

International Vulture Awareness Day

6th September 2025

International Vulture Awareness Day 2025 was observed at Nandankanan Zoological Park on 6th September 2025 to highlight the alarming decline of vulture populations worldwide, the urgent need for their conservation, and their critical ecological role. The celebrations began with a Zoo Outreach Programme at Nandankanan Government High School, where over 100 students from Classes VI to X enthusiastically participated in a drawing competition, quiz, and a PowerPoint presentation on vulture conservation. Within the zoo premises, visitors were engaged through a range of interactive activities including puzzles and games for children, keeper's talks, and on-the-spot quizzes. Eye-catching vulture cut-outs along with other informative IEC materials were displayed to attract and educate visitors of all age groups. On this occasion, Vulture Keepers-Bidhyadhar Naik, Sidhi Buliuli, Sumitra Samal, Kapila Nayak, and Rijuan Ali—were felicitated for their dedication and tireless efforts in caring for these critically important birds. The programme witnessed the participation of around 500 visitors, who actively took part in the events, making the celebration a resounding success.

