

Project Update: August 2009

On the occasion of TEEJ, a great festival of Nepalese women, Partnership for Rhino Conservation and Friendship Chitwan organized a song competition with the theme of "Women on Conservation" on 7 Bhadra 2066 (23rd August 2009). President of Friendship Chitwan, Koshraj Dallakoti, chaired the programme, President of Surdevi Community Forest User Group was a special guest and Ranjan Silwal from Chitwan National Park Buffer Zone Lothar User Committee was a respected guest.

Altogether seven groups had taken part in the competition and other conservation related poems, songs, and tales were also presented by other individuals and community-based organizations. At the request of the institution, audience and players, the programme had provided the stage for young people to explore their hidden expertise (dance and song).

The Chairperson, special guest, respected guests and other individuals working in conservation field also placed their voices, raised conservation issues and appealed to join hands on conservation in days to come.



The Team Leader of Partnership for Rhino Conservation, Suman Bhattarai, chaired the jury committee and also placed his encouraging voice. He said that he was ready to help locally initiated conservation activities morally, technically and financially as far as possible. He also noted that the previously formed rhino conservation team (Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation) had organized this programme as project continuity of its precious project. He also appealed all stakeholders to regulate rhino conservation project learning and contribute/participate actively in rhino conservation activities. More than 800 people enjoyed the programme. Even foreigners had also come and enjoyed the programme.

All together seven groups of Buffer Zone and surrounding villages have taken part:

1. Hands for Conservation
2. Surdevi Youth Club
3. Parewashwori Community Forest User Group
4. Jaya Manakamana Youth Club
5. Parewashwori Dugdha Utpadak
6. Ban Devi Community Forest User Group
7. Pashu Pati Kailashpuri Community Forest User Group

Winners:

First: Jaya Manakama Youth Club
Second: Parewashwori Community Forest User Group
Third: Surdevi Youth Club

