

Nepal Snake Festival

Promoting Co-existence between Humans and Snakes

&

International Snakebite Awareness Day Celebration

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Snakes Display, Professional Snake Handling Methods, Puja Chanting of Snake Handling Equipment, Interviews, Poster Presentation, Herping etc. Approximately, 5,000 visitors have visited and gained the knowledge from the festival.

This was probably the first of its kind in Nepal that we have organized the snake festival from which hundreds of people benefited which definitely may help to make a positive change in people's perception towards snakes and overall biodiversity. We believe that this program has a potential to create connections with our visitors/audiences and are powerful medium that can create awareness at a national level.

Aims to Celebrate Nepal Snake Festival:

Snakes have various importances such as ecological importance, medical importance, religious and cultural importance etc., therefore snakes are considered as farmer's friend and life saver. We are going to celebrate the Nepal Snake Festival every year with the aim of explaining these different importances of snakes and introducing our religious culture with scientific facts to the entire world.

We had celebrated the Nepal Snake Festival and International Snakebite Awareness Day to raise public awareness about how to avoid snakebite, recommended first aid for snakebite, dos/don'ts when bitten by a snake, symptoms of snakebite, species of snakes, misconceptions about snakes and snakebite, human-snake conflict mitigation, importance of snake conservation in biodiversity, how to contribute to snake conservation etc.

Objectives to celebrate Nepal Snake Festival and International Snakebite Awareness Day

- To organize and celebrate the Nepal Snake Festival in Rupandehi, not only in a scientific way but also in a cultural and religious way.
- To educate people about snakes, preventive measures from snakebite, recommended first aid methods and snake conservation.
- To promote co-existence between human and snakes by educating people through various programs.



Nepal Snake Festival and International Snakebite Awareness Day Program's Events

Inauguration of program by Chief Guest

The Nepal Snake Festival program was inaugurated by the Mayor of the Tilottama Municipality, Mr. Ramkrishna Khand. The head of the Division Forest Office, Rupandehi, Mr. Praveen Bindari was also attended the inauguration ceremony as a distinguished guest. Dr. Chhabil Thapa, Dr. Krishna Prasad Acharya, including many other conservationists attended the Nepal Snake Festival and International Snakebite Awareness Day.





Mayor of the Tilottama Municipality, Ramkrishna Khand delivering his speech about the importance of Nepal Snake Festival to make people aware regarding human-snake conflicts mitigation.



The head of the Division Forest Office, Rupandehi, Praveen Bindari delivering his speech about the importance of Nepal Snake Festival to make people aware regarding snake conservation and human-snake conflicts mitigation.



The Festival Director Mr. Kamal Devkota sharing his knowledge and experiences regarding snake conservation and snakebite mitigations. He also shared about the aims and objectives of conducting the Nepal Snake Festival and future plans.



The Chairman of the Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Centre (Banbatika), Mr. Bel Prasad Sharma speaking about the role of local communities for snake conservation and snakebite prevention.

Pooja of the Snake Handling Equipment on the occasion of Bishwarkarma Pooja day

Mayor of the Tilottama Municipality, Ramkrishna Khand, head of the Division Forest Office, Rupandehi, Praveen Bindari and festival team worshipping Snake Handling Equipment on the occasion of Bishworkarma Pooja believing that it may help to save the snakes as well as save the lives of people.



Cultural Dance Show by Children



Various Awareness Stalls: We placed various awareness stalls to educate people.

- Snake Conservation Awareness Stall
- King Cobra Conservation Awareness Stall
- Snakebite Preventive Measures Awareness Stall
- Snakebite First Aid Awareness Stall
- Snakebite Management in Hospital Awareness Stall





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International Snakebite Awareness Day

Public awareness through educational documentary: We have showed the short educational videos films, like;

- Snakebite: Save The Lives
- Snake Rescue Methods and
- Snakes: Conservation and Importance

These educational films include the information about snake conservation/human-snake conflict mitigation/snake rescue/relocation/snakebite preventive measures etc. We believe these educational video films also attracted a wide diversity of people to watch the video in its entirety, as well as remembering the message long term.



T-shirt and Cap distribution for volunteers and a few guests:



Art and painting:



Museum Specimen of Snakes Display:





Poster presentations from conservationists/researcher:

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