

## Project Update: March 2010

Here we are sending you a report of vulture conservation project's work in January 2010.

- A Vulture Watch Programme was arranged for the students of Navchetan School. We visited vulture roosting/nesting sites and found three dead white-rumped vultures (*Gyps bengalensis*). We tried to send a dead body to VCBC, Pinjore for biological analysis but no courier agency was ready to deliver it. On the next day the same programme was arranged for the members of NCS.
- Mr and Mrs Michelle also visited the site and observed 52 vultures.
- NCS presented 'The Effect of Kite Flying Festival on Vultures' during the workshop organised by VNSGU and the Forest Department.
- An awareness programme was arranged in the school of Variav-Tadwadi. A film on vultures was shown and we explained the current situation.
- A project on 'Let's save Vultures' in National Child Congress science fair was prepared by Navchetan School with help of the club and selected to the national level.

We have dumped carcasses 23 times and observed on average 57 vultures during January 2010.

