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From the Desk...



The year 2020 started with a special occasion, Hon'ble Minister for Mines and Geology, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Govt of Karnataka, Shri C C Patil visited Mysuru Zoo on 1/1/2020 and dedicated display of Western Hoolock Gibbon to Zoo visitors and also inspected electronic weighing of White Rhinos. Officials of Mysore zoo, Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Forest Department, Mysuru Division were also present during this occasion.

On 26th January we celebrated the Republic Day and Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS., Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka graced the occasion as Chief Guest. On the same day, Smt. Sahana B, renowned birder of Mysore, shared her experience about Birds of Mysuru. Forest Guards from Belgaum Forest Division Sri. Mahaveer and Sri. Anand shared their knowledge about the Butterflies and Frogs respectively with august gathering.

This period also witnessed the Valedictory Program of Zoo Youth Club, Karanji Lake Festival and one week training program for final year B. Sc Forestry students of College of Forestry, Sirsi.

We also celebrated Zoo Day on 25th February and all the staff members of Zoo have actively participated in sports and other cultural activities held during this time. World Wildlife Day was celebrated on 3rd of March, students who visited the zoo were briefed about the present year's theme "Sustaining All Life on Earth" and importance of wildlife in the ecosystem.

Birth of Giraffe, Indian Fox, Gaur, Dhole and Grey wolf added new members to Mysore Zoo Family and are doing well.

The major issue which really bothered zoo and of concern is increasing cases of COVID 19 in our country and closure of Zoo for visitors from 15.03.2020. Zoo management is taking all precautionary steps to safeguard zoo animals as well as zoo staff during this difficult time. Hope we all tide over this situation and return to normalcy at the earliest and receive our beloved visitors at the earliest.

Ajit M Kulkarni, IFS

Deputy Conservator of Forest &
Executive Director

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden, Mysuru

2. Display of Western Hoolock Gibbon on 1st January



Hon'ble Minister for Mines and Geology, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Govt of Karnataka Shri C C Patil visited Mysuru Zoo on 1/1/2020 and dedicated display of Western Hoolock Gibbon to Zoo visitors and also inspected electronic weighing of White Rhinos. Sri. S.A. Ramadas, MLA, Krishnaraja Constituency, Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS., Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Smt. Chaya Naveen, Corporator, Ittigegudu, Sri Heeralal IFS CCF, Mysore, Dr Prashanth Kumar IFS, DCF Mysore and other local Forest officials graced the occasion.



3. Celebration of Republic Day on 26th January

On 26th January 2020 Republic Day was celebrated at Zoo entrance. Sri. B P Ravi IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka hoisted the flag and Sri. Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive director Mysuru Zoo was present on this occasion. All the zoo staffs were present for flag hoisting event.



4. Special Lecture series on Birds of Mysuru, Butterflies and Frogs

Every organism on the planet has an important role to play in a food chain and ecosystem, as a prey or predator. There is a need to understand the importance of every organism and it is our duty to protect them. In order to understand much about them and why they should be conserved, it is important to have a discussion with researchers and conservators who has eminent knowledge on them.

With this background, Mysuru Zoo invited Smt. Sahana B to share her experience on Birds of Mysuru, Forest guard Sri. Mahaveer to share his knowledge about Butterflies and Forest guard Sri. Anand to share his knowledge about Frogs as a part of Special lecture series which was held on 26th January 2020.

6. Youth Club-2019 Valedictory Program

The valedictory function of the youth club – 2019 was held on 23rd February, 2020. Sri. B P Ravi IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Sri Shridhar Bhat, Assistant Professor, College of Forestry Sirsi, were the guests of honour. Sri Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo and Sri. H B Manjunath SFS, Deputy Director, Mysuru Zoo were also present at this occasion.

Prize winners of Photography competition, various literary competitions held at Mysuru Zoo and during Karanji Lake Festival were awarded with certificates and gift vouchers at the same occasion.

5. Training Programme for Final Year B.Sc. Students of Sirsi Forestry College.

Training programme for students of final year B.Sc. Forestry, College of Forestry, Sirsi was held at Mysuru Zoo. Training program on “Captive Management of Wildlife: Principles and Practices” was scheduled from 19th February to 25th February 2020 with classes covering on various aspects about Zoo and its management. The students involved themselves with great interest and their participation is most valid for their future career. About 64 students with a faculty Sri. Sridhar Bhat, Assistant Professor participated in the programme and were awarded with Certificates.





7. Zoo day Celebration – 25th February

The staff members of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, celebrated Zoo Day in a unique way. Every year the Zoo Day will be celebrated in commemoration of birth date of Sri Chamarajendra Wodeyar, the founder member of Mysuru Zoo. On 25th February 2020, Chamundeshwari Pooja was done, followed by lunch for the staff members. The Zoo day is celebrated to bring cordial relationship amongst employees.

Mysore zoo had conducted various games for the employees such as cricket, short put, kabadi and many more. In this programme, the winners of the competition were awarded.





8. World Wildlife Day, 3rd March

World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness for their conservation and benefits that is provided to humans. The theme of World Wildlife Day 2020 was “Sustaining all Life on Earth”, hence various information poster were displayed at the zoo premises, to create awareness among the zoo visitors and students. Students who visited the zoo on 3rd and 4th of March were briefed about importance of Wildlife in our life and also about World Wildlife Day.



