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ANNUAL REPORT



**ANIMAL WARRIORS
CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

Forenote

Another great year has passed bringing amazing tales of animal rescue and rehabilitation. With greater goals in mind we laid a path to build a better society which can co-exist and conserve nature for the future.

Oceans are the primary source of life on the planet. Oceans play a vital role in the ecological and economical growth of the nation. With an aim to protect the earth's most important ecosystem we launched the program 'Ocean Warriors'. Ocean Warriors is focused to mitigate plastic pollution by involving dependent communities. With good support from the Fisher communities we could see better chances of Ocean conservancy at grass root level.

2021 also made us strong as a team to deal with multiple disasters. Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, a surprising flood in Hyderabad is much to bargain. But with experience in handling animal rescues during natural disasters we could successfully launch relief efforts immediately and could save many animals. Disaster Preparedness measures helped us to successfully prevent loss of lives.

I am very much grateful for our dedicated team who worked very hard in saving animals during the most challenging times. Such inspiring work is what always makes us keep going forward.

I am thankful to all the supporters who stood by us ensuring a smooth run of the operations. Your support and contributions ensured a smooth run of the herculean task of saving animals and protecting nature.

Thanks everyone for supporting us to create successful stories of life.

With gratitude



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Parakuth'.

Pradeep Parakuth

Founder President

Coastal Cleanup



Due to lack of waste management strategies coastal settlements in India are creating massive amounts of marine debris.

Tourists visiting the beaches also leave a trace of plastic water bottles and covers which eventually end up in oceans. These Coastal plastic debris are posing a serious threat to the health of the oceans and marine wildlife.

Animal Warriors Conservation Society is working with Coastal Community in Kothapatnam, Andhra Pradesh to develop a strategic approach to address this marine debris issue.

By conducting beach cleanups involving dependent communities we are able to make Coastal Cleanup a community driven initiative.



Ocean Warriors



India is ranked third in Fisheries worldwide. At an average of 3 million Metric tonnes of Marine Fish catch annually, Marine fishery is one of the contributors of Indian GDP. Millions of families depend on marine fishing in India.

Due to poor gear management many fishing nets are being lost in the ocean resulting in a massive **Ghost Nets Problem**. This is also resulting in a serious economical impact on poor fishermen. And the lost fishing nets are posing a serious threat to marine ecology killing huge numbers of marine animals including endangered species like dolphins, turtles, sharks, rays etc.

Ghost nets are fishing nets which are either abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded in the ocean. These nets which spread across the ocean bed can continue to trap fish and other marine species killing them. This phenomenon is called Ghost Fishing.

According to a report by WWF around 500,000 and 1 million tons of fishing gear are entering the ocean every year. These ghost nets are killing millions of fish and marine wildlife worldwide. Ghost Nets are one of the primary contributors of Marine Pollution. Endangered species like Sea Turtles, Dolphins, Sharks and Rays often get entangled in these nets and die of exhaustion. Retrieval of ghost nets is very hard as it's not an easy task to trace them in the vast ocean. **Animal Warriors Conservation Society** initiated a program called **Ocean Warriors** to address these issues at grass root level to find solutions to mitigate the problem by empowering fisher community by introducing technology to reduce the marine pollution by fishers.

Mangrove Restoration



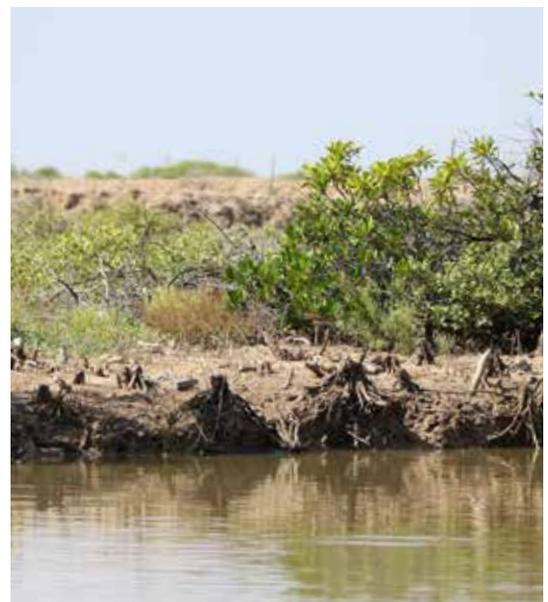
Mangroves are the foremost important forest type. Mangrove forests are able to store three to four times more carbon than the forests which are found on land. Hence to recover from Global Warming it's very important to restore and protect mangrove forests.

