



8TH NATURE THROUGH LENS PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL LAUNCHED



Mr. Prasanna Yonzon, Chairman, WCN along with Mr. Jalal Ahmed, Chairman, NB Bank and Mr. Gyanendra Prasad Dhungana, CEO, NB Bank during the symbolic tree plantation

WCN's Nature Through Lens 2016 was announced on June 10, 2016 in a special event organized by Nepal Bangladesh Bank Ltd. On the occasion of NB Bank's 22nd anniversary WCN Nature and Wildlife photography festival was launched by our Jury and Nepal's most eminent photographers Mr. Mani Lama, Mr. Nripa D Khadka and Mr. Raj Bhai Suwal. A symbolic tree plantation was also organized. The tree planted during the event has been transplanted at Padampur Community Forest, Chitwan as the first phase of eco restoration. Any proceeds collected during the National Photography Exhibition will be further used for the eco restoration project in Chitwan and Nawalparasi.

WCN's ten year old Nature and Wildlife Photography has over the years evolved into an international platform for promoting Nepal and strengthening its nature photography scene. From 2013, to mark the beginning of its 10 years in photography, WCN is taking this program one step further by organising a biennial photography festival.

The Festival will begin on November 4, 2016 with various highlights and will end with a National Photography Exhibition on November 18-20, 2016

Eco Smart School Certification Program

WCN Eco Smart School members Ace School, Creative Academy and John Dewey School successfully completed its first phase of the Eco Smart School program launched in 2015. The schools participated in a set of hands on environmental programs assisted by a team of volunteers and nature interpreters to help schools become an environmentally responsible model schools. The phase one program was focussed on developing the school towards a zero waste school supporting schools to become waste management savvy by providing interactive classes on waste and zero waste. Students and teachers participated on litter prevention, waste segregation, waste audits, lunch room monitoring, composting and garden management. On the occasion of World Environment Day 2016, WCN organized special events, a certification ceremony of Eco Smart School Program. Amidst a grand celebration at Creative Academy, Ace School and John Dewey School. WCN goodwill Ambassadors and media personalities - Mr. Suraj Singh Thakuri, Ms. Bhumika Thapa Shah and WCN Program Manager Ms. Sanjeevani Y Shrestha presented the Eco Smart Schools with the plaque to the members of Eco Smart School Program. Students displayed the outdoor activities that was conducted in the academic year 2014-2015 by the school students under the guidance of the teachers and WCN team. Eco Smart School Program is a yearly program where students participate in different interactive Outdoor Environment Activities. This Year the schools will be participating in Curriculum based Interactive Environment Education.



National Teachers Training on IEE - Phase II



Three day National Teachers Training on Interactive Environmental Education and Local Curriculum on Environment Phase II, jointly organized by Department of Education, NCED, CDC and WCN NPP was conducted in Shree Amar Singh Higher Secondary School, Ramghat, Pokhara, Kaski district from February 10 -12, 2016. Teachers from Kaski, Lamjung, Parbat, Manang, Mustang and Myagdi participated in the training.

Eco Educational Tool Box Distribution



WCN Eco Educational Boxes comprising of different educational materials for outdoor education activities were handed over to Member School Principals of Shree Shyame Wangphel HSS Resource center, Rasuwa and Jhuwani Resource Center, Chitwan. The Eco educational Boxes were prepared and distributed by WCN Nepal Parkriti Pathshsla with the kind support of Patsy Wood Foundation.

Eco Restoration Phase II Launched

WCN Eco Restoration program phase II started in Padampur Community Forest, Chitwan on June 22, 2016 where approximately 500 tree saplings were planted. In an event organized by WCN and Padampur Community Forest in association with Nepal Bangladesh Bank Ltd. different multipurpose tree species such as Vijaya Saal, Bakiano, Tejpat and Bamboo were planted.

NEWS

WILDLIFE SEIZURE : Acting on the intelligence provided by WCN Monitoring Unit, two Red Panda Skins were seized in Swayambhu, Kathmandu today by Nepal Police on March 15, 2016.

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY CELEBRATION : WCN NPP celebrated World Wildlife Day 2016 on March 3, 2016 with the students of ACE School, one of our Eco Smart School Program Members. The students visited the Zoo and learnt about different characteristic features of animals and birds.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED:



Five students of Evergreen School, Sankhu hard hit by the April 2015 earthquake were awarded with annual scholarship supporting their academic year 2073-74.

SINDHUPALCHOWK EDUCATION OUTREACH: WCN NPP conducted a two day Environmental Education Outreach Program at Shree Kalika Higher Secondary School, Tekanpur 5, Sindhupalchowk district from April 6 - 8, 2016 in collaboration with AMURT Nepal. This school program emphasized on earthquake science, building better and nature based solutions. About forty students of grade 6 to 9 participated enthusiastically in the program.

IEE INTERACTION AT RASUWA :



One day Interaction about Interactive Environmental Education on Local Curriculum program was organized by WCN NPP in collaboration with Shree Rasuwa Higher Secondary School Resource Center, Dhunche, Rasuwa at Dhunche on June 1, 2016. Mobile library bags containing local curriculum based reference book along with additional books were handed to Resource Center and its member schools. Likewise, reference book (Langtang ko Serofero) for class 4 and 5 were handed over to students for this academic year 2073.

