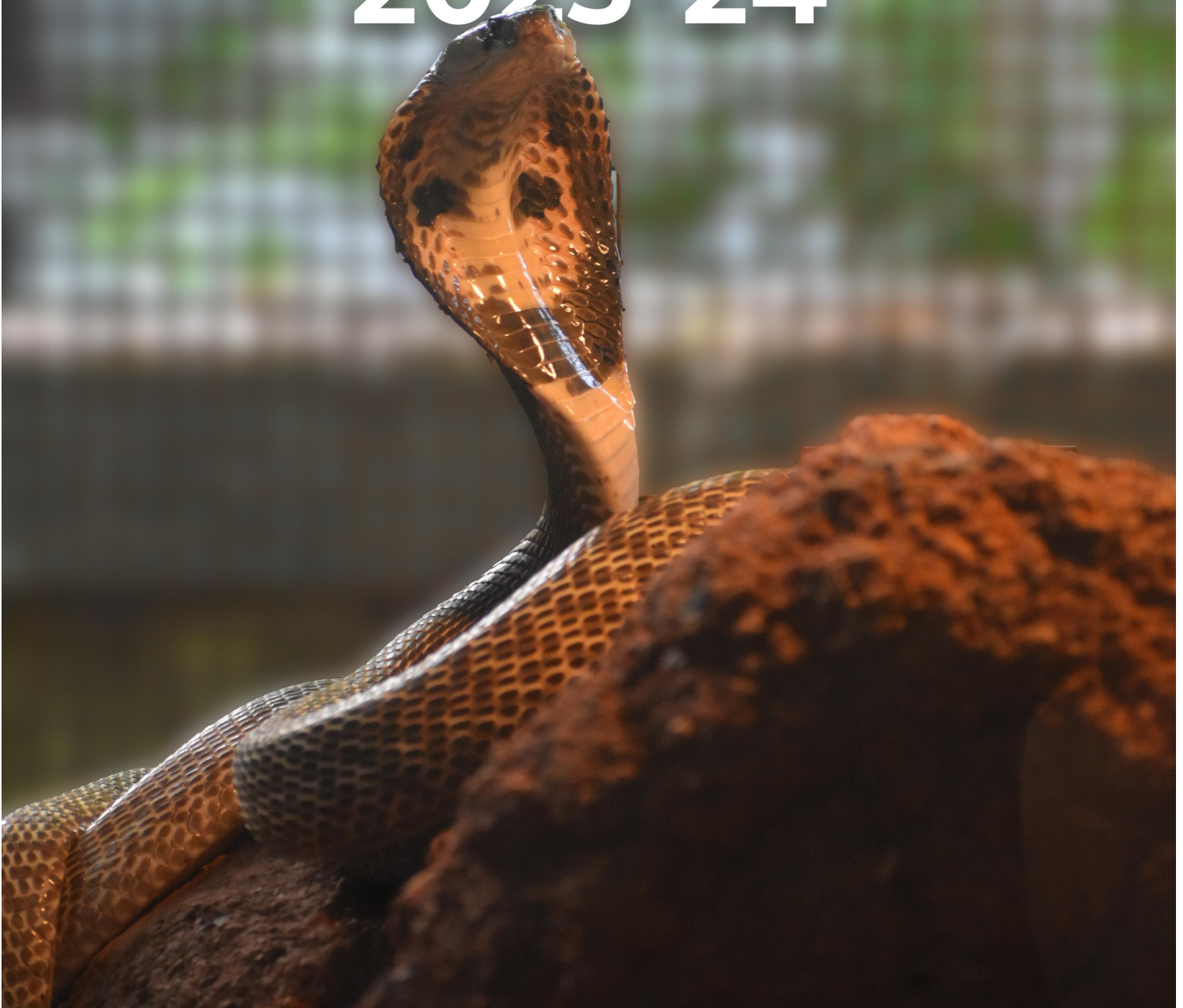




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M.V. Raghavan

1933-2014

(Founder of MVR Snake Park & Zoo)

REPORT OF THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Prof. E. Kunhiraman

Director, MVR Snake Park & Zoo
Parassinikkadavu



Dear Readers,

MVR Snake Park and zoo has successfully completed a year of unique developments in all sectors since its inception 1982. The administration and work of the center has been streamlined with wholehearted support of the Kerala Forest Department and Central Zoo Authority. Timely intervention and advice from the above authorities has accorded much confidence in rebuilding the entire system complying the master plan layout approved by the Central Zoo Authority.

