

### **Earth Day celebrated with school students**

Students from 14 different schools of Delhi came together at Bal Bharati Public School, Pitampura to celebrate Earth Day organized by CMS Environment and MOEF

**New Delhi, April 24, 2010:** It was a perfect occasion for school students to speak, interact and learn about environment and the whole gamut of issues ranging from climate change to pollution and safety of animals. For around thousand students from 14 different schools of Delhi, Earth Day celebrations at Bal Bharati Public School, Pitampura, was a fun filled learning affair. The interactive program had a variety of events including expert talks, film shows and reptile awareness program.

Organised in association with Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF) and CMS Environment, the program began with interactive talks by Naaz Rizvi, scientist C in National Museum in Natural History and PN Vasanti, director, CMS. It was followed by talks on climate change by Ravi Ranjan Kumar (Energy expert) and Aarti Khosla from WWF. The participating schools in the program include Apjeej School, DPS Rohini, Rukmini Devi Public School, Springdales, New State Academy and others.



While expert talks informed students about various aspects of climate change and its impact, film screenings and reptile show added the fun quotient to the whole event. 'Payenga ek aisa jehan' a musical video by popular band Euphoria enthralled everyone. It was followed by 'Final Tide' a film focusing on the issue of climate change and the consequent rise in sea level. But what left the students amazed was the reptile show by Wildlife SOS. For most of the students it was for the first time they saw different varieties of snakes in front of them. Some of them could even touch them. Sharing her experience, Meenu Goswami, principal, Bal Bharati Public School said, "It was an enriching experience to organize this event in partnership with CMS

Environment and Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF) and we would like to have more and more such programs."

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