

Education Report

Sundarvan - 2016 Earth Day Photo Contest and Photography Workshop

To encourage people to appreciate the beautiful nature surrounding them, to re-ignite a forgotten joy and to inspire a sense of responsibility towards wildlife, Sundarvan organizes a photography competition every year on Earth Day, 22nd April. This year, with the support of a local photography school, Geeta School of Photography, our team also invited an experienced photographer, Mr Subil Shah, to conduct a workshop for a small group of participants.

Contestants were to visit Sundarvan and click a photograph depicting wildlife or our interaction with it through the medium of zoo. We received around 50 registrations of which top ten finalists received goodies. The winner received a professional tripod for his fantastically captured coppersmith barbets and the second and third runners up received camera bag and storage device respectively. Participants submitted lovely photographs of wildlife and creatively framed visitor interactions. To encourage budding photographers we also announced a prize in facebook category in which a student won with more than 230 likes on a photograph of a beautifully perched peacock.

The photography workshop was a huge success with discussions on basic tips and insight on photography and focus on capturing natural elements. This was followed by a walk in Sundarvan as the participants



Winner of 2016 Earth Day Photo Contest

tried out their hand in an expert's presence. The prize distribution also happened during the workshop and it was a moment of joy when the youngest participant, a nine year old realized that he made it to top ten! The session was concluded with a discussion about Earth Day and a promise that we will all play our little part in contributing towards appreciation and preservation of our planet.

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Participants of Photography Workshop at Sundarvan