Parassinikkadavu Snake Park and Mini Zoo is now upgraded to Small category Zoo by CZA considering the overall development, species diversity and wildlife management. Thousands of visitors are reaching over this tourist center from far and near. The Kannur International Airport and Azhikode Seaport facilitated more acclaim and reachability. Considering the unique experience and expertise, that our sister concern, Pappiniseri Visha Chikilsa Society, Kannur acquired in Herpetology and Snake Bite Treatment, the zoo is planning to prioritize research and developments and advanced studies in the area of Herpetology / Toxicology and Life Sciences.

A Scheme for Centre of Excellence is under preparation and to be submitted to Ayush Department. Several reputed institutions in RMD field, Rajeev Gandhi center for Biotechnology, Trivandrum and Institute of Microbial Technology Chandigarh have come forward to associate with a BIRAC/ DBT funded project.

The Snake Park has been upholding the motto "Love Snakes, not to kill them" envisaged by the Founder of this Center, Shri.M. V. Raghavan. The goal of the zoo is to convert it into a renowned Reptile Park housing reptiles of the region and rare exotic species.

We are sure that we could achieve the goals by the wholehearted support of dedicated employees, tourists, public and support from higher authorities like Forest department Government of Kerala and Central Zoo Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (Government of India).

Prof. E. Kunhiraman

Director, MVR Snake Park & Zoo
Parassinikkadavu

CEO's Message

Avinash Girija

CEO, MVR Snake Park & Zoo
Parassinikkadavu



Stories define the character of an entity and lends to its charm, be it an individual or an institution.

In 1964, my grandfather, M.V. Raghavan, a social reformer and visionary par excellence, established the Pappinisseri Visha Chikitsa Kendram, a much needed health centre to provide emergency care to snake bite victims of the North Malabar region, catering especially to the economically vulnerable sections. This was a revolution at that period, an integrated approach providing free and easily accessible healthcare to all. An unforeseen complication arose in the form of a number of snakes brought to the centre for the purpose of identification of bite by victims' guardians, usually brutally mauled or killed.

The challenge then was to treat and rehabilitate the injured snakes, at the same time educating the community. Thus was founded the Parassinikadavu Snake Park under the guidance of Padmasri Romulus Whitaker.

It has been a long journey for a great mission.

As CEO, I took on the responsibility of the renovation project in 2013, a precursory step for obtaining zoo recognition for the existing snake park, yet today I am still renovating, in an attempt to provide these friends in our care, their right to space, habitat and medical support. We have consistently been working towards an eco-friendly drive, both in habitat, enrichment and overall zoo area, promoting sustainable ecological practices among the visitors as well.

Our vision for the next five years include a state of the art veterinary hospital focusing on reptiles and excellent quarantine facilities. Ongoing collaborations to bring in both exotic and endemic species of reptiles will see Parassinikdavu Snake Park and Zoo be a one of its kind comprehensive Reptile Park. As of today, we have one of the biggest enclosures for our most prime inmate i.e. the king cobra, more than 2000sq.ft area, with waterfalls, climate control, research room, etc.

The vision is to let fellow earth inhabitants be, to see them thrive in as natural a habitat that we can provide, while visitors can view them from within cages of our own, and accept our privilege that we may learn better about them in this manner.

Education plays a big role towards this end and its best to start young. We have initiated a project to bust misconceptions regarding snakes and to build empathy towards wildlife among school children at primary and higher levels.

The focus will always be on our responsibilities towards the welfare of the lives in our care, and each project of Parassinikadavu Snake Park and Zoo works towards this aim.

" The only good cage is an empty cage " – Lawrence Anthony "

Avinash Girija
CEO, MVR Snake Park & Zoo
Parassinikkadavu

Founder of the Zoo



M.V. Raghavan
1933-2014

The Parassinikkadavu Snake Park was established by Social activists lead by Hon. Ex-minister of state, **M.V. Raghavan** on January 8th, 1982. The snake park is an offshoot of Pappinisseri 'Visha Chikitsa Kendra' intended for Snake bite treatments which was established in the year 1964.

History of the Zoo

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The Pappinisseri snake bite treatment centre was established in the year 1964. This is a centre for curing patients of snake bite using the combination of Ayurvedic, Allopathic and Traditional practices. It was quite common that people bringing the victims of snake bites used to carry the snakes also, as alive, killed or hurt in many cases. Such snakes played a vital role in treatment since the treatment for snake bite differed for Vipers, Cobras, and Kraits. It was easy for the physicians to provide immediate treatment once the snake is identified and the symptoms are tallying with the particular species of snake. The abundance in number of such captive snakes was a practical problem for the founders of the snake bite treatment centre. They got inspiration from Sri. Romulus Whitaker, the famous conservationist and Herpetologist who was instrumental for the establishment of Snake Park and Crocodile Park in Chennai. Providing a practical opportunity to create awareness about the ecological significance of Snakes was the biggest motivation for Social activists of this region for establishing this Park. More than 40 lakh people visited this Park during the last decade. This park has turned out to be significant education centre for students and general public for last 34 years. This has found a major place in the tourist map of Kerala also. The nearest Zoos in this region are located in Mangalore and Trichur. Almost seventy lakh people of the Malabar Region are to be satisfied with this zoo to see a few wild animal species , apart from Protected Areas.

