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WILDLIFE WEEK 2026 – DAY 4 AT NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

243 students from 32 schools participate in on-the-spot painting competition; Lion remains species in focus on Day 4

New Delhi, October 5, 2026: The fourth day of Wildlife Week 2026 at the National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, visitors and zoo volunteers, with activities focusing on biodiversity, wildlife conservation and animal welfare. The day began with a Butterfly and Dragonfly Walk, attracting 54 participants, including 39 students, 5 teachers and 10 visitors. The participants explored the diversity of butterflies and dragonflies found in the Zoo premises and learnt about their ecological significance. The walk was led by the butterfly expert Sh. Ramvir.

The nature walk was followed by an On-the-Spot Painting Competition on the theme “Where Wildlife Finds a Home”. Organised in four categories—Classes 1–5, Classes 6–8, Classes 9–12, and PH/CWSN Divyangjan—the competition received an overwhelming response. A total of 243 students representing 32 schools participated in the painting competition. Through colours and creative expressions, young participants highlighted the importance of wildlife habitats, coexistence and conservation, reflecting the growing interest of schoolchildren in environmental protection and biodiversity conservation.

Lion in Focus: Continuing the Wildlife Week initiative of highlighting a different species each day, the Lion was the “Species in Focus” for Day 4. An enclosure enrichment programme was organised at the Lion Enclosure to provide participants with an insight into animal welfare and the importance of behavioural enrichment for captive wildlife. The programme was followed by a Keeper’s Talk, during which the lion-keeping staff shared information about the species, its behaviour, daily care and management at the National Zoological Park.

The day’s programmes combined nature education, creativity and experiential learning, giving students and visitors an opportunity to connect with wildlife and understand the importance of conserving natural habitats and biodiversity.

Day 5: Spiders, Insects, Treasure Hunt and Rangoli:

The Wildlife Week celebrations will continue on October 6, 2026, with a series of interactive and educational activities. The day will begin with a Spider and Insect Walk at 8:00 AM, focusing on the spiders and insects found in the National Zoological Park. Zoo volunteers, students and visitors will participate in the walk, with participants assembling at the Zoo entrance gate at 7:45 AM.

A Treasure Hunt Activity will be organised at 10:00 AM for students of Classes 6–8, based on “Mimicking an animal behaviour observed.” Certificates of Participation will be awarded to the participants. At 11:00 AM, students of Classes 9–12 will participate

in a Rangoli Competition on the theme “Biodiversity – The Beautiful Web of Life.” The required raw materials will be provided by the National Zoological Park.

Through these activities, the National Zoological Park continues to use education, participation and direct engagement with nature to encourage the younger generation to become ambassadors for wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability.

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