

"SAVE THE ROAR "SERIES BY TIGER TRUST

Tiger Trust in its mission to save the dying roar has started its yet another School program for the year 2011-2012. On Aug. 6, 2011, Tiger Trust with the support of SNS foundation Gurgaon organised a programme to educate the youth on the fragile existence of tigers. Two schools namely Sanskriti School and Guru Nanak School Gurgaon participated in the programme.

The Programme started with the short introduction of Tiger Trust and the speakers for the day, Ms. Pushpa Jhuraney, Sr. Volunteer of tiger Trust and Ms. S.Fatima, Programme Coordinator.

Ms. Jhuraney is a practicing advocate in Delhi High Court and has been a visiting faculty in the training programmes conducted by Tiger Trust. She has lent her expertise on the various legislations concerning Wildlife protection in India.

Ms.S. Fatima is a lawyer by profession and joined Tiger Trust as a volunteer in 2007. She is the Coordinator for Capacity Building Programmes and has also been appointed as a Programme officer of the ongoing programme 'Hunting the Hunters-II' in Rajasthan. She also takes care of the entire module and educational programmes in Delhi.

Through the powerpoint presentation we endeavoured to make the programme interesting and appealing to the school kids. The powerpoint was named "Despair to Hope; Story of the Indian Tiger". The programme commenced with Ms. Jhuraney narrating the physiology of a male and female tiger. The fine distinction of tiger against other co-predators like leopard was explained to the kids. The team of Tiger Trust also explained about the Habits, Habitat, Measurement, Family Bonds, other morphological features, predatory habits of The Lord of the Jungle which the children were enthralled to see. Ms. Fatima explained the dwindling tiger status as on date in various states and the recent figures released by the Ministry of Environment & Forest. She also described the reasons for the downfall and the measures undertaken by the Govt., NGOs, state authorities and Tiger Trust. The children were astonished to see slides showing the arrest of poachers and tiger products being sold in open market. Reasons of decreasing population like poaching, delay in prosecution, decrease in the habitat of tigers and Tiger Reserves caught hold of children's attention. The programme ended with a vow to undertake environment and tiger conservation and to carry forward the awareness.

The students who had earlier participated and scored merit in the essay writing competition organised by Tiger Trust and SNS Foundation were awarded gifts and merit certificates. The students were encouraged to participate in such awareness programmes so as to save this majestic animal from extinction.

