

**AHLCON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
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**Celebration of World Elephant Day**

We at Ahlcon always look forward to participate and involve our students in outdoor programs, innovative activities and projects towards conserving biodiversity. As a part of this endeavor, a Painting Competition was organised in the school campus in collaboration with Wild life Trust of India on the theme “Wild Elephants” and “Protecting Elephant Habitat” on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Around 40 artists from classes 6-8 participated in the event. 20 best entries were selected and sent to the organisation for evaluation.



The elephant is loved, revered and respected by people and cultures around the world. We admire elephants because they demonstrate what we consider the finest traits: empathy, self-awareness, and intelligence. To celebrate “World Elephant Day” Gaj Yatra, a nationwide campaign to protect elephants was organised by Wild life Trust of India at Teen Murti Bhawan on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Ms. Sunanda S Kumar along with 10 ahlconites from middle section participated in the celebration.



Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched the Gaj Yatra. He released the All India Census 2017 Report on elephants and a document titled ‘Right of Passage’ on elephant corridors in India. A compilation, ‘Glimpses of Initiatives Taken for Elephant Conservation in India (2012-2017) based on Parliamentary Questions and Replies’ by ENVIS Centre, WWF-India and the Project Elephant Division, MoEF&CC, was also released.



A beautiful statue of elephant was unveiled on the occasion. There was a creative exhibition, painting and sculpting by kids committed to environmental protection, helped by their dedicated teachers. Various other programs included a talk on elephants and their importance in our eco system, clay modelling on miniature elephants and walk around the campus with the dignitaries. Actor and wildlife enthusiast, Ms. Dia Mirza, participated in the walk and run event organised on the occasion along with the children.



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