Coastal Communities are unaware of the importance of Mangroves and the key role played by them in protecting the communities from natural disasters. Lack of awareness in fast growing coastal communities is leading to an irreversible destruction to the most important forest type – Mangroves.

Mangrove Restoration is not only limited to replanting the mangroves but to ensure the protection and further spread of the initiative. This will benefit the communities ecologically and economically.

Our Conservation team identified a severely ignored mangrove patch near Ongole. This patch is under threat due to lack of conservation efforts. Our team started collecting data and working with communities to chalk out a sustainable plan to restore the lost mangrove cover.

Our Vision is to bring the conservation into community development and make the communities as partners in protecting the sensitive biodiversity



Fisher Women Empowerment



As a part of Ocean warriors , we initiated a women empowerment program in Pallepalem village, Kothapatnam, Ongole district. There are 6324 fishermen completely dependent on Marine Fisheries. With an unstable economy in fish catch, these families are living under BPL (Below Poverty Line). Most of the women in the fisher community travel several miles to work as a daily labor in various industries to generate extra income.

As a pilot project, we initiated a small scale women empowerment program in Pallepalem fisher community. We have conducted a skill development program to empower the women in the fisher community by making coconut broomsticks for steady income. Now the trained women are able to generate extra income by making the coconut broomsticks from their own houses.

It's our ongoing project and we are aiming to empower a minimum of 100 families in the fishermen community with our women empowerment program.



Bring Back Sparrows



Bring Back Sparrows is a flagship project under our Urban Wildlife Conservation efforts. With an aim to increase the urban House Sparrow population density we distribute free sparrow nest boxes to citizens.

Bring Back Sparrows also encourages common people to take part in Sparrow Conservation.

Our scientifically designed Sparrow Nest boxes encourage sparrows to breed. We distributed a total of 1650 sparrow nest boxes till date. With an occupancy rate of 65% Bring Back Sparrows created a positive impact increasing the House Sparrow population in Urban Landscapes.



Plastic Free Planet

Animal Warriors Conservation Society along with a birding group Hyderabad Birding Pals in association with Telangana State Forest Department ,Narsapur Forest Division organized plastic cleanup activity in Narsapur Reserved Forest.

We collectively succeeded in removing more than 100 kg of plastic waste and debris around the boundary of Reserved Forest.

This effort was appreciated by then Ministry of Environment , Forests and Climate Change Sri Prakash Javadekar on his official twitter handle



A good initiative taken by forest personnel along with local public representatives and members of animal warriors, who all conducted a plastic-free drive near the Narsapur forest area.

Don't litter! Narsapur forest area now plastic-free zone

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDRABAD, JAN. 10

In a bid to discourage the use of plastic, the forest department on Sunday conducted a plastic-free drive on the road leading to Narsapur from Hyderabad.

Officials of the department from Medak and Narsapur range forest personnel along with local public representatives and members of Animal Warriors, a charity, were in attendance.

During the cleanliness drive, they had cleared nearly one tonne of plastic material.

Sangareddy district forest officer V. Venkateshwar said that plastic items should not be brought in the vicinity



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of the urban junk and forest areas. The forest officer said that if plastic is thrown away in the area, a fine would be imposed on the offender.



Water For Animals

Water is a basic necessity for all life on earth for their survival. Especially for the birds and other stray animals, summers are becoming increasingly harsh as the regular water sources get dried up.

Our Water For Animals initiative is made to help birds and other stray animals in the urban areas to beat the heat. We distributed 300 water bowls in the Hyderabad city and involved the community to maintain and regular refill of the water bowls.





Podcast for Planet

Animal Warriors Conservation Society with the aim to spread awareness initiated a podcast which we run through our social media handles.

Podcast for Planet brings in experts from Nature Conservation and Animal Welfare to spread awareness about Nature and Animals.

