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5,000 school kids celebrate Earth Week at CM's house

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New Delhi: A grand carnival organized at chief minister Sheila Dikshit's residence marked the culmination of the Earth Week 2013. The event saw 5,000 children from 400 schools come together to celebrate the theme of re-use, recycle and reduce.

The programme, organized by Delhi's environment department, also saw the release of a poster on 'The common butterflies of Delhi' by WWF, a book on the 'Asola Wildlife Sanctuary' by the Bombay Natural History Society and a book on 'Flora & Fauna at 3, Motilal Nehru Place' prepared by the environment department.

A nature trail, first made functional in 2006, was also upgraded and re-launched. The trail now boasts of a watch tower, tree and shrub signages, badges and a new illustrated booklet.

A thematic exhibition, 'You can Make a Difference', was also set up by WWF-India to raise awareness about the earth's natural resources and also encouraged the students present there to move towards green-living in the urban environment.

Each student calculated their own 'Earthy Day Quotient' and signed a pledge to do their bit for Mother Earth.

Speaking on the occasion, Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit said that the nature trail has been instilling a spirit of scientific enquiry in the several visitors, enhancing their skill of observation and most importantly it is making them understand matters related to a green environment.

"The trail enables them to learn about different trees, birds, insects, mammals and their relationships with each other in nature. The carnival was an effort to bring awareness on conservation of the nature amongst children," she said.



GO GREEN: A poster on common butterflies of Delhi was released by WWF on Friday