

MVR SNAKE PARK & ZOO, PARASSINIKADAVU

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MVR SNAKE PARK  
PARASSINIKADAVU



## **MVR SNAKE PARK PARASSINIKKADAVU**

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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  
Parassinikadavu



Dear Readers,

MVR Snake Park & 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 whole hearted support of the Central Zoo Authority and Kerala Forest Department. 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 & 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 centre 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, Pappinisseri 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.

Snake conservation is the effort to protect the snake species & their natural habitats to ensure their survival & maintain ecological balance. As education is the strongest antidote to fear, Snake Park is concentrating on creating awareness among people especially kids. If right education is given at right time, kids will consider snakes as magnificent vital creatures, they will begin to care. And when they care, they act. Every year Snake Park is training selected kids from summer camps to become 'Zoo Ambassadors'. These Kid Zoo Ambassadors will inspire & create awareness among other kids on conservation of snakes and other wildlife.

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

Snakes play a vital role in ecosystems as both predators & prey. Together we can build a future where snakes are not just tolerated but respected & protected.

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**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 Parassinikkadavu 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 Parassinikkadavu 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 Parassinikkadavu Snake Park and Zoo works towards this aim.

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

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**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

The Parassinikkadavu Snake Park was established by Social activists lead by Hon. Ex-minister of state, M.V. Raghavan on January 8th, 1982 at the site purchased from Kerala Government. This snake park is an offshoot of Pappinisseri 'Visha Chikitsa Kendra' intended for Snake bite treatments.

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

<b>Name of the Zoo :</b>	MVR Snake Park and Zoo
<b>Year of Establishment:</b>	1982
<b>Address of the Zoo :</b>	MVR Snake Park and Zoo Parassinikkadavu – Mayyil road, Dharmasala, Kannur – 670563
<b>State:</b>	Kerala
<b>Mobile:</b>	9744611024, 9400399000
<b>Phone:</b>	0497-2780738
<b>E-mail address:</b>	mail@thesnakepark.com
<b>Website:</b>	www.thesnakepark.com
<b>Distance from nearest :</b>	Airport: 31 km
<b>Railway Station :</b>	16.7 km
<b>Bus Stand:</b>	17.1 km
<b>Recognition Valid up to :</b>	August 2022
<b>Category of zoo:</b>	Small Zoo
<b>Area (in Hectares) :</b>	0.993698 (2.455 Acres)
<b>Number of Visitors (Financial Year) :</b>	
<b>Adult:</b>	307431
<b>Children:</b>	93863
<b>Total visitors:</b>	401294

**Visitors' Facilities Available in Zoo:** Wheelchair for Physically challenged  
Children's Park  
Lavatory Complex  
Drinking water facility  
Mom's lounge (Feeding room)  
Kiosks

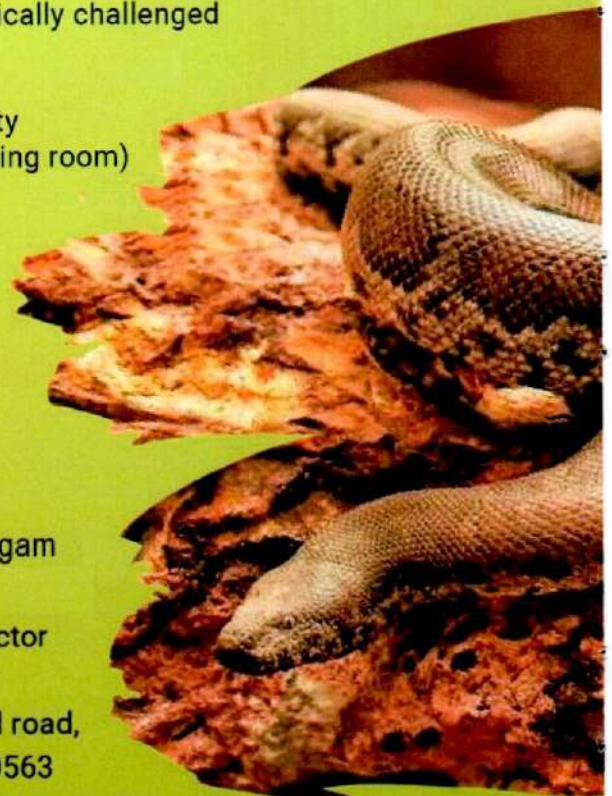
**Weekly Closure Day of the Zoo :** Wednesday

### Management Personnel of the zoo

<b>Zoo Director :</b>	Prof. E. Kunhiraman
<b>Chief Executive Officer :</b>	Mr. Avinash Girija
<b>Veterinary Officer :</b>	Dr. Anju Mohan S.
<b>Curator :</b>	Mr. Amaljith A T
<b>Chief Supervisor :</b>	Mr. Sudhakaran T. V
<b>ZEO/Biologist :</b>	Mr. Shinoy Rhodes Spadigam
<b>H.R. Manager :</b>	Mrs. Bindhu M. K.
<b>Zoo Operator :</b>	Prof. E. Kunhiraman , Director
<b>Address of the Operator :</b>	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	Mr. Shinoy Rhodes Spadigam
P.R.O	1	Dr. Kavitha K
H.R. Manager	1	Mrs. Bindu M.K.
Digital Marketing Executive	2	Mr. Sarfas P. (Digital Marketing Executive) Mr. Raneesh C. (Graphic Designer)

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Designation	Designation Number of Sanctioned Posts	Names of the incumbent
Zoo Keepers	6	Mr. Sajeevan O. Mr. Jayesh A.J Mr. Prakashan P.V Mr. Sayanth, Mr. Satheesh, Mr. Rahul
Accountant	1	Mrs. Aswathy K.
Receptionist	1	Mrs. Pradeepa K.V.
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. Narayanan Mr. Rajan C Mrs Leela K

