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[A newsletter about the activities of Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA)]

APOWA was founded in the year 1999 with a mission of "building a community of people to support...[the] welfare of animals and [the] protect environment and [to] improve relationships between man, animal and environment." APOWA is closely associated with and adhering to the Gandhian principle of Ahimsa and taken it as a vow for the whole of its mission. This has evident for its commitment and compassion to protect and care animals and combined promotion of Vegetarianism.

From the APOWA Team:

There is so much happening in last two months. We helping some very worthy causes and rescued animals in distress. Most of them survived, thanks to our excellent team of volunteers and vet doctors. In the month of June, APOWA has been completed its responsibilities and commitment on another successful season on 'sea turtle and their habitat conservation programme' along Orissa coast. As the monsoon starts, our team was busy with annual tree planting activities.

As you know to running an animal welfare organization has certainly not been easy. APOWA continues to take a leading role for this vital work. The activities of APOWA have been increasing tenfold. Our usual animal rescue work is still going strong. In the animal care center with numbers of treated cases rising – all treated for free. APOWA relies on the generous support of individuals and organizations to carry out its vital work.

Thank you as always for all your help and support – it is what keeps all of us going.

kindest regards,

APOWA Team, Orissa, India

Rescue of Animals in Distress

Animal rescue is one of the most important parts of our work. Whenever we receive a report of an animal in any form of distress, we rush to their help. Our animal care centre is as busy as ever. Today, the animal care center is a very busy place and more animals are being helped daily and the rescue team is genuinely happy that they can make a difference. Together, we are all doing a great work. We treat every animal as an individual deserving the utmost attention. And all of our services are provided free of charge. There 32 stray dogs were vaccinated against rabies in last two months.



Animal Rescue/Treatment Report (June 2011 and July 2011)		
Category of Animals	Mobile Treatment in the spot/First Aid	Treatment at the Animal Care centre/Rescue Home
Stray Bulls	23	12
Cows	29	24
Bullocks	18	20
Stray Dogs	52	28
Cats	21	14
Goats	16	12
Others	14	10

Vegan Campaign

APOWA has broad its campaign on Vegetarianism in Orissa. The human appetite for animal flesh is a driving force behind virtually every major category of environmental damage – deforestation, water scarcity, water pollution and climate change. With the simple choice to stop eating animals and end to play a part in this destruction. We are campaigning and supporting more people in converting to a vegetarian or vegan diet. In our campaign many students , teachers, and community members with zeal and enthusiasm to adopted vegetarianism. They were very much impressed our campaign and the benefits and the nutritional values of vegetarian food stuff. The Veg. Campaign was conducted in 12 schools in the month of July. We are also promoting establishment of organic vegetable garden in schools.



Fruits offered to Participants during Veg. Campaign

This is doubtless, a proven attempt, a platform to promote Non-violence and vegetarianism. Humanity cannot be without vegetarianism and non-violence. This is no exaggeration, but this is our perception we experimented.

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Tree Planting Drive



Tree planting is an important element in the solution to tackle climate change - Trees absorb carbon dioxide and are vital carbon sinks. Planting trees helps reduce the risk of catastrophic climate change. Planting trees helps to counteract the effects of deforestation, which stabilizes the local climate and soil. It also provides an important habitat for wildlife, birds and contributes to biodiversity. Tree planting activities is a simple but ingenious method to heal the planet. Planting trees is a great way to make community aware that their actions have a big impact on the environment.

About 400 community volunteers were participated in our tree planting campaign during the month of July 2011. To make this programme a success, we have made sure that these saplings and small trees being planted in waste land are nurtured for a long time. Together we have been planted some important local species like (gooseberry, neem, eucalyptus, etc) and fruit trees like (mango, black-berry, tamarind, jack fruit, guava etc). All together we have planted more than 8,000 trees in different locations. While there is no one solution to the world's ecological and climate change problems, it is a time tested fact that the simplest and the most effective solution are to just plant trees.



WANTED VOLUNTEERS

We would also like to hear from anyone who is interested to work with our rescue team and conservation team. If interested, please contact secretary@apowa.org.



Mangrove Forest Restoration

Yes Mangroves, No Shrimp Ponds!

The single greatest threat to mangroves worldwide is shrimp farming. During the last decade's large numbers of shrimp ponds has come up around Bhitarkanika Mangrove forests, the second largest mangrove forest in Asia. The ponds are treated with antibiotics, pesticides, often dumped into the surrounding land or waterways. This has badly affected the fragile ecosystem and its environment. The destruction of mangrove forests means ecosystems are knocked out of balance.

Wetlands to Wastelands.....

In the year 1995, 1350 ha (4036 acres) land of mangrove forests were wipe out to established shrimp ponds, a World Bank aided project by the Fishery Department, Govt of Orissa at Mahakalpara block of Kendrapara district. Destruction of these mangroves has left local communities vulnerable to the devastating impacts of cyclones and has reportedly had socio-economic impacts of the local community. The project was failed and 1350 ha area of shrimp ponds are still abandoned. Mangroves have traditionally been used for shrimp farming, but with the expansion of commercial shrimp farming and the associated clearance of mangroves, these valuable ecosystems have been rapidly degraded.

Working with communities.....

Putting the message to mangrove communities, schoolchildren, and public representatives turned out to be a pleasant experience for APOWA Team. Finally, an oath was administered to all participants to protect the mangroves and minimize the impact of deforestation. Mangrove plantation has been conducted at Kundapur Matidanda nala in association with local youth club members.



Rescue of Baby Olive Ridley Sea Turtles



In the month of June, APOWA has been completed its responsibilities and commitment on another successful season of 'sea turtle and their habitat conservation programme' along Orissa coast. Our rescue team members and volunteers were rescued disoriented baby Olive Ridley sea turtles and released them safely into the Sea along major nesting sites in Orissa.

They have a long journey ahead of them; some will not survive the treacherous journey, others will travel thousands of ocean miles to return as adults to birth places.

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