

ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2016-17

Over 3.1 million people visit Nandankanan Zoological Park. Such a wide, diverse, varied and regular audience provides an excellent opportunity for education, and an enormous potential to heighten public perception and awareness of animals and nature conservation. Zoos are living institutions, living classrooms, and living landscapes. Zoo education is a holistic discipline targeted at zoo visitors, staff and the wider community aiming to promote an understanding of, and concern and respect for biodiversity, animals and the natural world, and encourage action for a sustainable future. In order to have impact, we need to influence as many people as possible. To do this, we need to promise and deliver something relevant and attractive to the wider community. We want visitors to enjoy themselves, and to feel the wonder and affection toward animals. We want to make it easy for visitors to take action during their visit and after they leave our gates. To achieve this education programmes are designed with a different flavor, like celebration of birthday, tiger day, pangolin day, world wildlife day, world wetland day, elephant day, naming of new born, display of signages etc. There is a dedicated zoo education officer in Nandankanan to take care of these activities.

Date	Programme	Number of participants
16.05.2016	Orientation meeting for zoo guides of Nandankanan	56
29.07.2016	Observation of International Tiger Day at Nandankanan	>100
12.08.2016	Celebration of World Elephant Day	>200
25.10.2016- 28.10.2016	Field training programme of B.Sc. Forestry students of OUAT, Bhubaneswar	25
03.10.2016	Quiz competition on the eve of Wildlife week	30
09.11.2016	Orientation tour programme of Forest Range Officer trainees from Assam	29
05.11.2016	Sensitization programme on Avian influenza for Nandankanan staff	30
29.11.2016	Orientation tour of Forest officers of West Bengal	25

06-07.12.2016	Training programme for tranquilization techniques for forest personnel of Chhattisgarh state	30
25.01.2017	Orientation tour of frontline staff of Assam forest Department, Assam	25
24.02.2014	Orientation visit of Zoology Honours student of Rajdhani College, Bhubaneswar	10
25.02.2017	Orientation visit of Bachelor degree students of Xavier University, Bhubaneswar	70
17.01.2017	East India exposure visit of Officer trainees of SFS batch of ASFOS, Assam	34
07.02.2017	Exposure tour of Forest Rangers trainee, Kurseong, West Bengal	37
19.03.2017	Orientation tour of officer trainees of Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore	38
04.03.2017	Exposure tour of 40 participants from 29 countries of an International training programme on Environmental Audit	40
03.03.2017	Celebration of World Wildlife Day	>100
08.03.2017	Orientation programme of B.V.Sc students of OUAT, Bhubaneswar (1 st Batch)	30
17.03.2017	Orientation programme of B.V.Sc students of OUAT, Bhubaneswar (2 nd Batch)	30
19-20.03.2017	Training programme on Tranquilization Techniques for frontline staff of Odisha Forest Department	28