# CAPACITY BUILDING OF ZOO PERSONNEL

Name and designation of the zoo personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Place where the Training attended	Organizer of the programme
Mr. Sajeevan O Mr. Satheesh C (Zoo Keepers)	Capacity building workshop for Zookeepers of Southern region	2 Days (24-25 October 2024)	Pilikula Biological Park, Mangalore	Central Zoo Authority

## ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Date of constitution:** 20th April 2024

### 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:

20th April 2024  
18th August 2024  
20th December 2024  
14th March 2025

## ZOO HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Date of constitution:** 20th April 2024

### MEMBERS

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2. Prof. E. Kunhiraman (Director, MVR Snake Park and Zoo)
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5. Divya Dineshan (Curator, MVR Snake Park and Zoo)
6. Dr. Muraleedharan A.K. (Principal, MVR Ayurveda Medical College, Parassinikkadavu)
7. Dr. Mukundan K. V (Co-operative Hospital, Taliparamba)

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# **STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ZOO**

**INCOME:- 17592410**

**EXPENSES:- 16858468**

**PROFIT:- 733942**



## DAILY FEED SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

Sl.No	Species	Feed item	Quantity (grams / individual)	Frequency	
1	Jungle Cat	Chicken Meat	300	Daily	
2	Asian Palm Civet	Chicken Meat	300	Daily	
		Banana	2 number		
3	Indian Crested Porcupine	Cucumber	200	Daily	
		Banana	200		
		Carrot	150		
		Cabbage	150		
		Tomato	150		
		Tapioca	150		
		Beef bones	100		
4	Bonnet Macaque*	Banana	150	Daily	
		Boiled rice	75		
		Tomato	175		
		Mixture (For alel)	Egg		6 Number
			Bread		1 Pack
			Milk		1.5 Liters
5	Indian Peafowl*	Plantain	150	Daily	
		Cabbage	100		
		Cucumber	600		
		Rice	1000		
		Gram	250		
		Spinach	50		
6	Emu*	Plantain	150	Daily	
		Cabbage	100		
		Cucumber	600		
		Spinach	150		
		Onion	50		
		Boiled rice	500		
7	Silver Pheasant*	Plantain	50	Daily	
		Cabbage	20		
		Cucumber	100		
		Rice	100		
		Gram	50		
		Spinach	20		

## DAILY FEED SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

Sl.No	Species	Feed item	Quantity (grams / individual)	Frequency
8	White Necked Stork	Chicken meat / Fish	200	Daily
9	Barn Owl	Chicken meat / Fish	200	Daily
10	Brown Fish Owl	Chicken meat / Fish	200	Daily
11	Black Kite	Chicken meat / Fish	200	Daily
12	Brahminy Kite	Chicken meat / Fish	200	Daily
13	Marsh Crocodile	Chicken meat / Fish	400	Daily
14	Bengal Monitor	Chicken meat	250	Daily
15	Indian Black Turtle	Chicken meat	25	Daily
16	Red Eared Slider	Chicken meat	25	Daily
17	Travancore Tortoise	Cucumber	200	Daily
18	Snakes	Pinkies, Mice, Rat, Day-old-chicks, Chicken, Geckos, Frogs	As per requirement	Weekly once

*\* Provided with seasonal fruits*



# VACCINATION SCHEDULE FOR ANIMALS

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

## DE-WORMING SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

SL No	Species	Drug used	Month
1	Primates	Albendazole Fenbendazole	December, June
2	Felidae (Jungle cats)	Albendazole Fenbendazole	October, April
3	All Birds	Albendazole Fenbendazole	September, March
4	All reptiles	Albendazole Fenbendazole	October, April

# DISINFECTION SCHEDULE

SL.No	Species and Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Applicable to all enclosures	Kohrsolin According to the product information	Fortnightly
2		Potassium permanganate Foot dips are installed in some enclosures and construction work is in progress for remaining enclosures	Daily
3			
4		Fumigation Potassium Permanganate & Formaldehyde	Monthly

## HEALTH CHECK-UP OF EMPLOYEES FOR ZOO NOTIC DISEASES

General test :	Blood pressure Body Mass Index (BMI)
Complete Haemogram :	Haemoglobin TLC DLC Neutrophils, Eosinophils, Basophils, Lymphocytes, Monocytes, ESR RBC PCV MCV MCH MCHC Red cell distribution Platelet counts
Biochemical parameters :	Random Blood Sugar (Plasma)
Lipid test :	Total Cholesterol
Zoonotic disease screening :	Brucellosis: - Brucella Ig Test Tuberculosis: - Mycobacterium microscopy Sputum (AFB)

## SUMFUN 2K24

MVR Snake Park and Zoo Parassinikkadavu conducted SUMFUN-2K24, a Summer Camp for children of age group 4-12 years. The camp was held from April 17-24 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. The camp was commenced by the Inauguration ceremony held at the zoo on 17/04/2024 at 10.00 am. The welcome address was delivered by Deena. P.N, Zoo Education Officer of the zoo and Presidential Address by Dr. Anju Mohan.S, Veterinary Officer of the zoo. The camp was inaugurated by Prof.E.Kunhiraman, Director of MVR Snake Park and Zoo. He talked about the importance of conducting summer camps to inculcate love and compassion towards nature and wildlife. Felicitation was delivered by Prof. Dr. Muraleedharan. A.K, Principal, MVR Ayurveda Medical College, and Dr. Geethanandhan. K, Principal, MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies. A vote of thanks was expressed by Amaljith A.T., Curator of the zoo. The inauguration ceremony was followed by an ice-breaking session and a memory game. Later, the participants had a zoo visit and 'Hiss..' - A session on 'Snakes Around Us' was delivered by Riyas Mangad, Zoo Instructor, thereafter the day was concluded by a session on Yoga.