VISION

- Transform the Snake Park to a comprehensive Reptile Park.
- Conservation of Snake species and developing a breeding policy for snakes in captivity

MISSION

- To mitigate the fear and hatred towards the snakes and other wild animals and to instigate love and compassion towards such animals.
- To provide a congenial environment for rescue and conservation of wild animals and to create a forum for holistic approach in the field of nature conservation.
- To develop Herpetology Institute and Wildlife Institute for awareness programme championing the need of wildlife protection and to create a knowledge centre for conservation efforts.

OBJECTIVE

- Public education and creating awareness about wildlife conservation.
- Captive breeding of endangered reptiles for conservation.
- Research and Developments



ABOUT US

Basic Information about the Zoo

Name of the Zoo : MVR Snake Park and Zoo
Year of Establishment: 1982
Address of the Zoo : MVR Snake Park and Zoo
Parassinikkadavu – Mayyil road,
Dharmasala, Kannur – 670563
State: Kerala

Mobile: 9744611024, 9400399000
Phone: 0497-2780738
E-mail address: mail@thesnakepark.com
Website: www.thesnakepark.com

Distance from nearest : Airport: 31 km
Railway Station : 16.7 km
Bus Stand: 17.1 km
Recognition Valid up to : August 2022
Category of zoo: Small Zoo
Area (in Hectares) : 0.993698 (2.455 Acres)

Number of Visitors (Financial Year) :
Adult: 688984
Children: 267063
Total visitors: 956047

Visitors' Facilities Available in Zoo: Wheelchair for Physically challenged
Children's Park
Lavatory Complex
Drinking water facility
Kiosks (6)

Weekly Closure Day of the Zoo : Wednesday

Management Personnel of the zoo

Chief Executive Officer : Mr. Avinash Girija
Veterinary Officer : Dr. Anju Mohan S.
Curator : Mr. Amaljith A T
Chief Supervisor : Mr. Sudhakaran T. V
ZEO/Biologist : Mr. Shinoy Rhodes Spadigam
H.R. Manager : Mrs. Bindhu M. K.

Zoo Director : Prof. E. Kunhircaman , Director
Address of the Operator : MVR Snake Park and Zoo
Parassinikkadavu – Mayyil road,
Dharmasala, Kannur – 670563

Contact details/Phone number of Operator : Mob: +91 9447770098

E-mail address of Operator : mail@thesnakepark.com



HUMAN RESOURCES

Designation	Designation Number of Sanctioned Posts	Names of the incumbent
Director	1	Prof. E. Kunhiraman
Chief Executive Officer	1	Mr. Avinash Girija
Veterinary Officer	1	Dr. Anju Mohan S.
Curator	1	Mr. Amaljith A.T
Chief Supervisor	1	Mr. Sudhakaran T.V.
ZEO/Biologist	1	Mrs. Deena Ponnuchan
Research Officer	1	Ms. Shireen Sithara A.
Instructor	1	Mr. Riyaz M.
P.R.O	1	Dr. Kavitha K
H.R. Manager	1	Mrs. Bindu M.K.
Digital Marketing Executive	1	Mr. Nimesh P
Artist	1	Mrs. Namitha .M

HUMAN RESOURCES

Designation	Designation Number of Sanctioned Posts	Names of the incumbent
Zoo Keepers	3	Mr. Sajeevan O. Mr. Jayesh A.J Mr. Prakashan P.V
Compounder	1	Mr. Sayanth A.
Accountant	1	Mrs. Aswathy K.
Receptionist	2	Mrs. Pradeepa K.V. Mrs. Sithara
Attenders	9	Mrs. Sanidha K., Mrs. Sheeba P.V. Mrs. Preetha P, Mrs. Sruthi P.O, Mrs. Sindhu C.V Mrs. Bindhu T, Mrs. Sreeja V. Mrs. Beena M.P, Mrs. Usha
Security Supervisor	1	Mr. Dinesan K.
Security	3	Mr. Bhavadasan E. Mr. Rajan C. Mrs. Leela K

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ZOO

TOTAL INCOME
₹20808714

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
₹18314349.17

TOTAL PROFIT
₹2494364.83



ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date of constitution: 21st Jan 2023

