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WILDLIFE WEEK 2026 – DAY 5 AT NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

New Delhi, 6 October 2026: The fifth day of Wildlife Week 2026 at the National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi, witnessed enthusiastic participation by students, teachers, zoo volunteers and visitors through a series of educational and engaging activities focused on biodiversity, wildlife awareness and conservation.

The day commenced at 8:00 AM with a Spider and Insect Walk, providing participants an opportunity to observe and learn about the diverse spider and insect fauna found in the National Zoological Park. A total of 54 participants, including 23 students and 6 teachers, participated in the walk. The session was led by Dr. Chandranshu Tiwari, who shared valuable insights into the fascinating world of spiders and insects and their ecological significance.

The Spider and Insect Walk was followed by a Treasure Hunt Activity for students of Classes VI to VIII. The activity encouraged students to explore wildlife-related themes in an interactive and enjoyable manner.

A Rangoli Competition was subsequently organised for students of Classes IX to XII on the theme "Biodiversity – The Beautiful Web of Life." Raw materials required for the competition were provided by the National Zoological Park, enabling the participants to creatively express their understanding and appreciation of biodiversity. Overall, 67 students representing 18 schools participated in the various activities and competitions held during the day, reflecting the growing interest and enthusiasm among young minds towards wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental sustainability.

Continuing the Wildlife Week initiative of highlighting different species and animal groups each day, the "Species in Focus" for Day 5 was the Bear. A dedicated enclosure enrichment programme was conducted at the Bear Enclosure, followed by an informative Keeper's Talk. The programme provided participants with an opportunity to understand the behaviour, care and management of bears in captivity, while also highlighting the importance of their conservation in the wild. The activities of the day successfully combined education, creativity and direct engagement with wildlife, reinforcing the message of responsible stewardship of nature and biodiversity.

Activities Scheduled for 7 October 2026:

The Wildlife Week celebrations will continue on Wednesday, 7 October 2026, with the Reptile, Amphibian and Mollusc Walk. The walk will focus on the reptiles, amphibians and molluscs of the National Zoological Park and will be open to zoo volunteers, students and visitors. After that an Open Wildlife Quiz will be organised for students of Classes VI to XII.

The Species in Focus will be Herbivores. The programme will involve zoo volunteers, students, visitors and herbivore-keeping staff and will be conducted at the (Brow antlered deer (Sangai) enclosure.

The National Zoological Park continues to celebrate Wildlife Week 2026 with the aim of fostering awareness, appreciation and a deeper sense of responsibility towards wildlife and the natural world among visitors and, particularly, the younger generation.

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