The second day of Sum Fun had a colourful kickoff by conducting a watercolour session for the participants. The Guest Artist Shyju Azhikode trained the students by portraying a live watercolor painting. The class provided a solid foundation to the participants in techniques for watercolour painting & inspired them to continue exploring the medium on their own.

The afternoon session was about butterflies by Lepidopterist Shri.V.C.Balakrishnan. The class on butterflies provided a captivating journey into the enchanting world of these delicate insects. The class commenced with an overview of butterfly taxonomy, highlighting the major families and species diversity. Participants learnt to distinguish between moths and butterflies based on morphological characteristics such as wing shape, coloration, and behavior. The day was concluded by conducting games for different age groups.



The Origami and craft class, held on the third day of SumFun 2k24, aimed at introducing participants to the art of origami and various craft techniques.

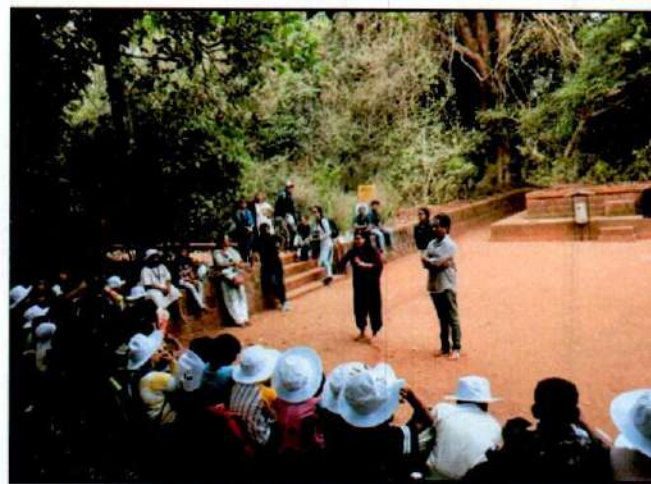
The class was conducted by Smt. Jolly Philip, Specialist teacher, BRC, Pappinisseri. The participants consisted of individuals with varying levels of experience in origami and crafting. The class began with a brief introduction to the history and significance of origami as an art form.

Participants made beautiful flowers out of colourful paper and also had a chance to explore different types of paper crafts. The activities helped to foster creativity and artistic expression through hands-on activities.

The afternoon session on herbal plants and gardening delved all participants into the fascinating world of medicinal plants, exploring their fundamental functions. Dr. Nikhila. K.P, Assistant Professor, Department of Dravyaguna, MVR Ayurveda Medical College introduced common medicinal plants seen around us and detailed how to use different parts of a plant for curing common illnesses among people.



The journey to the rich biodiversity spot Neeliyarkottam with a history that date back to the stone age was a novel experience for the kids. It was an educative, enriching, and fun-filled, element of the camp. The field trip provided participants with hands-on experience in bird identification and habitat exploration. Guided by experts, participants observed butterflies and birds in their natural habitats. They learnt to identify different species & their behaviours. The session was handled by Shri. Sasidharan Manekkara, Ornithologist Field observations also served as opportunities to discuss conservation challenges faced by birds and their habitats. Dr. Deepa, a researcher at Neeliyar Kottam, her assistance was also an added benefit for the kids to learn about the site.



PARICHA- The self-defense class offered a dynamic and empowering learning experience focused on equipping participants with practical skills and strategies to protect themselves in various situations. The morning counselling session was dealt by Smt. Shruthy.V.V, School Counsellor, GHSS, Aroli and the practical session was by Shri.Naufal Gurukkal, Karate National Referee and Judge, and his team. Through a combination of theoretical knowledge, physical techniques, and interactive exercises, participants gained confidence and preparedness in self-defense.



CHAMAYAM- The creative drama training was a powerful educational tool that promoted creativity, critical thinking, communication skills, and emotional intelligence among participants. The session was handled by Praveen Rugma Ezhome, Drama artist and Shri. Sivadasan. Kids demonstrated enhanced creativity through their ability to generate ideas, think outside the box, and express themselves imaginatively. They learned to work collaboratively with others, fostering a sense of teamwork, trust, and mutual respect. The event highlighted the participant's role in boosting their confidence, improving their communication skills, and fostering a sense of community. By providing a safe and supportive space for exploration and self-expression, the programme empowered participants to embrace their creativity and engage more fully with the world around them. The session was engaging with the oration of poems and folk songs.



The valedictory function held on 24/04/2024 marked the vibrant culmination of SUMFUN 2K24, bringing together participants, organizers, and esteemed guests to celebrate the successful completion of the 8-day Summer camp held at MVR Snake Park and Zoo.

The day started with SWASTHYAM- a session on health and free health check-ups for all the participants. The birthday of Tanvi Akhil, a little participant in the camp was celebrated with the cutting of the cake and distribution of sweets. The cultural program by participants held at the afternoon session enthralled the audience with a captivating display of talent, creativity, and cultural diversity, showcasing a kaleidoscope of performances that left a lasting impression on all attendees.

The Valedictory function commenced with a warm welcome extended to all attendees by Ms. Deena. P.N., Zoo Education Officer. Dr. Anju Mohan, Zoo Veterinary Officer presided over the function. appreciation and gratitude. The valedictory function was inaugurated by Prof. E.Kunhiraman, Director of MVR Snake Park and Zoo. Dr. Deepa Chandran, a conservationist, felicitated at the function. The gathering was graced by the presence of guests, Zoo staff, participants, and their parents.



