



On the occasion of 71st Wildlife Week celebration, Nandankanan organized various events throughout the week. The detailed day-wise report is presented below.

NANDANKANAN BIOLOGICAL PARK

Events

Date	9:00 am to 11:00 am	2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
02.10.2025 Thursday	- Anti-Plastic Drive - Tree Walk at Arboretum	Species on focus: Big Cats & Kadamba	Online Quiz topic: Insects
03.10.2025 Friday	- Story Telling Session at Zoo Library - Moth Watching Session	Species on focus: Reptiles & Bael	Online Quiz topic: Reptiles
04.10.2025 Saturday	- Presentations by Zoo Interns - Say No to plastic campaign	Species on focus: Primates & Cactus	Online Quiz topic: Mammals
05.10.2025 Sunday	- Sunday Bird Walk - Workshop for Zoo Volunteers	Species on focus: Elephants & Bamboo	Online Quiz topic: Birds
06.10.2025 Monday	- Wildlife Yoga Session - Story Telling competition among staffs	Species on focus: Birds & Banyan	Online Quiz topic: 'Nandankanan'
07.10.2025 Tuesday	- Wetland trail - Budding Birders	Species on focus: Indian pangolin & Climbers and Creepers	Online Quiz topic: Wetlands
08.10.2025 Wednesday	- Wildlife Week Parade - Poster Making Competition	Species on focus: Deers & Ashoka	Online Quiz topic: Plants

Day 1: 02/10/2025 (Thursday)

The 71st Wildlife Week started with an Anti-Plastic Drive in the morning at Nandankanan Zoological Park and State Botanical Garden, with more than 120 participants actively joined the campaign and removed the plastic waste. This was followed by a Tree Walk at the Arboretum with 24 participants, where they learnt about the common plants of Odisha. The participants also used the QR code signages for better knowledge about the distribution, morphology, phenology, and uses of the plants. Keeper's Talk was conducted for the visitors on the topic Big Cats. More than 200 people gained insights about the zoo animals and how they are managed by the zoo keepers. Similarly, in the Botanical Garden, the Species on focus was Kadamba, where the zoo interns shared their knowledge and highlighted the importance of the tree to more than 100 persons. Additionally, an online quiz on "Insects" was organised, which saw enthusiastic participation from 136 individuals.



Anti-Plastic Drive



Tree walk at Arboretum



Keepers talk on "Big Cats"



Winner of Quiz on the topic "Insects"

Day 2: 03/10/2025 (Friday)

On day 2 of Wildlife Week celebration a story telling session was conducted at Zoo Library & Digital Hub, Nandankanan where more than 100 students participated from 3 different schools. As a part of Mission Life campaign activities like seed ball preparation, value addition of aquatic weeds and grafting sessions were conducted. A Keepers' Talk was conducted on the topic "Reptiles" for visitors where the visitors got awareness on care and management of reptiles at Nandankanan along with their conservation. Adding to the celebration, the Bael tree was featured as the "Species of the Day" at State Botanical Garden highlighting its ecological importance besides "Reptiles" being the Species of the Day at Nandankanan. Additionally, an online quiz on "Reptiles" was organized, which saw enthusiastic participation from 204 individuals. In evening a moth watching session was conducted at State Botanical Garden and documented about 35 species of moths.



Story Telling session at Zoo Library



Mission Life Campaign



Keepers talk on "Reptiles"



Winner of Quiz on the topic "Reptiles"

Day 3: 04/10/2025 (Saturday)

The 3rd day of Wildlife Week celebration marked an event with presentations by Zoo Interns who displayed their work to field staff of Nandankanan along with student participants from different colleges and universities. A total of 13 presentations were presented followed by a Q & A session. A “Say No to Plastic” campaign was conducted at Heritage Garden of State Botanical Garden with 30 participants who cleared plastic wastage in the sitting area and walking paths in the garden. A slogan session was conducted after the campaign to further highlight the sense of responsibility among the participants. A Keepers’ Talk on the topic “Primates” was conducted at Zoo premises with spreading awareness to more than 100 visitors. To further extend the awareness Species of the Day was conducted on “Cactus” at the State Botanical Garden. A total of 172 participants participated in the online awareness quiz on “Primates” and the winner of the online quiz was declared on the social media platforms.