MEMBERS

1. P. Mukundan (Municipal Chairman, Anthoor Municipality)
2. Prof. E. Kunhiraman (Director, MVR Snake Park and Zoo)
3. Avinash Girija (CEO, MVR Snake Park and Zoo)
4. Dr. Anju Mohan S (Veterinary Officer, MVR Snake Park and Zoo)
5. Divya Dineshan (Curator, MVR Snake Park and Zoo)
6. Dr. Muraleedharan A.K. (Principal, MVR Ayurveda Medical College,
Parassinikkadavu)
7. Dr. Krishnakumar T. S. (HOD, Dept. of Agadhathanthra, MVR Ayurveda Medical College,
Parassinikkadavu)
8. Dr. Priya Nikesh (Veterinary Surgeon, Parassinikkadavu Govt. Veterinary Hospital)

} Ex Officio

Dates on which Meetings held during the year:

21st Jan 2023
5th May 2023
13th Aug 2023
11th Nov 2023

ZOO HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date of constitution: 21st Jan 2023

MEMBERS

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6. Dr. Muraleedharan A.K. (Principal, MVR Ayurveda Medical College, Parassinikkadavu)
7. Dr. Mukundan K. V (Co-operative Hospital, Taliparamba)

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VACCINATION SCHEDULE FOR ANIMALS

SL No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine and Remarks
1	Jungle Cat	Rabies	Raksharab Annualy, Healthy and Vaccinated
2	Asian Palm Civet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canine distemper - Infectious canine hepatitis (type II) - Canine parvo virus - Inactivated Ag/Aq vaccine against ICH (type 1) - Leptospira canola - Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae 	Megavac-6 (Multi Component Vaccine) Annualy, Healthy and Vaccinated
3	Bonnet Macaque	Tetanus	Tetanus Toxoid

CAPACITY BUILDING OF ZOO PERSONNELL

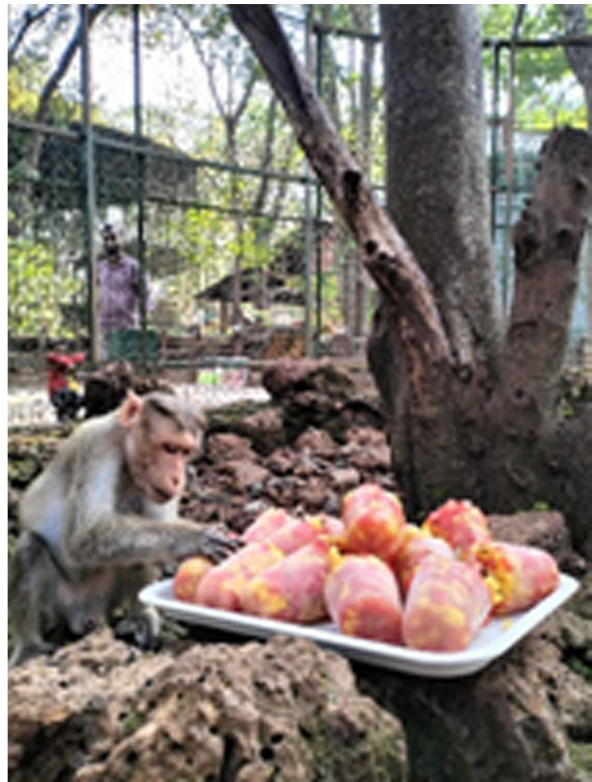
Name & Designation	Subject or Training	Period	Place	Organisation
Dr. Mohammed Ramees K (Veterinary Officer)	Capacity Building Workshop for Zoo Veterinarians at Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	16/10/2023 to 18/10/2023	Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cza • Ali Shah Zoological Park Lucknow • Forest department
Deena P N (Zoo Education Officer)	National Capacity Building Workshop for Zoo Educators at Nawab Wazid Ali Shah Zoological Park	6/11/2023 to 8/11/2023	Nawab Wazid Ali Shah Zoological Park Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cza • Ali Shah Zoological Park Lucknow • Forest department
Sayanth A (Zookeeper)	Nomination to the Capacity Building Programme for Zoo Keeper of Southern region at Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park, Andhra Pradesh	6/12/2023 to 8/12/2023	Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park, Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cza • Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park, Andhra Pradesh • Forest department
Deena P N (Zoo Education Officer)	2nd Conference of Association of Indian Primatologists	9/02/2024 to 11/02/2024	University of Mysore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN Primates SECTION ON SMALL APES • University of Mysore • Primate Conservation Inc • Aaranyak

SEASONAL SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UPKEEP OF ANIMALS

Summer Management:

