

World Sloth Bear Day Celebration October 12, 2023

Location: Kevdi, Chhota Udepur



In 2023, the WCB Research Foundation celebrated World Sloth Bear Day in Kevdi, Chhota Udepur, Gujarat, with a vibrant event aimed at raising awareness about sloth bears and their conservation. The foundation engaged local villagers and children in a variety of activities, including drawing competitions, storytelling, and educational workshops. These activities highlighted the importance of sloth bears in the ecosystem and the need to protect their habitats. The event also focused on fostering positive human-wildlife interactions and promoting sustainable conservation efforts. The celebration strengthened community ties and inspired a collective effort toward preserving these unique creatures.

The event kicked off on the first day with an engaging tracking session, where participants ventured into the natural habitat of sloth bears, deepening their understanding of these fascinating creatures while learning about their behaviors and ecological significance. This immersive experience allowed attendees to connect with nature and appreciate the importance of preserving these animals and their environments.



The second day was dedicated to community interaction, featuring a range of informative videos that highlighted the role of sloth bears in the ecosystem and the challenges they face due to habitat loss and human-wildlife conflict. To enhance learning, a mime performance demonstrated sloth bear safety, showcasing key practices for living harmoniously with

wildlife. Additionally, a traditional "Ghintikathi" demonstration illustrated the use of a safety tool designed to protect both humans and sloth bears, promoting safe interactions and responsible behaviors. This blend of education and entertainment captivated the audience, ensuring that important safety practices were both memorable and engaging.



To acknowledge the contributions of all participants and foster a sense of achievement, certificates were distributed at the conclusion of the event, emphasizing the importance of community involvement in wildlife conservation efforts. Overall, the celebration not only raised awareness about sloth bears but also strengthened community bonds, encouraging local residents to take an active role in conservation initiatives. The event fostered a collaborative spirit, inspiring attendees to commit to safeguarding wildlife and their habitats for future generations, ultimately contributing to a more informed and proactive community dedicated to environmental stewardship.

