

SNAKES
are **Friends**

WORLD FORESTRY DAY

Noamundi | March 21, 2017

Special Attraction:

KALBELIA DANCE

Sapera Dance - Folk Dance of Rajasthan



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OBJECTIVE

To sensitize the community about the importance of snakes in maintaining the biodiversity balance.

The programme laid special emphasis on the significance of forests and snakes and how the forests are getting impacted due to increasing energy requirements.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- *Kalbelia* folk dance of Rajasthan
- Drawing Competition for school children
- Skit by 'Ho' Mahasabha
- Discussion with the vaidya's (traditional village healers) on traditional medicines
- Tribal cuisine of Jharkhand

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KEY GUESTS

Chief Guest :

- Ms Geeta Koda, MLA from Jagannathpur

Guest of Honour:

- Mr Anand Bihari, Noamundi Forest Ranger

Special Guests:

- Mr Subhendu Mallick, General Secretary and Founder, Snake Helpline
- Mr Vipul Sharma, Program Officer, IUCN
- Mr Sanjay Das, President , Noamundi Mazdoor Union
- Mr Pankaj Satija , General Manager (Ore Mines & Quarries), Tata Steel

Other Guests:

- Mr N K Singh and Mr Asgar Imam, Snake Catchers from Jamshedpur
- Mr R P Mali, Chief (Noamundi),OMQ, Tata Steel
- Mr P K Dhall, Chief (Engineering Services & Projects), OMQ,Tata Steel



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CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

- Welcome tribal dance
- Skit and dance performances by school children
- Skit by artists from 'HO' Mahasabha
- *Kalbelia* folk dance by a troupe from Rajasthan



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CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

SIGNIFICANCE OF *KALBELIA* FOLK DANCE

Kalbelia is the folk dance of Rajasthan. The traditional occupation of *Kalbelias* is catching snakes and trading snake venom. Since the enactment of the Wildlife Act of 1972, the *Kalbelias* have been pushed out of their traditional profession of snake handling and performing arts are a major source of income for them today.



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GLIMPSES OF STALLS



12 stalls were put up by:

- Women group of Tata Steel "Prerna"
- Tribal food stalls by Mahila Samiti's in the community
- Stall by ayurvedic practitioners (local vaidyas)
- Stalls by agri equipment manufacturers
- Diabetes and BP check-up stall

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VENUE DECORATION



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GUEST SPEAK



**Ms Geeta Koda, MLA from
Jagannathpur**

"The subject chosen by Tata Steel for the World Forestry Day is very interesting. New species of snakes are being discovered everyday and we need to understand the benefits we get from snakes."



**Mr Anand Bihari, Noamundi
Forest Ranger**

"This is a unique programme organised in this region. I congratulate Tata Steel for organizing such programmes and bringing all stakeholders together."

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GUEST SPEAK



**Mr Pankaj Satija, GM (OMQ),
Tata Steel**

"Snakes are our friends as they help in maintaining the biodiversity balance. This is our small contribution towards the National Biodiversity Target, which says that by 2020, measures are adopted for sustainable management of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. These kinds of programmes will create awareness and will eventually lead to effective and equitable conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem."



**Mr Subhendu Mallick,
General Secretary and
Founder, Snake Helpline**

"I am delighted to be here today and thank Tata Steel for giving me opportunity to talk about the myths related to snakes."



**Mr Vipul Sharma, Program Officer,
IUCN**

"World Forestry Day is celebrated worldwide to raise awareness on the significance of forests. We need to understand the benefits we get from forests and especially snakes."

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FELICITATION



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PRIZE DISTRIBUTION (DRAWING COMPETITION)

