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From the Desk...



Dear Readers,

This quarter been quite eventful in terms of education activities and summer management to ensure zoo animals welfare. We conducted summer camp for 120 students during the month of April and May. Participants were exposed to basics of wildlife and conservation by involving various domain experts and field visits.

We received a female chimpanzee to accompany our existing male from Singapore zoo and also received two pairs of Asiatic Lions from Gujarat. Chimpanzee and Lions have easily adjusted to their new home and are doing well. At this moment I would like to thank Singapore Zoo, Government of Gujarat, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Central Zoo Authority, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Directorate of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Trade Unit, Animal Quarantine & Certification Services, Karnataka Forest Department, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Officers of concerned authorities and animal Keepers and staff who helped to get these animals to zoo.

We hope to strive to meet the expectation of our esteemed zoo visitors and also to ensure the welfare of zoo animals and wildlife.

Ajit M Kulkarni, IFS
Deputy Conservator of Forests &
Executive Director

SUMMER CAMP



With the aim of motivating the students about wildlife, Bio-diversity and Conservation, Mysuru zoo in collaboration with Regional museum of natural history (RMNH) started summer camp program. In this program, 120 interested students from 7th standard to 12th standard are selected on first come first serve basis. Such selected students are made aware of nature, wildlife, forests and their need for conservation. It was 11 day program held in two batches from 21st April to 30th April and 5th May to 14th May 2019 respectively.

This year also, 120 students were selected for Summer camp and formal inauguration of the program was done on 21st April. Function was inaugurated by Shri C.S. Yalakki IFS, (Rtd) Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Member of Central Zoo Authority and in the presence of Dr. G.N. Indresh Scientist-E & H.O., RMNH, Mysuru. The students were taught about various aspects about the environment conservation, animal behaviour, Tree identification, zoo and wildlife and wildlife laws including interesting activities such as Bird Watching, Karanji lake visit and RMNH visit during the Summer Camp.





ARRIVAL OF NEW ANIMALS

1. Arrival of Chimpanzee

Mysuru Zoo received a female Chimpanzee on 23/6/2019 from Singapore Zoo under animal exchange programme. About 14 years old Chimpanzee named Rah was received in exchange of a female Sloth Bear named Rani. She reached Bangalore by air and then by road travel. The arrival of female Chimpanzee has added to the animal collection of the Mysuru Zoo.



2. Arrival of Asiatic Lions:

As per the approval of Central Zoo Authority of India, two pair of Asiatic Lions are received from Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh, Gujarat on 26/6/2019.



4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTAL WORK

RENOVATION OF CHIMPANZEE HOUSE



WATER SUPPLY TO TIGER SUMP



REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED THUNDISADAK CHAINLINK MESH



JET SPRINKLER WATER SUPPLY AT GIRAFFE ENCLOSURE AND AT HIPPO ADDITIONAL KRAAL



JET SPRINKLER WATER SUPPLY AT DEER HOUSE



DEER HOUSE WATER TANK



5. ZOO INREACH PROGRAMME

Mysuru zoo is conducting various education programs out of which Zoo inreach programme is the major one. School students and trainee officers from various departments visit zoo and get educated about diversity of species and their importance, need for conservation and importance of wildlife

ATI Trainee Officers, Mysuru



6. “STUDY ON OLFATORY ENRICHMENT FOR CAPTIVE TIGERS AT MYSORE ZOO”.

Darshan CS Internship student, Kuvempu University
Sneha C, Biologist, Mysuru zoo and
Dr. K R Ramesh Assistant Director, Mysuru zoo

Environmental enrichment techniques are used on captive animals of different species for several years in zoos as means of encouraging them to display a variety of behaviour. Captive animals often show stereotypic or abnormal behavioural patterns if they cannot channel their energy and intellect in constructive ways. Hence captive animals need enrichment activities to live better lives. At zoos, rehabilitation and rescue centres, environmental enrichment play a role in ensuring the welfare of the animals.

The study was conducted at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens for a period of one month on captive tigers, to study the olfactory enrichment using Focal sampling method. All the 7 tigers in Mysuru zoo were on

observation after subjecting them for olfactory enrichment using spices, faecal pellets of sambar deer and dung of gaur.

The response of tigers towards olfactory stimulus was found to be more in case of spices, which indicate olfactory enrichment through spices influenced a lot on the behaviour of tigers. In case of faecal pellets of sambar deer, the activity of tigers were less compared to spices. But when dung of gaur was used as olfactory enrichment, the activity of tigers remained same as per their daily routine. From the study it is evident that olfactory enrichment could be used to promote the activity of captive tigers.



ANIMAL ADOPTION PROGRAMME

Mysuru Zoo is involved in captive breeding programme of endangered species and other conservation projects -all of which need the support of concerned people like you.

The adoption programme is a novel way to show your support and care for wild animals. By adopting your favourite animal, you will contribute towards feeding of the animal for one full year. You will be part of Mysore Zoo's efforts in wildlife conservation.

Finally adopting an animal is fun not only for you, but for your friends and family too. An adoption makes a great gift for birthdays, anniversaries etc., and is always unique. Show your concern towards conservation.

How to adopt an animal ?

1. Pick your favorite animal/s from the list noted in this leaflet.
2. Choose a level of support
3. Fill in the attached form and drop it in the mail box or hand it over to Zoo office along with payment
4. You can also gift an adopted animal to your friends, parents or relatives and children

7.2 MAJOR ADOPTIONS DURING THIS QUARTER

1. PANIKIRAN P.V., Periyapatna

adopted Jaguar by paying Rs. 35,000/-
for a period of one year from 09/04/2019 to 08/04/2020.

2. KULDEEP SIKARWAR, Mumbai

adopted Spot-Billed Pelican and Black Swan by paying Rs. 30,000/-
for a period of one year from 17/04/2019 to 16/04/2020.

3. K.S. SRIMATHI, Bengaluru

adopted India Grey Wolf, Finch, Ring Tailed Lemur, Flamingo,
Love bird and Great Indian Hornbill by paying Rs 52,000/-
for a period of one year from 06/05/2019 to 05/05/2020.

4. B. MEENA APPACHU, Mysuru

adopted King Cobra, Leopard and Love Bird by paying Rs 39,500/-
for a period of one year from 06/06/2019 to 05/06/2020.



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