

Wildlife Week observed

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Imphal, October 01 2011: The 56th Wildlife Week was observed today at Manipur Zoological Garden, Iroishemba under the aegis of Wildlife Wing, Department of Forests. The main feature of the function graced by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) A Kharshiing and Additional PCCF DC Karnatak as chief guest and president respectively was distribution of prizes to winners of essay writing, drawing and photo exhibition competitions organised as a part of the Wildlife Week observance. In category I (Class VII-IX) of the essay competition, Nongmaithem Joneto of Padma Ratna English School, Kakching won the first prize while Elizabeth Huidrom of Herbert School bagged first prize in category II (class X-XII) . In the drawing competition for class III to VI, Ningthoujam Herojit of Bridge of Hope won the first prize. In Category I (mammal) of the photo exhibition, Moirangthem Ranjit of Keishamthong Top Leirak Maning Leikai won the first prize. In the second category (bird), Kh Brajeshkumar of Soibam Leikai, Imphal East won the first prize. In both categories of the photo exhibition, L Shamungou of The Sangai Express secured the 6th position. Renowned environmentalist Dr Kh Shamungou was also felicitated on being selected as a member of the International Union of Conservation of Nature, Deer Specialists. Addressing the function A Kharshiing called upon all all concerned to protect wildlife in order to maintain ecological balance for human welfare. He also noted the need to enhance intelligence network for checking crimes on wildlife as well as the importance of devising an effective mechanism for better coordination among different departments. He further conceded that the Forest Department has been unable to strictly enforce Forest and Wildlife Act in hill areas due to many posts lying vacant and lapses in promotion procedures.