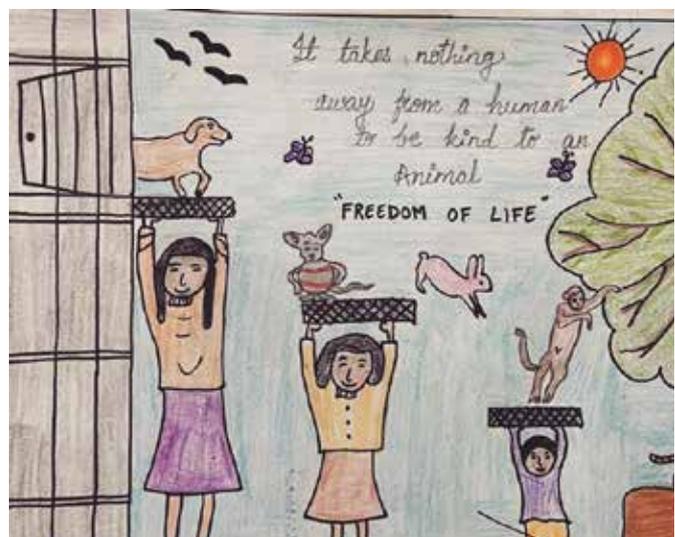
This program was very successful and attracted young viewers to interact with experts and learn more from them about climate change, eco-friendly lifestyles, animal rescues etc.

Nature Camp

Our Nature Camp is a platform to encourage kids to participate in various events. Through our Nature Camp we conducted Drawing Competition, essay writing, and a photography competition. Due to covid restrictions we conducted these events through virtual participation.

More than 120 young children participated in our Nature Camp and submitted their work.

Participants are awarded certificates through email.



Awareness Programs



A talk on Tactical Animal Rescue & Disaster Management was given by Animal Warriors Conservation Society in SAM-MELAN 2021.

Sammelan 2021 is a Bootcamp training program which took place in Guntur, AP.

More than 25 animal rescuers took part in this initiative.



Awareness program on Urban Wildlife Conservation was held in Hyderabad .

This event helped many nature enthusiasts to understand the importance of Urban wildlife conservation and encouraged them to volunteer in Wildlife Conservation.



Most of the tribal people are not aware about the laws and importance of wildlife, leading to poaching and hunting of wildlife is uncontrollable.

We took up the community awareness initiative among the tribal communities in various locations to make them understand the importance of wildlife and to stop the illegal wildlife hunting.

Honorable Moments



Upon learning about our services, the Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development of Telangana, Sri Kalvakuntla Taraka Ramarao Sir invited us for a meeting.

Our core team met Mr.KTR sir at his office and discussed various factors about animal welfare in Telangana State. He personally appreciated our efforts in saving animals and wildlife conservation. Sri G.Ranjith Reddy, MP (Chevella Constituency) and Sri Anand Methuku, MLA (Vikarabad) were also present in the meeting.

Mr.KTR sir personally donated Rs.10 Lakhs to our organization encouraging our work. We thank Mr.KTR sir for this kind gesture which inspired us to work with more energy.

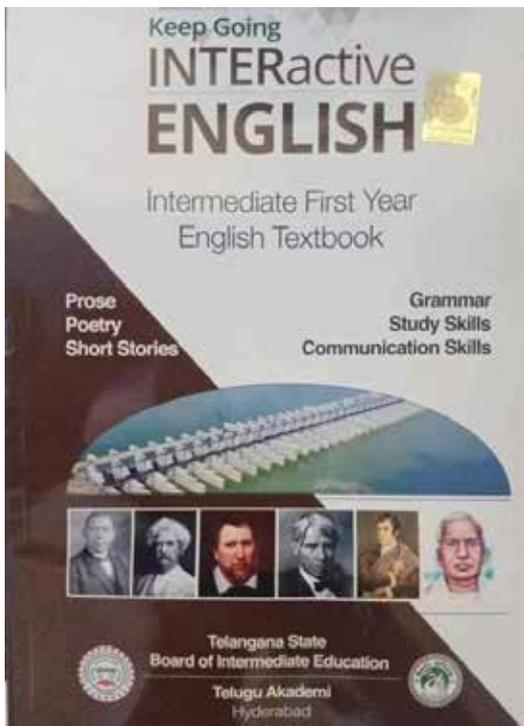


Honorable Moments



Animal Warriors Conservation Society received an appreciation award, presented by Cyberabad Police and Cyberabad Security Council, for our services during Pandemic. We fed almost 2000 animals during the total lock-down period.