9. Recent Development Works

9.1. Construction of New Jaguar House



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9.2. Resurfacing of Zoo roads



9.3. Construction of Underpass, Zoo Parking to Zoo Entrance



9.4. Renovation of Indian Rhinoceros House



9.5. Renovation of Chain-link Mesh at Nilgiri Langur Enclosure.



10. Births, Acquisition of animals during the quarter

10.1. Natality

	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
1	10/1/2020	M01376	Thamin Deer	0	0	1	1	Born in enclosure.
2	19/1/2020	M01571	Gaur - Pen2	0	1	0	1	Born in enclosure.
3	31/1/2020	M01572	Gaur - Pen1	0	1	0	1	968000010961991, Ora-SCZG436
4	2/2/2020	M01574	Gaur - Pen 1	1	0	0	1	Born in enclosure, 000771739E, Red-SCZG0002
5	7/2/2020	M01575	Gaur Pen1	0	1	0	1	Born in enclosure, 0007717569, Yellow-SCZG0351
6	7/2/2020	B01915	Black Swan	0	0	5	5	Hatched in enclosure.
7	15/2/2020	M01576	Indian Fox	0	0	3	3	Born in den.
8	22/2/2020	B01915	Black Swan	0	0	5	5	Hatched in enclosure.
9	7/3/2020	-	Giraffe	1	0	0	0	Born in enclosure.
				2	3	14	18	



Male giraffe calf born to Khushi and Bharath on 7/3/2020



Pups of Wild dog or Dholes



Pup of Benagl Fox



Fawns of Four-Horned Antelope



Calf of Bison



Fawn of Mouse Deer

10.2. Acquisition of Animals during the quarter

	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
1	21/1/2020	M01573	Mysuru Lories	1	1	0	2	Received from T.N.Range, Thayur Village from Forest Dept.
2	24/1/2020	B01928	Grey Jungle Fow l	4	4	0	8	Received from Tirupati Zoo, Andrapradesh
3		R00215	King Cobra	1	2	0	3	Received from Pilikula Zoo, Mangalore on animal exchange programme
4		M01577	Royal Bengal Tiger	0	1	0	1	
5	28/2/2020	R00214	Water Monitor Lizard	1	1	0	2	
6		B01929	Lesser Whistling Teal	1	1	0	2	
			Total	18	10	0	18	



Mysore Slender Loris at Quarantine facility



Tigress received from Pilikula Zoo, Mangalore

10.3. Disposal of Animals during this quarter

	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
1	24/1/2020	B01811-12	Black Swan	1	1	0	2	Transferred to Tirupathi Zoo on animal exchange programme
2		BCNH-1	Black Crowned Night Heron	5	5	0	10	
3		B01913-14	Plum Headed Parakeet	1	1	0	2	
4	27/2/2020	B01680-82,92	Black Swan	2	2	0	4	Transferred to Pilikula Zoo, Mangalore on animal exchange programme
5		M01373, 1463	Hyena	1	1	0	2	
6		M01526, 43	Gaur	1	1	0	2	
			Total	11	11	0	22	



Transfer of Animals to Pilikula Zoo, Mangalore

11.1. Major Adoptions

1. **Sri. Srikanth Gowda**
- adopted Indian Leopard by paying **Rs.35,000/-**
for a period of one year from **2/1/2020 to 1/1/2021**.
2. **Smt. T G Jagadamba**
- adopted Lion by paying **Rs.1,00,000/-**
for a period of one year from **06/01/2020 to 05/01/2021**.
3. **Rajeshwari Enterprises**
- adopted Jaguar by paying **Rs. 35,000/-**
for a period of one year from **01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020**.
4. **Sri S. V. Nanjunda Rao**
- adopted Nilgiri Langur by paying **Rs.20,000/-**
for a period of one year from **16/02/2020 to 15/02/2021**.
5. **Smt. Indira Venkatraman**
- adopted Nilgiri Langur and Ostrich by paying **Rs.20,000/-**
for a period of one year from **24/02/2020 to 23/02/2021**.
6. **Sri. Krishna Anand**
- adopted Nilgiri Langur and Ostrich by paying **Rs.20,000/-**
for a period of one year from **24/02/2020 to 23/02/2021**.
7. **Sri. K. S. Balasubramanya**
- adopted Flamingo and Spotted Whistling Duck by paying **Rs.22,000/-**
for a period of one year from **05/03/2020 to 04/03/2021**.
8. **A.T.M.E. College**
- adopted Leopard, Grey Wolf, King Cobra, Lion Tailed Macaque,
Four Horned Antelope and Sun Conure by paying **Rs.75,500/-**
for a period of one year from **06/03/2020 to 05/03/2021**.
9. **Sri. Ajay Patwardhan**
- adopted Jaguar by paying **Rs.35,000/-**
for a period of one year from **09/03/2020 to 08/03/2021**.
10. **Sri. Dhruv Patil**
- adopted an Asiatic Elephant, Giraffe, Leopard, Red Billed Toucan and
Indian Crested Porcupine by paying **Rs.3,21,000/-**
for a period of one year from **12/03/2020 to 11/03/2020**.
11. **Dr. Raghavendra Prasad**
- adopted White Tiger by paying **Rs.1,00,000/-**
for a period of one year from **13/03/2020 to 12/03/2021**.



11.2. Zoo inreach / Outreach



1. Forest Guard trainees from Forest Training Centre, Kadugodi



2. Nireeksha School for Special Abled Children, Mysore

11.3. Retirement of officials and Officers.

1. Sri. Krishne Gowda H K – Junior Attender - retired on 29/02/2020 after serving for a period of 28 years
2. Sri. Rajashekar M – Senior Assistant - retired on 31/03/2020 after serving for a period of 35 years.



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