Presentation by Zoo Interns



“Say No to Plastic” campaign



Keepers talk on “Primates”



Winner of Quiz on the topic “Primates”

Day 4: 05/10/2025 (Sunday)

The 4th day of the 71st Wildlife Week was celebrated at Nandankanan with a range of awareness and educational activities. The 186th Sunday Bird Walk saw participation from 40 bird enthusiasts. A Workshop for Zoo Volunteers and Zoo Interns was held with 44 participants, during which 18 volunteers were felicitated for their commendable contributions to the park. 15 interns were issued with certificates for their successful completion of the internships. A street play (*Nukkad Natak*) on the theme "Save Wildlife" was performed by zoo volunteers and interns for visitors. A "Keeper's Talk" on the theme “Elephants” highlighted the care, management, and conservation efforts undertaken at the zoo. Additionally, an online quiz on the theme “Birds” engaged 132 participants. The Species of the Day session at the State Botanical Garden featured on the theme "Bamboo" emphasized the ecological importance of conservation of bamboos.



Sunday Bird Walk



Workshop for Zoo Volunteers



Nukkad Natak performed by Zoo Volunteers



Winner of Quiz on the topic "Birds"

Day 5: 06/10/2025 (Monday)

The 5th day of the 71st Wildlife Week was celebrated at Nandankanan with an engaging Yoga session which was attended by 25 participants. This was followed by a Story telling session with 40 participants. A "Keeper's Talk" on the theme "Birds" was conducted focusing on care of bird's behaviour, highlighted the care, management, and conservation efforts undertaken at the zoo. The Species of the Day session featured on the theme "Banyan" emphasizing on its medicinal properties and the ecological importance. Additionally, an online awareness quiz on the theme "About Nandankanan" engaged 96 participants.



Yoga Session



Story Telling session



Keepers talk "Birds"



Winner of Quiz on the topic "Nandankanan"

Day 6: 07/10/2025 (Tuesday)

On the sixth day celebrations of the 71st Wildlife Week, a series of awareness activities were organized to promote awareness about biodiversity and conservation. At Nandankanan, a citizen science program titled "Budding Birders" was conducted with the participation of 10 school children, encouraging them to explore avian diversity. Additionally, a Keeper's Talk on the "Indian pangolin" helped participants understand the species' ecological significance. Meanwhile, at the State Botanical Garden, a Wetland Trail with 14 participants focused on the importance of wetlands and the rich flora and fauna they support. The theme for Species of the Day was "Climbers & Creepers", drawing attention to plant diversity. An online quiz was conducted on the theme "Wetlands" which was attended by 102 participants.



Budding Birders



Wetland Trail



Keepers talk on Indian pangolin



Winner of Quiz on the topic "Wetlands"

Day 7: 08/10/2025 (Wednesday)

The 7th and final day of the 71st Wildlife Week celebrations at Nandankanan Zoological Park concluded with a vibrant series of events. Zoo interns presented informative posters for visitors, while a Keepers' Talk on "Deer" highlighted their types, ecological roles, and presence at Nandankanan. Officials of Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Odisha (NWCSO) participated in a plantation drive and interacted at the poster session. The Signature Campaign and Selfie Point drew enthusiastic participation. A wildlife parade by zoo staff and volunteers spread the message of conservation. The Species of the Day session featured on the theme "Ashoka" emphasizing on its medicinal properties and the ecological importance. An online quiz was conducted on the theme "Plants" which was attended by 86 participants.



Plantation Drive



Poster presentation by Zoo Interns



Wildlife Parade by Zoo Volunteers



Winner of Quiz on the topic “Plants”

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