

## WILD INDIA FESTIVAL

**Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2012, Aurangabad and Beed



**Introduction:** WILD INDIA is the new initiative started by **Maharashtra Forest Department and Nature Walk Pune**. The aim of this festival is to make people aware about the rich biodiversity of our country and tell them about the current scenario and conservation steps taken by various NGOs, Persons and Forest Department for its protection. Since Audio Visual Medium is supposed to be one of the most powerful media of educating people, it was decided to screen various films, organize audio -visual talks



and through these Medias achieve the aim. As soon as this idea was agreed, **Meyipokym Aier-CCF Aurangabad** and his team decided to organize the same and the series of this festival was started from Aurangabad on 4<sup>th</sup> and on 5<sup>th</sup> it was organized at Beed.

**Aurangabad:** WILD INDIA was organized at Aurangabad on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec . A team of 3 resource persons went to Aurangabad and conducted this festival. Good media coverage was given in the local news paper. The DCF **Mr. Chandramore Sir** , started the session by giving a small introduction and also screened one film of



Black Buck Rescue operation held by Aurangabad Division. This program was held in a Auditorium of Marathwada Mahasul Prabodhini. The response was overwhelming.

Some of the NGO representatives also attended the festival. Films on various facets of Nature were screened. **Mr. Dilip Yardi**-Member of State Wildlife Advisory was also present on this occasion. During this festival , 2 talks –one on Poaching and other on Biodiversity around wetlands were also organized. Films made by renowned film makers were screened. Each film was introduced, then screened and after each film a post film interaction was held. Some of the success stories of Forest JFMs were narrated. The program concluded by an Oath which was regarding saving nature.

**Beed:** After Aurangabad, the festival was organized at Beed on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2012. This was held at a Ceremony Hall on Nagar Road. Here also the Hall was full. Many students attended this festival. Even some of the JFM members also attended this festival. Even



some JFM members asked questions which made this festival more interactive. The Sub DFO –Beed Mr. R.R.Kale and his team had organized it in a very nice manner. Even in Beed this event was publicized in a good way. Green Cadets ( Harit Sena ) were also present. Here also films in Marathi Language were screened. Films made by renowned film makers like Bedi Brothers, Vilas Kane, Shekar Dattatri and many more were screened during this festival.

**Impression:** It was observed that the CCF-Aurangabad Mr. Pokkim Sir and his team had really taken lots of efforts to organize this festival. This was the festival were all the people including the forest guards, JFM members had a very good

interaction with each others. Such type of relations and interactions will prove effective was efficient working of the department. Infact Mr. Pokym Sir wanted to take this program at Nanded, but due to time constraint, we had to come back, as next day we had a meeting at Bhimashankar which was chaired by the Hon'ble Secretary.