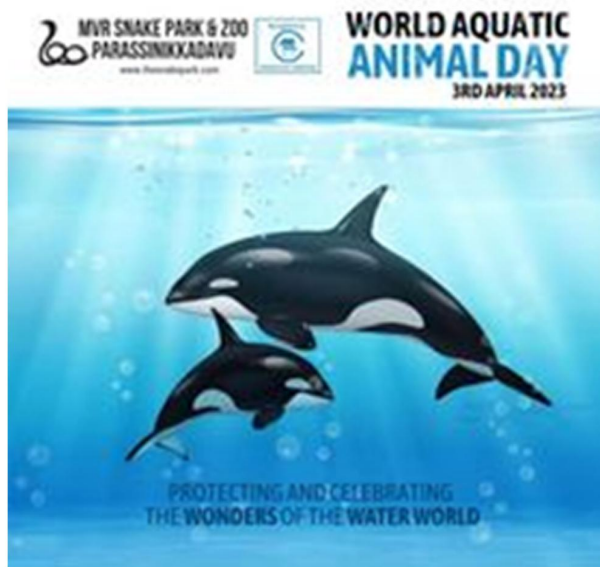
Cooling of animals by sprinkling water at warm hours of the day using sprinklers and showers

Special diet and frozen treats: Including fruits which are rich in water content like Watermelon were added in the diet of Bonnet macaque and Birds. Provisions like fan and cooler had been provided for various species.



EDUCATION, AWARENESS PROGRAMMES AND OTHER EVENTS

■ WORLD AQUATIC ANIMAL DAY 3/4/2023



■ WORLD EARTH DAY 22/4/2023



SUM FUN 2K23

APRIL 24TH TO 28TH

A break from the E World, MVR Snake Park & Zoo, Parassinikkadavu organised a summer camp for school students for a duration of one week. It made the children more aware of nature conservation by providing an opportunity to know about various plants and animals around them. Apart from the certificates they receive, some of them also got a chance to be a Zoo ambassador. The programme was inaugurated by Mrs Mercy E P, Taliparamba RDO. The welcome speech was delivered by snake park veterinary officer Dr Anju Mohan. The programme was presided over by Snake Park Director Prof E Kunhiraman. The MVR Institute of Life Science principal Dr Geethanandhan K felicitated over the function. Parents expressed their views on summer camps which can make their children engaging during summer vacation. Snake Park Curator Ms Divya Dinesan delivered vote of Thanks. A session on pebble art was arranged by artist Mrs Namitha Sandeep.





The second day of Sumfun 2023 on April 25th was on 'Birds around us' by the famous ornithologist Shri Sasidharan Manekkara. He is the author of the book "Thoovalkuppayakkarude Vismaya Lokam". The class was interesting and informative for the children. The afternoon session was handled by Dr Nikhila K P. Assistant Professor Dravya Guna Department of MVR Ayurveda Medical College. The class was regarding medicinal plants around us and their uses. Children were curious to know about the wide variety of medicinal plants around their own premises and also live specimens of plants were demonstrated.

The first session on the third day of SUMFUN 2023 was about fire and safety. This was held at the fire and rescue station Taliparamba. The class was led by Mr. Rajesh. There was a demonstration session too. They handled classes on Fire extinguishing, Water body disasters, self-defence and demonstrated how to save lives after food choking in our oesophagus. The second session was on snakes and snake bite treatment. This was handled by MARC (Malabar Awareness and Rescue Centre) member Sandra Saji.



The first session was on the fourth day of summer camp was watercolour by famous artist Saleesh Cherupuzha. The second session was on bottle art which was handled by Snake Park's Artist Mrs. Namitha Sandeep.

On the last day of the Summer Camp, the first session was a wildlife quiz programme for the selection of



Zoo Ambassadors from three categories, Pre-primary, LP and UP. Curator Ms. Divya Dinesan conducted the quiz programme.

Afternoon session was "Swasthya" an awareness class on child health for parents by Dr. Nithya A K., Assistant Professor MVRAMC. Conservationist Shri Vijay Neelakantan, First Zoo Ambassador Master Deepak Dev spoke on the occasion. Certificate and family pass were provided to the children. Snake Park Director Prof E Kunhircaman presided over the function. The session was dispersed after a group photo.



CUADRO GOLD MEDAL DISTRIBUTION 02/05/2023

The prize distribution of the CV Janaki Amma Gold Medal International Painting conclave CUADRO 2022 which was held at Snake Park on the occasion of children's day 14/11/2022. Snake Park CEO Mr Avinash Girija, Dr Mumthaz T M V, HOD Department of Zoology Sir Syed College, Dr. Muraleedharan A K, Principal MVR Ayurveda Medical College, Dr Geethanandhan K. Principal MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies felicitated at the function. Chief Supervisor Mr Sudhakaran TV delivered the vote of Thanks.