CREATING AWARENESS: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Mr. Prasanna Yonzon, CEO, WCN delivered special talk at Khwopa College, Bhaktapur and Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel on June 5 2016. Mr. Yonzon shared his insight on this year's theme on the illegal trade in wildlife under the slogan 'Go Wild for Life'. The programs were attended by lawmakers, members of civil society, professors, students and engineers among others. WCN is one of the organizations supporting the national enforcing agencies to curb illegal wildlife trade.

Beyond Earthquake : Response and Resilience

WCN organized a Talk program – Beyond Earthquake: Resilience and Response on March 11, amalgamating two of its working areas – Earthquake relief and Photography. The program started with a short glance on WCN Nepal Earthquake Relief fund and its immediate, midterm and long term relief plans by Ms. Sanjeevani Y Shrestha, Program Manager.

Mr. Mani Lama, guest speaker of the program, talked about his photographic career and his closeness with Boudhanath. He presented his photos of Boudhanath before and after the earthquake. His collection 'Boudha Moods' depicted the wonderful collection of photos of Boudha. The UNESCO World Heritage Site's renovation has now been started.

Similarly, Mr. Bibek Raj Shrestha, WCN presented his photo story of Mr. Laxman Ranjit who is a casualty during the fall of Kasthamandap. Mr. Ranjit lost his wife during blood donation event in the temple. WCN also provided a one year scholarship to Mr. Ranjit's son Master Aryan Ranjit during the talk program.



Master Aryan Ranjit receiving the one year scholarship from WCN

Mr. Mani Lama, eminent photographer of Nepal presenting about Boudhanath Stupa before and after the April 2015 earthquake



Eco Smart School Program - Phase II

WCN after its successful completion of Eco Smart School Program - Phase I "Towards Waste Reduction" in its member school now have stepped into its second phase "Curriculum based Interactive Environment Education (CIEE) "enhancing children's learnings by doing while supporting their curriculum from the month of May 2016. This CIEE under Eco Smart School endorses Environment and Science Curriculum based activities to help students with their academic achievement. It also applies innovative methods that enhances classroom knowledge by interacting with nature and environment.

Knowing your tree

With the objective of making students aware of the trees around their surroundings, the first session started with the Theme Tree where students were involved in learning about a tree. Students get to know about how old their trees were and why its bark looks different from the other tree. Students also learn about the different layer of the tree trunk and how water is conducted from roots through its different parts. To make it more clear, a Human Tree were made by the students where they acted different parts of the trunk.



Plant Life Process

On the theme seed, students of ACE and John Dewey grew their own seeds and watched its development. They selected different seeds like maize, kidney bean, gram, pea, etc and placed them in the transparent glass covered with water soaked cotton and observed how differently their roots and leaves grow. They also learned about reproductive parts of flower, how pollination and fertilization occurs, differences between monocot and dicot, how seeds are formed and how these seeds travel. These hands on practices allowed them for better understanding.

Harvesting vermi compost

Students of Class 7 - 9 from Sunrise Boarding School harvested vermi compost that weighed more than 2 kg. They have been adding organic left overs and monitoring the vermi compost set up for over three months. They separated worms and refined compost through the sieves. The worms were then reused in the new vermi composting set up. The compost was used in organic vegetable garden.

Harvest from your garden



Young gardeners of ACE school harvested onion, tomatoes, garlic, spinach and lettuce which they have planted in their organic garden few months back. They have sowed the seeds, applied the compost from their vermi - composting, cleared weeds and watered the plants for few months. They watched them sprout slowly and learned about the growth of the plant as well. They then used the harvested vegetable in their kitchen.

Organic Gardening



Students of Class 8 from Creative Academy planted vegetables in their organic garden, ploughed and prepared by themselves. Vermi - compost was applied in the garden instead of synthetic fertilizer whereas ash was used as pesticide which enhanced soil fertility. Onion, garlic, pumpkin, coriander, were planted in the garden. Students and teachers were excited to see the final products which will be served in their school canteen.

Pit Composting



The students of John Dewey School and Creative School have initiated pit composting in their school premises. The biodegradable waste generated from their kitchen, school canteen and garden are being managed by the school through this process. Both the brown and green waste

collected are mixed in right proportion, and is made sure they reach the right temperature. Regular monitoring is done by WCN Nature Interpreters and teachers. The pit compost will be ready by 5 - 6 months.



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8TH NATURE AND WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2016

DEADLINE : OCTOBER 7, 2016

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- PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES**
1. 8th WCN Nature and Wildlife Photography Competition 2016- Deadline 7 October 2016
 2. Photography Training for Amateurs - 3 November 2016
 3. Photo Walk in Kathmandu Valley with Nepal's Best Professionals- 5 November 2016
 4. Photo Sharing on Nature and Wildlife- 11 November 2016
 5. National Photography Exhibition (at Kathmandu Durbar Square) - 18 to 20 November 2016



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