

NEWS FROM THE MADRAS SNAKE PARK  
AND MADRAS CROCODILE BANK

The pair of adult mugger at the Snake Park bred successfully this year and six hatched out of the nest of ten eggs.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa, visited the Snake Park in order to obtain details of its maintenance and development; these will be of use in planning the projected snake park that is to be constructed at Panjim.

The Snake Park participated in the symposium on Environment and Pollution at the Regional Labour Institute on June 5th and the Director chaired a Seminar on the role of public opinion in environmental matters.

With the kind permission of the Government, the adult entrance fee for the Snake Park has been raised to 50 paise. The fee for children remains 25 paise.

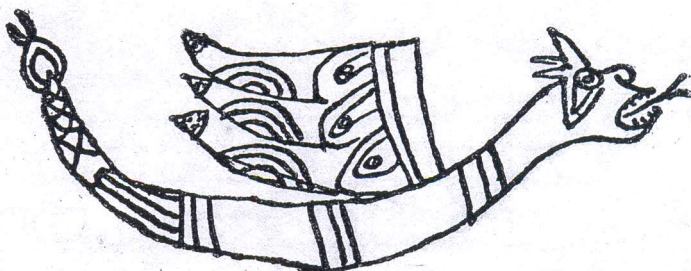
From middle June to the end of July the Director was in the Andaman Islands with Mr Rajesh Bedi, the wildlife photographer.

On August 12th a seminar on snakebite was held at the Madras Medical College. It was convened by the Indian Pharmacological Society, Orient Pharme Ltd and the Madras Snake Park. A report on the seminar is included on page 3 of this issue.

4 mugger nests were laid at the Madras Crocodile Bank this year, and the hatching percentages for each were: 100%, 100%, 30% and 12.5%.

The Thiruvanniyur Panchayat Board very kindly agreed to sell an old windmill to the Madras Snake Park. This is being assembled at the Madras Crocodile Bank and will be of great help for water pumping.

The Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Ceylon has invited the Director and his wife to undertake a survey of the crocodiles C. palustris and C. porosus in Sri Lanka. Work is expected to begin around the 15th of September.



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