WORLD BEE DAY 20/05/2023



INTERNSHIP

Ms Swathi & Ms Haritha MSc Environmental Science Students from Central University of Kerala, and Ms. Anju John from Christ College Bangalore have done their Internship at Snake Park

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY JUNE 5, 2023

As part of World Environment Day, the MVR Snake Park and Zoo conducted various outreach and awareness programmes. The official programme was inaugurated by the Honourable Superintendent of Police, Kannur Rural, Smt. Hemalatha IP S, who is the district chief, of Kannur Rural. Snake Park Director Prof E Kunhiraman presided over the function, and Veterinary Officer Dr Anju Mohan S



welcomed the gathering. Dr Vanaja T. Associate Director, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Pilikode was the Chief Guest. The keynote address was delivered by Dr Manoj K. Assistant Professor Department of Environmental Studies, Kannur University. He stressed the importance and opportunities of Environmental education at the same time he pointed out the reduction in the use of microplastics, which was the theme for the year. Smt. Hemalatha IFS also inaugurated the Kaippad Farmer's Society stall at Snake Park. The programme was inaugurated by planting a fig tree which is a keystone species and also, she addressed the importance of people's role in environmental conservation, and distributed saplings to the visitors. After the inauguration guests planted saplings at the surrounding of Snake Park. The theme of the year was "Solutions to beat plastic pollution". Declaration of Certificate course on Herpetology was held on the same day. Dr Dileep Kumar R. Assistant Professor MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies gave a brief over the course to the students of the Department of Forestry & Department of Zoology of Sir Syed College Taliparamaba.



WORLD CROCODILE DAY

16/06/2023



KID ZOO AMBASSADOR TRAINING PHOTOS



WORLD SNAKE DAY CELEBRATION OPHIDIA-2K23 JULY 16TH 2023

MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, celebrated World Snake Day on July 16th, 2023 utilizing the occasion to spread awareness of the need to conserve snakes and to clarify myths and conceptions regarding them. The program was commenced by conducting Earth Day Quiz Finals led by the Quiz master Dr. Geetanandan. K, Principal, MVR Ayurveda Medical College. Students from Sir Syed College and Zoo ambassadors attended the session handled by Dr. Anil Zachariah, a veterinarian and an eminent herpetologist, who inaugurated the function. It was followed by the distribution of the Herpetology course certificate. Dr. Mohanan. P, a veterinarian, and Herpetologist, the Chief guest of the event accomplished the certificate distribution and declaration of Zoo ambassadors. The zoo director, Prof. E. Kunhiraman presided over the function. Master Deepak Dev, a young conservationist and our first Zoo Ambassador offered felicitation followed by officials of Sir Syed College and MVR Ayurveda Medical College and Dr. Dileep Kumar, Chief Scientific Officer of MVR Snake Park and Zoo.

An announcement of 'Snapzoot'- Zoo animal photography contest and prize distribution for the Earth Day Quiz was carried out by the Chief guests of the function. Later the release of the first Quarterly E-magazine was done by the chief guest.



The academic session was handled by Dr. Anil Zachariah about the Amphibian Diversity of Kerala.

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON BASICS IN HERPETOLOGY

MVR Snake Park and Zoo provided a unique opportunity to learn about captive reptile management and classes by experts in the field of herpetology exclusively for the students of Sir Syed, Taliparamba. The short course on herpetology aimed at developing the basic skills required for a herpetologist. The course was combined with theory and hands-on training. The sessions were handled by Dr Dileep Kumar, Assistant Professor, MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies, Dr. Anju Mohan.S, Veterinary officer, Ms. Divya Dinesan, Curator and Mr. Riyas Mangad, Zoo instructor.



SNAPZOOT PHOTO CONTEST 2023



A Zoo photography competition was held at the zoo from 16th July to 15th September. The prize distribution of the event was held on wildlife week.

VISIT OF MSC. FORESTRY STUDENTS TO THE ZOO 8TH AUGUST 2023



The first year MSc. Forestry students of MVR Life Science Institute visited the zoo on 8/8/2023. An introductory session was handled by Dr. Anju. Mohan and a class on Big 4 snakes was delivered by Zoo instructor Riyas Mangad and a session related to research was carried out by Dr. Dileep Kumar. R, Chief Scientific Officer.

Independence Day Celebration 15/08/2023



Onam Celebration and Shooting Zone Inauguration 29/08/2023



On Thiruvonam day 29/08/2023, an advanced target shooting zone was launched in MVR Snake Park and Zoo. Prof.E.Kunhiraman, Director inaugurated the zone and opened for all.

RHINO DAY

22/09/2023



In association with World Rhino Day and the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, a Rhino-shaped Bottle booth was opened for visitors on September 22, 2023.

MILMA BOOTH INAUGURATION

A Milma shoppe was inaugurated at MVR Snake Park and Zoo on 21/09/2023.



