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PRESS RELEASE

Wild Orissa, a wildlife and nature conservation organization, working since 1997, celebrated **WILDLIFE AFFAIRS 2010** on the 8th of October 2010 at Puri in Orissa. '**WILDLIFE AFFAIRS**' is a flagship program of our organization and **Wild Orissa** has been organizing these celebrations since 1997 in various parts of the state of Orissa. This year's event coincided with the National Wildlife Week celebrations across the country, and showcased our bewildering bio-diversity and rich natural heritage for common people with an avowed objective of making our citizens aware of our natural heritage.

This year **WILDLIFE AFFAIRS 2010**, was organized by **Wild Orissa**, at Puri in association with the **Ghanashyama Hemalata Institute of Technology and Management, Puri (GHITM)**. Vice Chairman GHITM Mr. Gyanendra Mallik, Director (Academics) GHITM Mr. Ashok Jordar, and faculty members and large number of students from Electronics, Mechanical, Computer Science and Electrical disciplines, participated. Senior officials from the Puri Wildlife Division, including the Assistant Conservator of Forests Mr. R.K.Padhi, participated. This year special emphasis was laid on deliberations with local educational institutions for involving them in wildlife conservation.

Director (Academics) GHITM Mr. Ashok Jordar spoke about India's biodiversity and also the need to address concerns at their loss.

Mr. Diptiranjan Patra, Program Head, Balukhand-Konark Conservation Program, **Wild Orissa**, emphasized that development activities need to be in consonance with a balanced eco-system approach as being the only means to ensure a healthy world for the human beings.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Panda, was awarded the Best Forest Guard Award by GHITM.

An exhibition of rare photographs on India's biodiversity was inaugurated followed by a film show on tiger conservation. Saplings were planted on the occasion.

Mr. Diptiranjan Patra from **Wild Orissa** coordinated the program.



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