International Macaque Week celebrates and raises awareness about primates, highlighting behavior, habitat, conservation status, and ecosystem protection



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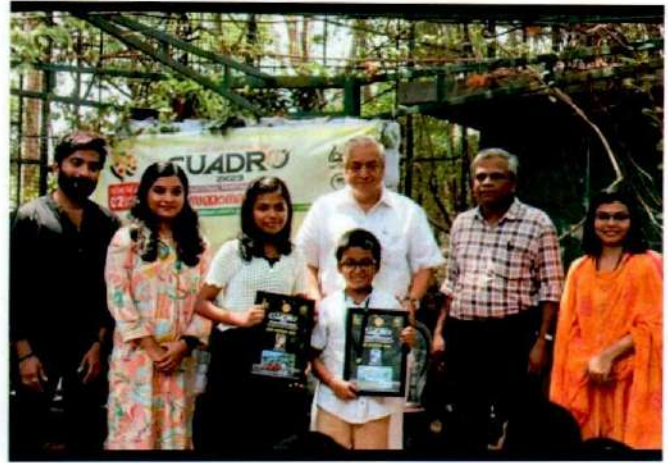
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MAY 2024

# INTERNATIONAL MACAQUE WEEK

Let's learn about  
Bonnet Macaque  
*(Macaca radiata)*

- Hair partitioned in the middle
- Less aggressive
- Primarily found in South India
- IUCN Status - Least Concern

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The CV Janaki Amma Gold Medal International Painting Competition was awarded by renowned dancer and actress Kalakshetra Janet James at a ceremony held at MVR Snake Park & Zoo on May 2.

The competition was organized on Children's Day in memory of CV Janaki Amma, wife of Snake Park founder and former minister MV Raghavan.

This was the second year that Snake Park had organized the CV Janaki Amma Gold Medal International Drawing Competition. The competition was organized in two categories for children between the ages of 5 and 14. The medium was crayons or oil paste for the 5 to 8 age group and watercolor for the 9 to 14 age group.



Ved Tirth Bineesh, who won first place in the oil pastel category, and Kumari Bhagyasree Rajesh, who won first place in the watercolor category, were awarded the CV Janaki Amma Gold Medal. Certificates of appreciation were also distributed to those who secured second and third places in both categories.

M. V. R Snake Park Director Prof. E. Kunhiraman presided over the function. Snake Park Veterinary Officer Dr. Anju Mohan and M. V. R Institute of Life Science and Research Studies Principal Dr. Geethanandan K. spoke. Snake Park Chief Supervisor Mr. T. V. Sudhakaran presented the vote of thanks.

In the LP category, Kumari Naithika Santhosh and Nevan B Ajanth secured second and third positions. In the U. P category, Ashwath Ajay and Harsha Pramod secured second and third positions respectively.

International Leopard Day is an annual observance that is celebrated on May 3 around the world. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about leopards and their protection and conservation. Leopards are one of the most iconic and attractive big cats, but they face numerous threats, including habitat loss, poaching, and conflict with humans. Leopards are indicators of a healthy ecosystem, as their presence often correlates with high biodiversity levels. Protecting leopards means safeguarding the habitats and prey species that support them, thereby conserving a wide array of plant and animal species.



   
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**03  
MAY  
2024**

**INTERNATIONAL  
LEOPARD  
DAY**

**LEOPARD FACTS**

- LEOPARD SPOTS ARE CALLED ROSETTES
- LEOPARDS LIKE TO SPEND TIME IN TREES
- LEOPARDS ARE THE SMALLEST OF THE BIG CATS
- LEOPARDS ARE FAST RUNNERS
- LEOPARDS ARE SOLITARY ANIMALS
- LEOPARDS WILL EAT ALMOST ANYTHING
- LEOPARDS ARE AMBUSH PREDATORS

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## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Students from URSULINE HSS visited Snakepark on 15/5/2024 for a project on topic Ex- situ conservation.



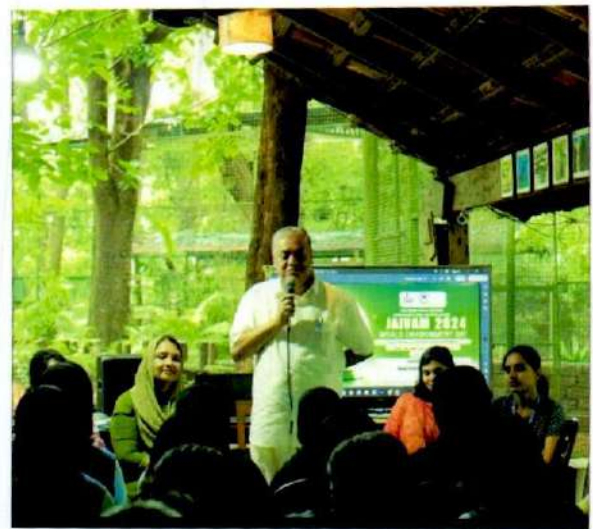
Zoo visit and Class on Snakes and Snake Venom on 08-06-2024 , as part of a Biology project based on the topic 'Snake and Snake Venom' – for students from St. Mary's Convent School, Alakkode.



A Monsoon Disease Control Awareness Class was held at MVR Snake Park & Zoo on 19/5/2024. Health Inspector Smt. Anitha from F.H.C Parassinikkadavu led the class and discussed how to prevent disease spread, diseases and symptoms spread by mosquitoes, and related treatment.



