

Wildlife Week 2011 at Alwar

The State Forest department of Rajasthan at Alwar celebrated Wildlife Week from 1st Oct. - 07th Oct. 2011. Tiger Trust was invited to preside over the closing ceremony along with the Chief Conservator of Forest Sh. R.S. Shekhawat, Member Wildlife Board Smt. Shkuntala Rawat, Member Managing Committee, and the Principal. The revelry which witnessed a range of events and celebrations started with a painting competition organized by Tiger Trust for the primary to middle level school students. Topics for the competition included "My environment", "Man-animal conflict" and "Happy Universe". Tiger Trust distributed colours, drawing sheets and stationeries to the students. School children enthusiastically participated in the programme which was evident from the paintings crafted by them. Each painting narrated its own version of conservation depicting a utopian society where man and animal live in peace and harmony. Ms. Gosain on seeing the art exhibited by the students expressed her appreciation and lauded the thoughts of the students. One of the paintings depicted a Tiger and a family as "Best Buddies".

The painting competition was followed by a film show "Truth about Tigers" which illustrated tiger habitat, preying habits, their family bonds, population and reasons for the decline. The film undoubtedly held the attention not only of the kids but the teachers, school staff and volunteers as well. An open house session was organized after the show which witnessed open interaction of the students and the faculty. When asked from one of the students as to whether they would allow the forest officers to carry arms in the park, a prompt reply came from the students saying that they would not allow any officer to carry weapon since they feared killing of tiger. The students felt proud to share that Sariska Tiger Reserve now has 5 tigers and the park is developing with the efforts of the Forest Department.