It was a great honor to receive this award from Sri Sonu Sood, Film Actor and Philanthropist and Sri VC Sajjanar, then Commissioner of Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.



4. Loving Warriors

Love is gravity, for it makes some attached to others (including animals). Pradeep Nair and Santhosi – made for each other Hyderabad couple – belong to that rarest category, attached to others. These **Heroes of Hyderabad** have so far rescued seventy thousand distressed animals! They foster disabled animals too. Initiated indirectly into this mission by their parents, they started their love saga 14 years ago. With registration in 2019, their 25 + active, skilled team is now officially **Animal Warriors Conservation Society**. They coordinate with other NGOs, Fire, Forest and Zoo officials in wildlife conservation and activities like lake cleaning and *manzu* cleaning. Despite resources crunch, they go ahead with their mission. Sensitive souls, intelligent minds and skilled hands are their invaluable resources. Their determined will has moved our IT Minister, KT Rama Rao into the rarest gesture of extending a fund of rupees 10 Lakh. Crying wildlife appeals to all to strengthen their caring hands by sharing their mission of animal protection, wildlife conservation awareness promotion.

- i. When we read about Pradeep Nair and Santhosi we think of the great saying, **Love is gravity**. Explain in a sentence how.
- ii. Who prompted them to love animals?
- iii. What are the three goals that constitute their mission?
- iv. Who do they coordinate with in their wildlife conservation?
- v. Name the organization that got an official status in 2019.
- vi. What moved the IT Minister to show the rarest gesture?
- vii. What is the appeal of crying wildlife?
- viii. Pick out the **synonym** of **preservation** from the passage.

Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education in their First Year English Textbook published a comprehensive passage on Animal Warriors Conservation Society. This is such a great honour for us as Telangana State intermediate students will learn more about our organization and can get motivated towards animal welfare and nature conservation.

Impact

WILDLIFE RESCUES

Our Wildlife Rescue Team saves wild animals from distress situations. Our rescues involve injured, trapped, orphaned or even from illegal pet trade. With the coordination from Forest Department, we rehab the wild animals and release them back to their natural habitats

330



BIRDS

44



MAMMALS

50



SNAKES

TACTICAL RESCUES

Our TAC Team saves animals from most critical situations like from wells, borewells, rooftops etc. AWCS's TAC team is well experienced in saving animals from any kind of tactical situation.

306



DOGS

139



CATS

19



CATTLE

14



OTHERS

PLASTIC RECOVERED

Our fight on plastic is growing stronger and we are able to stop various types of plastics ending up in nature and send them to recycling units.

1200 KGS



GHOST NETS

455 KGS



OTHER PLASTICS

Financials

ANIMAL WARRIORS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

H.NO: 21-55/5, Venkatapuram, Tirumalagiri, K V Rangareddy, Telangana-500010.

Income and Expenditure account for the period from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021

Income	Current Year	Expenses	Current Year
By Voluntary Contributions	16,99,165	Rent Paid	1,13,000
Other Income	1,000	Salaries paid to Rescue Staff	64,000
		Repairs and Maintenance	9,000
		Professional/Consultancy Fees	20,000
		Travelling Expenses	60,220
		Audit Fees	15,000
		Medical Expenses	1,22,940
		Animal Food Expenses	6,10,541
		Vehicle Maintenance	26,982
		Women Empowerment Expenses	1,00,000
		Rescue Staff Welfare Expenses	41,000
		Miscellaneous Expenses	2,720
		Income Tax paid FY 2020-2021	16,010
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	4,98,752
Total	17,00,165	Total	17,00,165

For J Sivakumar & Co
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg No.03895S

For Animal Warriors Conservation Society

President*

Treasurer

P. J. J.



J. Santoshi

We thank all our donors and supporters who donated generously to us to run our activities smoothly. Without your donations and support it will be an herculean task for us to take care of so many animals. We are so excited to announce that donations towards our organization are tax exempted under 80G from September 2021.

I once again thank each and everyone who supported us in saving animals from distress situations.

Thank you

J Santoshi
Treasurer

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