WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026
NANDANKANAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK
5th JUNE, 2026

The World Environment Day was celebrated at Nandankanan on 5th June, 2026. This year's theme was "Inspired by Nature, for climate, for our future". The event started with an Anti-Plastic Drive both at Nandankanan Zoological Park and State Botanical Garden with more than 130 participants including Zoo officials, staff, students, Zoo interns and Zoo volunteers.

This was followed by Plantation Drive of native trees like Mahogany, Putranjiva, Neem, Peepal, Bael, Jamun, Baula, Karanj, Arjuna, Amla etc. at Nandankanan Zoological Park & State Botanical Garden. More than 50 trees were planted during the event. Simultaneously, earthen pots were installed in designated areas throughout the zoo and botanical garden to support local wildlife

To engage visitors, mid-day events featured an interactive On-the-Spot Quiz**,** an Origami Session, and an Awareness Talk near the Interpretation Centre. A dedicated Selfie Stand was also set up for visitors to capture memories and share their experience. "Green Games" including environmental and animal-themed puzzles, were conducted, and free saplings of common fruiting and flowering plants were distributed to the public.

In the second half a documentary, "A Dream of Trees" showcasing a 20-year effort to restore fragmented rainforests in India's Western Ghats, a work of scientists from the Nature Conservation Foundation was shown to participants. The screening was followed by an interactive session where participants created origami shapes and participated in a 20-minute creative writing challenge, narrating their own poems and stories.

An online awareness quiz was also conducted on Nandankanan website on this year's theme where 473 participants attended online.