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Before running awareness programmes produced by the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust (MCBT), from funds provided by the Rufford Foundation (RF), permission was sought from the headmasters / principals of each of five schools. This was to make sure timings were suitable for maximum student attendance. The process of material development, permissions, and delivery took 2 weeks. All schools were government run, and a total of ca. 800 students between 2nd - 10th grade were the audience. Presentations were tailored, considering the range of school children ages. Information provided to each school involved a thematic poster, relative to crocodile biology, their role in our environment, and what roles research had to play in conservation of the marsh crocodile. These were posted in classrooms at arrival at each school. A power-point presentation was given, which averaged ½ hour, in which we went more in-depth, looking at the anatomy of crocodiles, where they are found on the Cauvery River system, not harassing crocodiles, trying to catch hatchlings and the high level of protection given to the species by the government.