SWACHATA HI SEVA

01/10/2023

MVR Snake Park and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) jointly conducted Swachta Hi Seva Campaign. About 200 people participated in the cleanliness campaign in the zoo with the slogan 'Clean Zoo Healthy Zoo'. National Institute of Fashion Technology Director Col. Akhil Kumar Khulshrestha was the special guest. MVR Snake Park and Zoo Director Prof. E. Kunhiraman presided

over the function. NIFT Joint Director Dr. Bhaskar. K. M, Campus Academic Coordinator Dr. Nishant Sharma, and Zoo Veterinary Officer Dr. Muhammad Rameez spoke. NIFT teachers, students, staff, and zoo staff jointly cleaned all the zoo premises. Nift teachers Ms. Shangrella, and Dr. Om Surya led the cleanliness drive. MVR Snake Park and Zoo announced a 'Single Use Plastic Free Zone'.



WILDLIFE WEEK 2023

OCTOBER 3

Wildlife Week 2023, under the theme of "Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation" reminds us that the survival of our planet's diverse wildlife depends on our collective efforts. As a part of Wildlife Week 2023, Department of Forestry, MVRILSRS in collaboration with MVR Snake Park and Zoo celebrated wildlife week 2023 with an inaugural ceremony on 3rd October 2023. Dr. Geethanathan. K. (Principal) did the welcome speech, Prof. E. Kunhiraman (Chairman, MVRILSRS) delivered the presidential address, Mr. Ratheesh. P. (Range Forest Officer, Taliparamba) inaugurated the event, Mr. Anandan Pokkudan (Head Master, Tagore Vidya Niketan, Taliparamba) was the chief guest. Dr. Muhammad Ramees. K. (Veterinary Officer, MVR Snake Park and Zoo) and Dr. Sangeeth. K. P. (Vice-Principal, MVRILSRS) felicitated in the program. Prize distribution for the winners of the photography competition 'SNAPZOOT' held at MVR Snake Park and Zoo were held. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Anusree Pradeepan (Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry). Afternoon session was a seminar on the topic "Nippayum Vavvalukalum" by Mr. Nithin Divakar (PhD Research Scholar, KFRI).



MANGROVE CLEANLINESS DRIVE

OCTOBER 4

A Collaborative Effort to Preserve Vital Ecosystems In a remarkable display of unity and dedication to environmental conservation, the Forest Department, MVR Institute of Life Science, MARC (Malabar Awareness and Rescue Centre for Wildlife), and MVR Snake Park and Zoo collaborated to conduct a Mangrove Cleanliness Drive during Wildlife Week 2023. This initiative aimed to preserve and protect the invaluable mangrove ecosystems in the Taliparamba region.



OCTOBER 6



As a part of Wildlife Week 2023, the Department of Forestry (MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies) in collaboration with Malabar Awareness and Rescue Centre and MVR Snake Park and Zoo conducted an awareness talk by Dr. Roshnath Ramesh (Wildlife Biologist and President, MARC) on the topic 'why conserve wildlife?' for B.Sc. and M.Sc. forestry students (06/10/2023).

OCTOBER 7

As a part of Wildlife Week celebrations, a 'NATURE WALK' was organized by MVR Snake Park and Zoo to Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary on 7/10/2023. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Forestry, MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies, and Kerala Birders Club. Students had an interactive experience with expert birders and they were able to spot and identify different species of birds, mammals, butterflies, damselflies, trees, and much more.



UNITE FOR BIG CATS

OCTOBER 8

The National Wildlife Week is celebrated from the 2nd to the 8th of October every year in India. As a part of Wildlife Week Celebrations, UNITE FOR BIG CATS Campaign was held in MVR Snake Park and zoo on October 8th. The zoo witnessed a sensational closing ceremony of the week by having 35 pairs of twins from Kadambur Higher Secondary School also our charming zoo ambassador kids as participants. The event was initiated by a valedictory function followed by an oath-taking ceremony, a big cat quiz session, a zoo visit, and hand printing by students. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Muraleedharan. A. K, Principal MVR Ayurveda Medical College following felicitations by Anusree Ashok, Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry, MVR Institute of Life Science and

Research Studies, and Mr. Lajith Kumar. P.K, Teacher and Scout Master, Kadambur School. The academic session was handled by Mr. David Raju, a prominent naturalist and wildlife photographer who works at CGH Earth. The session raised awareness among students about conserving big cats by knowing more about their habitat and ecology.



