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WILDLIFE WEEK 2026 – DAY 6 AT NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

National Zoological Park Celebrates Sixth Day of Wildlife Week with Reptile, Amphibian and Mollusc Walk, Wildlife Quiz and Herbivore Enrichment Programme

New Delhi, 7 October 2026: The National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi, continued its Wildlife Week celebrations with enthusiasm and active participation from students, teachers, zoo volunteers and visitors on the sixth day of Wildlife Week celebrations today. The day commenced with a Reptile, Amphibian and Mollusc Walk, providing participants an opportunity to learn about the diverse reptilian, amphibian and molluscan fauna found at the National Zoological Park. The programme was conducted under the expert guidance of Sh. Amit Kumar Gupta. A total of 48 participants, comprising 32 students, 6 teachers and 10 visitors, took part in the nature walk. The activity helped participants understand the ecological significance of these often lesser-known groups of wildlife and the importance of their conservation.

The walk was followed by an Open Wildlife Quiz Competition for students of Classes VI to XII. The quiz witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 students, who demonstrated their knowledge and interest in wildlife, biodiversity and conservation.

Overall, 108 participants, including students from 15 schools, took part in the day's activities and competition. The enthusiastic participation reflected the growing interest among young minds in wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental sustainability.

Continuing the Wildlife Week initiative of highlighting different groups and species of wildlife, Herbivores were the “Species in Focus” for the day. A special enclosure enrichment programme was organised at the Brow-antlered Deer (Sangai) enclosure, followed by an interactive Keeper’s Talk. The programme provided participants with an opportunity to learn about the behaviour, habitat, dietary requirements and conservation significance of herbivorous species, while also understanding the role of enrichment in promoting natural behaviours and animal welfare in zoological institutions.

The day's programmes were organised with the objective of creating greater awareness about wildlife and encouraging active participation of students and the public in conservation efforts. Wildlife Week at the National Zoological Park continues to provide an engaging platform for environmental education, knowledge sharing and fostering a deeper connection between people and wildlife.

Activities planned for 8 October 2026:

The Wildlife Week celebrations will continue on 8 October 2026 with a series of educational and awareness programmes at the National Zoological Park.

The day will begin with a Bird Walk focusing on the water birds of the National Zoological Park, in which zoo volunteers, students and visitors will participate. An Expert Talk on “Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity: Pathways for Wildlife Survival” will be organised at the Education Centre for prize winner students, staffs, volunteers and interns. At 11:00 AM, a Prize Distribution Function will be held at the Amphitheatre, during which appreciation certificates and trophies will be presented to the winners of Wildlife Week competitions from Delhi/NCR.

A Wildlife Quiz for zoo staff will be conducted in the afternoon, providing an opportunity for staff members to test and enhance their knowledge of wildlife and conservation. The day's programmes will conclude with a Keeper’s Talk and Enclosure Enrichment Programme, with the Tiger as the “Species in Focus.” The activity will be organised at the Tiger Enclosure and will include an educational interaction with the tiger-keeping staff, distribution of educational literature on tigers and a special enclosure-enrichment activity.

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