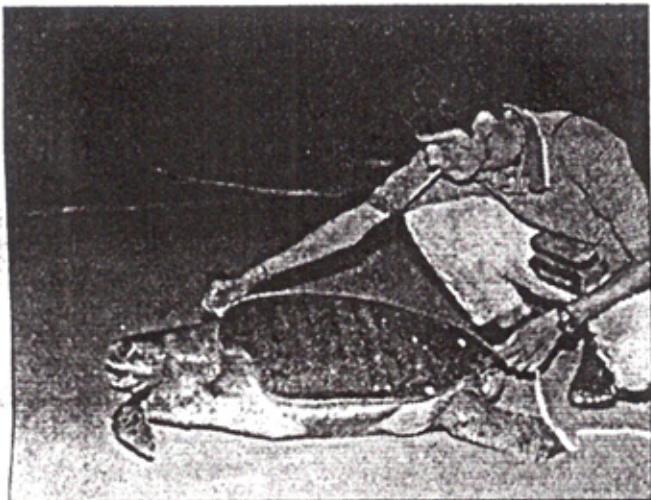


1285 turtles eggs relocated!

By Our Staff Reporter

Every year Olive Ridley turtles nest along the sea coast from December end to mid April.

Students Sea Turtles Conservation Network has been conserving the turtles



since 1987. It is voluntary body of students and a few teachers.

On Friday night, the volunteers came across a record of 1285 eggs, the largest ever for the past six years.

About 11 nests were located on the Friday night walk, and Arun, a teacher, at KFI-The School, says they had their hands full in packing the eggs to the

hatchery in Neelankarai.

The volunteers look for the turtles' nests along the coast from Besant Nagar to Neelankarai and walk upto Neelankarai and relocate them at the hatcheries at Neelankarai.

Those who are interested can join them in the turtle walk on Fridays and Saturdays at 11 pm starting from the Besant Nagar bus terminus / HB

Community Hall gate).

The walk ends at about 2.30 am and volunteers have to sleep in the open (women have a small hut to use to rest).

Many school children come in groups to go on these

walks. Recently, about 45 students from Delhi, landed up.

Arun, a staff member of The School, KFI is the coordinator of the programme.

It is a six kilometre walk from Besant Nagar to Neelankari. Contact volunteers Aadit at 24929051 or Vinayak at 24463159.