

## **BHAGWAN MAHAVIR JAYANTI OBSERVED by APOWA**

Mahavir Jayanti, the birth day of Bhagwan Mahavir was observed by APOWA (Action for Protection of Wild Animals) with great enthusiasm in Orissa. Over the years APOWA has been promoting the Bhagwan Mahavir's Immortal teaching of Live & Let Live is as relevant today as it was about 2600 years ago. Lord Mahavir was a great teacher who taught humanity the true path of happiness. APOWA was established in 1999 with the intention of preventing cruelty to animals in all walks of life. APOWA has been alleviating fear, pain and suffering in countless animals' lives, and committed to welfare of all the animals for the past twelve years. The organization also works for the promotion of vegetarianism. Humanity cannot be without vegetarianism and non-violence. This is no exaggeration, but this is our perception we experimented.



### **Student's Training Programme on Humane Education**

Special prayers were offered by the Kindness club members in the starting of the programme at USAK High school on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The highlight of this programme was the wide range of enthusiasts. Sri Ashok Kumar Bal, head master of the school was delivered an inspiring speech. In his speech, he was highlighted the prevention of cruelty to animals, animal welfare, avoidance of leather items. Mr. Manoj Satapathy, Karuna club in charge teacher explained the role and duty of students in performing Karuna Club activities. Mr. Bijaya Kumar Kabi, Director, APOWA insisted students to show kindness towards all living beings. He also explained the nutritional values of vegetarian diet. Mr. Somanath Mohapatra spoke about the Lord Mahavir's birth, childhood days; quest for truth highlighted the social reforms preached by him thousand years ago. He stressed on Lord Mahavir's teaching of non-violence. The programme came to an end, with the vote of thanks.



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