NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, NEW DELHI
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NZP Takes Wildlife Conservation and Animal Welfare Education to Schoolchildren Through World Animal Day Outreach Programme:

New Delhi, 25 October 2026: Reaffirming its commitment to wildlife education and public outreach, the National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi, organised an animal welfare and environmental awareness programme at Swami Sivananda Memorial School on 24 October 2026, on the occasion of World Animal Day. The initiative focused on animal cruelty, pollution, wildlife conservation and environmental protection, with the aim of encouraging students to develop empathy towards animals and adopt responsible environmental practices.

The programme engaged approximately 100 students and several animal activists. Through their perspectives and interactions, the participants explored the importance of preventing cruelty to animals, reducing pollution and recognising the shared responsibility of individuals and communities in protecting animals and the environment.

The NZP team conducted an informative session on the role of Delhi Zoo in the conservation of animal species. The session highlighted the importance of wildlife protection, compassionate treatment of animals and responsible behaviour towards nature. Students were encouraged to understand that biodiversity conservation is not only the responsibility of institutions, but also depends on everyday choices and actions by citizens.

To make learning interactive and engaging, a quiz competition on wildlife, biodiversity and environmental issues was organised. The activity encouraged students to test their knowledge, participate actively and reflect on the importance of protecting wildlife and natural habitats. Certificates were distributed in recognition of their participation, helping reinforce their interest in conservation and environmental awareness.

The programme also carried a timely message on Harit Diwali, an initiative promoted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). Students were encouraged to celebrate Diwali in an environmentally responsible manner by minimising pollution, choosing eco-friendly practices and making sustainable choices during the festive season.

The outreach programme sought to turn awareness into action by inspiring students to show compassion towards animals, reduce their environmental footprint and share conservation messages with their families and communities. Through school-based engagement, the National Zoological Park continues to promote environmental literacy among young people and encourage the next generation to become informed, caring and responsible stewards of nature.

18th Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP Promotes Citizen Science and Biodiversity Documentation:

The National Zoological Park also organised the 18th edition of the “Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP” from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM on 25 October 2026, as part of its ongoing efforts

to encourage public participation in biodiversity monitoring, species documentation and wildlife conservation awareness. The walk was conducted under the expert guidance of Shri Vineet Kumar, Bird Expert, with support from dedicated volunteers.

A total of 15 participants—including bird enthusiasts, nature lovers, students, wildlife photographers and citizens interested in biodiversity—joined the walk. The programme was attended by the Director, National Zoological Park, zoo officials and the resource expert, who guided participants and interacted with them during the activity.

Participants documented 40 bird species, with more than 600 individual birds observed in the designated area. The observations contributed to field-level biodiversity documentation and encouraged participants to take an active role in citizen science. The expert also shared insights into bird ecology, behaviour and conservation, including birds' role in natural pest control and their value as indicators of ecosystem health.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Sanjeet Kumar, Director, National Zoological Park, emphasised that nature walks strengthen field-identification skills, deepen understanding of food webs, support biodiversity documentation and foster greater awareness of wildlife conservation. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, feedback session and group photograph.

To ensure a meaningful learning experience, each Sunday Bird Walk is limited to 20–25 participants. Prior registration is mandatory, with places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The designated Google Form remains open from Monday to Friday each week; the registration link is available on the official website of the National Zoological Park and through the NZP Saathi mobile application.

Revised Winter Timing for Sunday Bird Walk:

In line with the winter schedule, the starting time of the Sunday Bird Walk has been revised from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM. Participants are advised to take note of the revised timing while planning their visit.

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