World Environment Day was observed at MVR Snake Park and Zoo on 05/06/2024. About 50 students participated in the event -'JAIVAM 2024' jointly organized by the Biodiversity Club of Sir Syed College and Snake Park. Students and faculties of the MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies also attended the function. On the occasion of Environment Day, tree saplings were distributed, and a zoo visit was organized. A photo contest 'SNAPZOOT 2K24' highlighting the importance of conserving trees was inaugurated.





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### Season Alert: Information



The Zoo supervisor Sudhakaran TV who played a role in the movie 'Grrrr' which was shot at MVR Snake Park and Zoo was appreciated by Zoo Director Prof. E. Kunhiraman.

'GRRR' is a malayalam movie under the banner of August cinemas, directed by Mr.Jay.K, starring Kunchako Boban, and Suraj Venjaramoodu in lead roles.

It is a survival thriller malayalam movie based on a real incident at Trivandrum Zoo, the film is running succesfully in theatres now. On 16/6/2024, on the occasion of second training session of zoo ambassadors, Zoo director admired about his incredible performance and appreciated his talent and commitment and gifted a token of appreciation.

## ZOO AMBASSADOR TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR KIDS

This programme is to train the selected students to be 'Zoo Ambassadors of MVR Snake Park & Zoo' to inspire & create awareness among other kids about conserving wildlife. It creates an opportunity to the kids to learn more about zoo animals especially snakes and their role in ecosystems. The Zoo Ambassadors training programme the kids will be trained in identification of animal, species, their habitat, characteristic features, role of animals in ecosystems & importance of zoo in conservation.

After the training, these selected students will be ambassadors of MVR Snake Park & Zoo & will educate their school groups, family & friends. Zoo Ambassadors will be provided with a 'Zoo Ambassador Certificate', a 'Zoo Passport' with free visits to the zoo & a 'Zoo Ambassador Badge'.



The second session of selection training for Zoo ambassadors was held at MVR Snake Park & Zoo on 16/6/2024. The charming trainees were selected from the SUMFUN-2K24 Summer camp conducted at the zoo on 17/4/2024-24/4/2024. The session was handled by Zoo Education Officer Ms. Deena. A brief introduction about ornithology, plumology and a detailed session on birds of the zoo were delivered.

Participants also had a chance to observe the birds and learn in-depth about them.



The third selection training session for Zoo Ambassadors was held at MVR Snake Park & Zoo on 30/6/2024. A brief session on the general features of reptiles and a detailed class on reptiles and snakes in the zoo were delivered jointly by Zoo Education Officer Deena. P.N and Zoo Instructor Riyas Mangad. Participants got a chance to witness the feeding of inmates of the zoo and also had an opportunity to study in detail the scales of snakes. The hands-on experience was a novelty for participants and their parents.

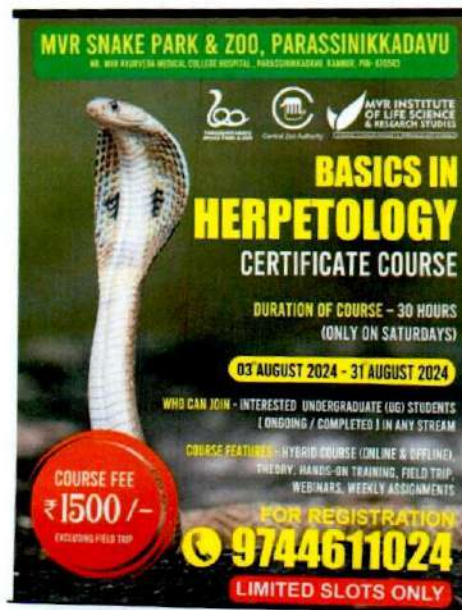


The students of Four Year Under Graduate Programme 2024-2028 batch from MVR Institute of Life Science and Research Studies visited MVR Snake park & Zoo on 02/07/2024. The students were new joiners for courses like Forestry, Biotechnology, Microbiology and Plant Science. The Zoo Director Prof. E. Kunhiraman addressed the students and Zoo Veterinary Officer Dr. Anju Mohan gave an introduction about captive management of animals. Around 13 students along with 4 faculties had a perceptive zoo visit and a sophisticated class on 'ZOO' and 'Snakes around Us', jointly delivered by Zoo Education Officer Deena P.N and Zoo Instructor Riyas Mangad.





Kerala Forest Department (Kannur Division) and MVR Snake Park & Zoo, Parassinikkadavu jointly celebrated 'World Snake Day'. The function included declaration of zoo ambassadorship to the selected kids and an awareness class to licensed rescuers. Shri. Jose Mathew, Divisional Forest Officer (Social Forestry) inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Snake Park Director Prof. E. Kunhiraman presided over the function. Zoo Ambassador certificates & badges to the selected kids were distributed in the function by DFO. Zoo Veterinary Officer, Dr. Anju Mohan, Shri. Amaljith A. T., Zoo Curator and Range Forest Officer of Taliparamb Range, Shri. P. Suresh expressed their views.