Anthoor Municipality Cleanliness Drive OCTOBER 31, 2023

As part of the Cleanliness Navakerala Camp, Anthoor Municipal Corporation and MVR Snake Park & Zoo jointly cleaned the Snake Park premises on 30/10/2023 as part of the cleaning drive of tourist centers. Chairman of Municipal Corporation Shri.P. Mukundan performed the inauguration. Mr. P. K. Muhammed Kunji, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Health presided over the meeting. HI Joshua Joseph welcomed the event and Mr. Sudhakaran, Snake Park Supervisor, delivered a vote of thanks. Zoo crew, municipal health department employees, Harita Sena members, and municipal sanitation department workers participated in the event.



CUADRO 2K23 C V JANAKI AMMA GOLD MEDAL PAINTING CONCLAVE

On the occasion of Children's Day, SnakePark organized an International Painting Competition for the C.V. Janaki amma gold medal. Mattannur Sankarankutty Marar, Chairman, Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy inaugurated the event. Zoo Director Prof. E Kunhiraman presided over the function. Kerala Lalithakala Akademi Vice Chairman Ebi N. Joseph and RDO E.P. Mercy were the chief guests, artist Bhagyalakshmi, Director of Veluthamadhuram Cinema Jiju Orappadi, T V Devasree, who won the gold medal in the School Athletic meet, Rania Rafeeq of Zee TV Drama fame, Surya Kiran, film star. The winners will be awarded the gold medal on May 2 on the death anniversary of C V Janaki Amma. Asian book of record and elite book of records holder Ishan V Suresh was appreciated at the event. Zoo Educational Officer P N Deena welcomed the gathering and Zoo Curator A T Amaljith delivered the vote of thanks. The competition was for children between the ages of 5 and 14 in the crayon and watercolour category respectively.



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY 11/12/2023

On the occasion of International Mountain Day, MVR Snake Park & Zoo organized an Awareness Journey to Kudiyanmala, a tourist spot at Kannur. The journey, which started from Dharamshala at 8.30 am, conducted various programmes such as awareness classes, quizzes related to mountains and wildlife, picture recognition competitions, etc. This public transport trip was conducted to educate the public about the protection of the mountains. The journey was hosted by the staff of MVR Snake Park and Zoo and students of MVR Ayurveda Medical College.

Director Prof. E. Kunhircaman delivered the keynote address. Zoo Keeper Jayesh cleared the doubts of the passengers and gave them new knowledge about snakes and what to do immediately in case of a snake bite. About 20 participants, including the zoo crew, students and the director, were involved in this journey and joined with the passengers. The awareness class continued on the way back from Kudiyanmala at 11 am. Among the things we need to do for the conservation of mountains, waste management was highlighted. The passengers enthusiastically participated in the quiz session about the mountains and the image recognition competition. Director Prof. E. Kunhircaman gave away the prize to the winners of the competition. 'Pahadi Ki Kahani' was a short journey that brought knowledge and happiness to everyone through interesting stories and songs.



NATIONAL BIRDS DAY 05/01/2024



REPUBLIC DAY 26/01/2024



INTERNATIONAL ZEBRA DAY 31/01/2024



WORLD WETLAND DAY 2/2/2024



WORLD WILDLIFE DAY CELEBRATIONS -LIENZO 2024

Connecting people and planet ... March 3rd World wildlife Day commemorates the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species of Wild Fauna and Flora in 1973. The theme of Wildlife Day 2024 is exploring digital innovation in wildlife conservation. The day reminds us of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and humaninduced reduction of species, which have wide -ranging economic, environmental and social impacts. In association with World Wildlife Day, MVR Snake Park and Zoo organised a mass wall painting campaign- 'LIENZO'. The program aimed to engage the public community in artistic expression while delivering a crucial message about protecting wildlife and their habitats. The campaign was inaugurated by MVR Snake Park and Zoo Director Prof. E. Kunhircaman. Sri. Govindan Kannapuram, Sri. Tinu.K.R and Sri. Shyju Maloor, the famous artists who are the pioneers in the field of art were the special guests of the event and they headed the campaign. Sourav. V, Surya Anand, Dinukruti Vaishnavi, S.Prithika, Sruthy Sankar were the guest artists from NIFT, Kannur. The walls of Zoo witnessed the beauty of wildlife created by mesmerizing and talented artists. Students from different schools and colleges and their parents also joined the campaign to make the walls of zoo more beautiful. The Kid Zoo ambassadors had a distinct experience in participation of environmental initiatives. The event provided a platform for students and public for nurturing their talents by using a public platform. The campaign raised awareness about wildlife conservation and celebrated the beauty of our natural world. The Veterinary Officer Dr. Anju Mohan presided over the function. Zoo Curator Mr. Amaljiith. A.T and Artist Namitha Sandeep gave felicitation. Zoo Education Officer Miss. Deena. P.N delivered welcome speech and Zoo Supervisor Sri. Sudhakaran.T.V concluded the session.



WORLD SPARROW DAY 20/3/2024



WORLD WATER DAY 22/03/2024



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