kids .. small park .. can be completed within 1 hour .. hardly 300 mtr walk .. at exit AR/VR paid shows available .. good for kids only [View full review](#)



[Sivaprakash Vedapuram](#)

Local Guide • 259 reviews • 105 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Excellent place for children to enjoy and learn about reptiles... [View full review](#)



[Smart Chemistry BY-ASHUTOSH PANDEY](#)

Local Guide • 132 reviews • 37 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Awesome



George Samuel

Local Guide • 21 reviews • 75 photos

***** 3 weeks ago New

It's really good to visit and had a quality time with my friends. [View full review](#)



M "Gekko" W

Local Guide • 132 reviews • 201 photos

***** 3 weeks ago New

Considering how bad the childrens zoo next door is, the snake park is actually really well done. The enclosures as well... [View full review](#)



praveenraj atsdx

Local Guide • 39 reviews • 30 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Can spent half day on the park one of the good spot [View full review](#)



Akarshan Devanand

Local Guide • 191 reviews • 300 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Must visit in Chennai.... [View full review](#)



[Anna Asayag](#)

Local Guide • 23 reviews • 53 photos

***** 4 weeks ago

A small, intimate and charming place for those who love reptiles. Admission is really cheap. Don't expect a huge place, but one where you can walk around for about half an hour and enjoy. [View full review](#)

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