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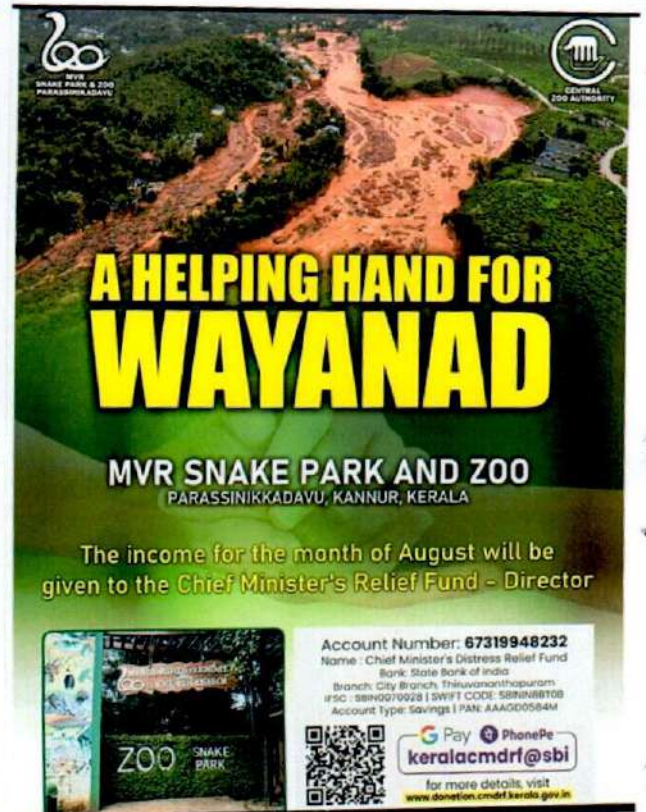


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



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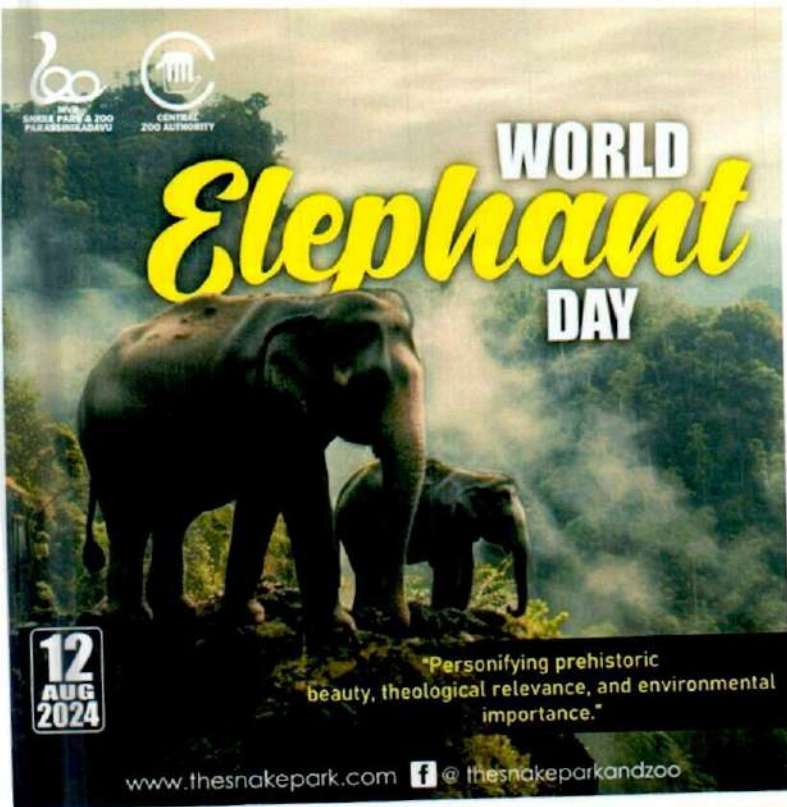
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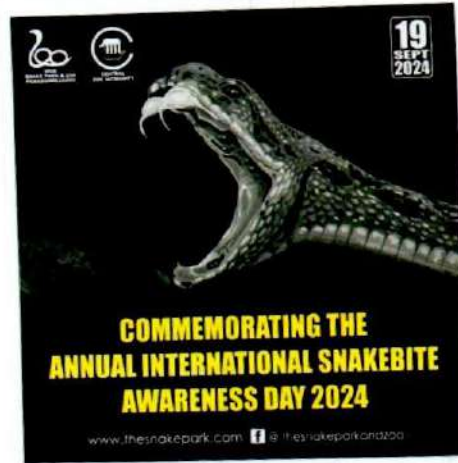


**WORLD Elephant DAY**

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Let's commemorate the Annual International Snake bite Awareness Day. In 2018, International Snakebite Awareness Day was born when the world needed to know about this mostly ignored crisis. The theme this year is Disabilities from snakebite envenoming. Disabilities from snakebite envenoming may be:  
Physical amputations, infections, pain, disfigurement, impaired mobility  
Neurological paralysis, nerve damage, seizures, cognitive impairment  
Psychological post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety.



MVR Snake Park & Zoo observed International Snake Bite Awareness Day in collaboration with Malabar Awareness and Rescue Centre. The participants of the event were students of National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kannur. The sessions were handled by Dr. Roshnath Ramesh, Secretary, Malabar Rescue and Awareness Centre & Ms. Deena Ponnuchan, ZEO, MVR Snake Park & Zoo. Students had an exciting visit of the zoo and an interactive session on " How to avoid Snake Bite". Do's & Don'ts after a Snake Bite" was demonstrated to the participants by Zoo Crew.



October 2nd to 8th!

Events to look forward to:  
Wildlife Week Inauguration  
Wildlife Photography Exhibition  
Eco-Friendly Art Installation  
Wildlife Week Parade  
Storytelling Competition  
Wildlife Yoga Session A  
Expert Talks



MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October as 'Swachhta Diwas' as part of the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign to realize Mahatma Gandhi's dream of 'Clean India'.

Zoo Director Prof. E Kunhiraman inaugurated the event by planting a sapling and also informed that the aim is to spread the message of hygiene and sanitation to the public. Majority of the zoo crew engaged in the cleanliness drive programme and saplings were planted all over the surroundings.



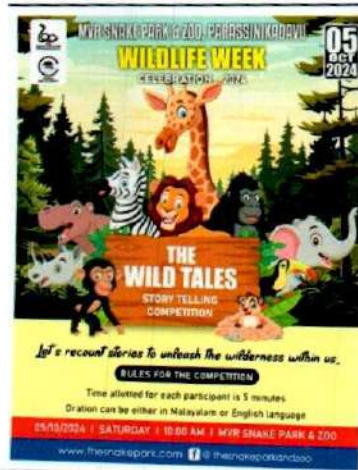
"WILDLIFE WITH KIDS" - In association with WILDLIFE WEEK 2024, MVR Snake Park & Zoo in collaboration with Malabar Awareness and Rescue Centre for Wildlife, conducted a zoo visit and awareness class for selected students of Kannur and 'MARC KIDS' and their parents on 02/10/2024. MVR Snake Park & Zoo Director Prof.E. Kunhiraman and Mr.

Mahesh Das, President, MARC shared their views on importance of wildlife week and the urgent need of conservation.



Celebrating wildlife conservation with an eco-friendly art installation - The Scrap Wall!!

Let's refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle to protect our precious wildlife and the environment we all share.



MVR Snake Park & Zoo, Parassinikadavu, as we celebrate Wildlife Week 2024 with "The Wild Tales" Storytelling Competition



Wildlife Week, celebrated annually from October 2nd to 8th, aims to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and biodiversity. As part of this week-long event, various sessions and activities were organized by MVR Snake Park & Zoo to educate and engage the public, especially young minds. MVR Snake Park & Zoo in association with Kerala Professional Network and Bio Diversity Club, Sir Syed College, Taliparamba organised an expert talk on October 4, 2024.

'ARCTIC ODDYSSEY - A Journey to the North Pole', the session on Wildlife Photography was handled by Dr. Mohanan. P.V, Wildlife Photographer and Retired Assistant Director, Animal Husbandry Department. The biggest issue we face is climate change and the reason behind this is none other than human, he reminded. Dr. P.V.Mohanan was an eminent person among the photographers who travelled to the North Pole this year.

MVR Snake Park and Zoo Director Professor. E. Kunhiraman inaugurated the function. The inauguration ceremony was held by watering a fig tree sapling-a keystone species. He highlighted that wildlife should be conserved in its natural habitat. MVR Snake Park and Zoo Veterinary Officer Dr. Anju Mohan presided over the function.

Co-ordinator of the Biodiversity Club of Sir Syed College, Dr. Mumthaz T. M. V, and Treasurer of Kerala Professional Network-Kannur Chapter, Mr. Madhu Kunnoth felicitated at the event.

Certificate distribution for participants of Certificate course 'BASICS IN HERPETOLOGY' was also held amidst the event

The participants of the event were students from Department of Environmental Science, Kannur University, Sir Syed College, Taliparamba and Mvr Ayurveda Medical College.

Zoo Education Officer Deena. P. N, Zoo Curator Amaljith A. T., also spoke at the event.



The Wildlife Week Parade, held on 06/10/2024, as part of Wildlife Week celebrations, was a vibrant and educational event aimed at raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation. Organized by MVR Snake Park & Zoo, the parade brought together a diverse group of participants, including administrative officers, zoo keepers, attenders and zoo ambassador representatives. Zoo crew wearing masks of different animals with placards having conservation slogans were an astonishing view for visitors of the zoo. The event was concluded with a fun-filled random wildlife quiz session.



The Wildlife Yoga Day held on 07/10/2024 at MVR Snake Park & Zoo, as part of Wildlife Week Celebrations, was designed to offer participants a unique combination of physical well-being through yoga and connection with nature and wildlife. Session was handled by Shri. Anumol V.S, Yoga instructor, MVR Ayurveda Medical College. The objective was to promote mindfulness, reduce stress, and raise awareness about the conservation of wildlife through an immersive outdoor yoga experience.



The Wildlife Week Valedictory Ceremony was held on 08/10/2024 at MVR Snake Park & Zoo to conclude a week-long series of events aimed at raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation. The event was organized jointly by Zoo and Koovode Public Library Members. Participants had a zoo visit and awareness class about 'Snakes Around Us'. Prize Distribution for 'Ente Maram' competition was held amidst the event. 'Plant a tree for Wildlife' and sapling distribution was the highlights of the day.



We are delighted to share that two of our dedicated zookeeping staff members recently attended a training workshop at Pilikula Zoo. This training program provided them with valuable skills and insights to enhance animal care and welfare at our park.

On the final day of the workshop, our esteemed Managing Director, Prof. E. Kunjiraman, along with our ZEO, Ms. Deena P.N., led an inspiring session. Their talks underscored our commitment to wildlife conservation and the importance of continuous learning in zookeeping. We are proud of our team's dedication to growing their expertise and enhancing the care we provide to our animals.



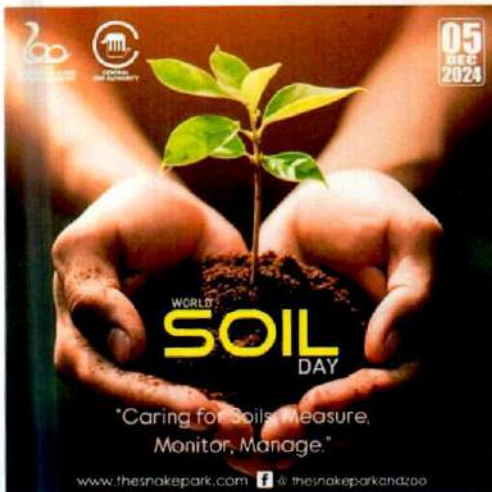


### Nature's Palette' Brings Children and Wildlife Together at Parassinikadavu Snake Park and Zoo.

Parassinikadavu Snake Park and Zoo hosted "Nature's Palette" on Children's Day, a special event designed to bring young minds closer to the wonders of nature. The event featured students from Pappinisseri West LP School alongside the park's dedicated zoo ambassadors and, total of 250 students participated the event, all celebrating the spirit of learning and conservation.

The day started with a lively Zoo visit and Awareness class forwarded with a Nature loving Drawing competition, where children used their creativity to illustrate scenes from nature, particularly reptiles and wildlife. Following the competition, the young participants attended interactive sessions led by experts, who gave short classes about the importance of snakes in ecosystems, and dispelled myths surrounding these often-misunderstood creatures.

The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session where kids enthusiastically posed questions about the animals they saw. "Nature's Palette" was a successful Children's Day celebration, promoting awareness and appreciation for wildlife among the young attendees at Parassinikadavu Snake Park.



The theme for World Soil Day 2024 is "Caring for Soils:

Measure, Monitor, Manage." This theme emphasizes the importance of accurate soil data to guide sustainable management practices. It highlights the need for monitoring soil health to improve soil conditions, reduce erosion and pollution, enhance water storage, promote biodiversity, and combat climate change through carbon sequestration.

A reminder to protect these powerful symbols of freedom and their natural homes.



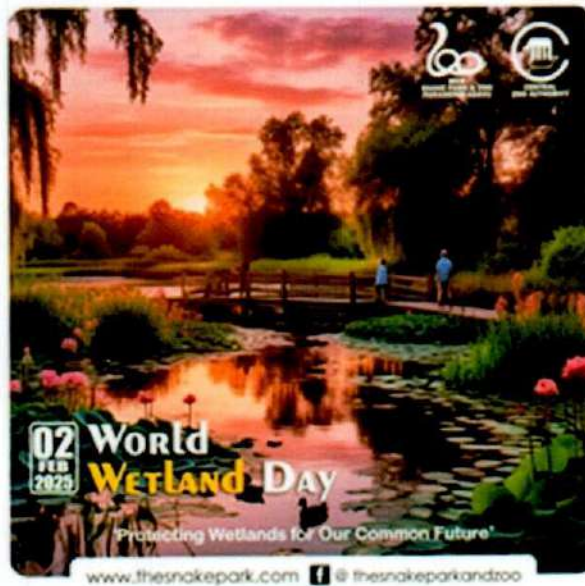
MVR Snake Park and Zoo is now officially declared as "Haritha idam" One of the finest tourism sector under Anthoor municipality with A grade certification. Certificate was received by Zoo Representative, and officially handed over to Our Zoo Director., Prof. E kunhiraman.



Freedom, equality, and unity. the pillars of our great nation. Let's continue to strengthen them as we celebrate our 75th Republic Day!



Nature's lifeline! This #WorldWetlands Day, let's protect these vital ecosystems that sustain life, combat climate change, and preserve biodiversity. Every drop counts!



## WORLD WILDLIFE DAY



MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikadavu will celebrate World Wildlife Day on March 3, 2025, at 10:30 AM, under the theme "Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet", in association with the Central Zoo Authority. The event will feature addresses by Dr. Anju Mohan, Prof. E. Kunhiraman, and Chief Guest Sanooop Krishnan P. V, Forest Range Officer, Taliparamba. Felicitations will be offered by dignitaries including Avinash Girija, Dr. A.K. Muraleedharan, Dr. Sangeeth K.P, and Dr. Muhammed Sibin. The event will conclude with a vote of thanks by Amaljith A.T.

Special sessions include:

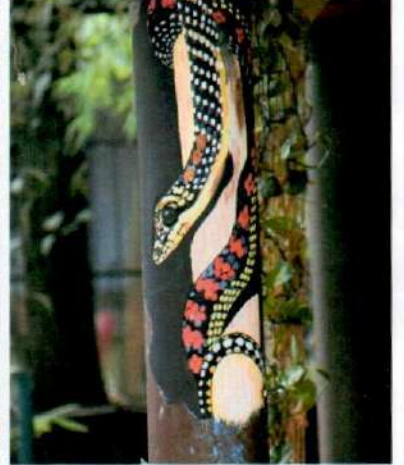
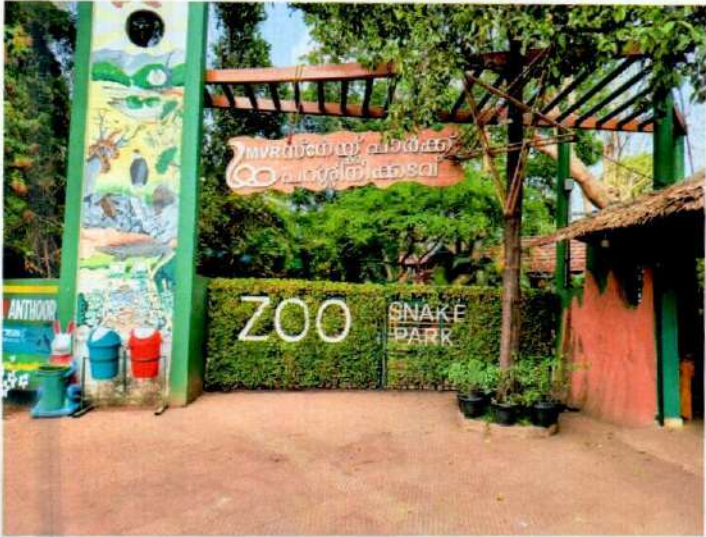
- "Snakes Uncoiled", a snake awareness class by Shinoy Rhodes Spadigam
- "Snakes and Brains", a quiz programme led by T. V. Sudhakaran

The event aims to raise awareness about wildlife conservation and engage the public through education and interactive sessions.



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