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From the Desk...



Dear Readers,

There were some great moments to cherish during this quarter. Goal of Conservation in zoos are achieved majorly through Educational Programs. This quarter we conducted educational activities such as Quiz and Painting Competitions. We also organized many in-reach and out-reach program for schools to create awareness among students. Celebration of World Tiger Day, Snake Day, Elephant Day, Rhino day and Inauguration of Youth Club 2019 are some of the educational programmes which were conducted during this quarter.

Many people are coming forward for adopting animals by donating the amount for their annual maintenance. I would like to thank all the donors for their wholehearted support to Mysuru Zoo.

During this quarter we could accomplish the task of getting white rhinoceros to Mysuru Zoo, which was long pending demand of Zoo visitors. We received a male and female white rhinoceros from Singapore Zoo.

I thank all the staff members of Mysuru Zoo who are working relentlessly for upkeep and improvement of Mysuru Zoo.

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Deputy Conservator of Forest &
Executive Director
Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden, Mysuru

2. Inauguration of Youth Club-2019



Catching young minds, and motivating them towards nature conservation, forms an important aspect of conservation efforts. Having regard to this very important aspect, Mysuru Zoo has started a nature education program in the form of Youth Club twenty-five years ago itself. In this program, 60 interested students between the age of 12 to 18 years are selected for Youth Club on first come first serve basis. Such selected students are made aware of components of nature, forests, their importance and need of their conservation. Activities of Youth Club span over six months from July to December.

This year also, 60 students are selected for Youth Club and

its formal inauguration was done on 28th July. The Youth Club-2019 of Mysuru Zoo (27th Batch) was inaugurated on 28th July 2019 by Shri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru Palace. Shri B.P. Ravi IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, was presided over the function. Dr. N.H.Ravindranath, Retd. Professor, Centre for Sustainable Development, IISC, Bangalore and Shri T.Heeralal IFS, Conservator of Forests, Mysuru Circle, were the Chief Guest. Sri Prashanth IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mysuru Division, Mysuru and Sri Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo were present at this occasion.



3. World Tiger Day-29th July



Tigers are the largest members of the cat family and are renowned for their power and strength. The tiger is a stalk-and-ambush hunter, and the distinctive stripes are good camouflage in the long grass or wooded forests of their diverse habitat. There are 9 subspecies of tigers out of which 3 are extinct. There are only about 3890 tigers left in wild throughout the world. India is having about 2,226 tigers and Karnataka is a home for about 406 tigers. Due to hunting, poaching, habitat loss, deforestation and shortage of prey, tigers are at greater risk. At the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit, from 21-24 November 2010, the heads of governments of countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russian federation, Vietnam, Thailand and Nepal- All the countries being custodians of the last remaining tigers in the wild, declared the actions they thereby going to take in order to double the number of wild tigers. One such action that was declared was tiger conservation awareness by celebrating Global Tiger Day annually on 29 July. To promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers, to raise public awareness and to support for tiger conservation issues, World tiger day is celebrated on 29th July every year.

In this context, Mysuru zoo celebrated the Tiger day on 29th July 2019. We displayed attractive Information Boards and Fun facts Boards about the Tigers in front of the Tiger enclosure at Mysuru Zoo. The visitors were briefed about importance of tigers in ecosystem.



4. World Snake Day, 16th July



Snakes are incredible creatures, and our world is groaning with at least 3000 different species of snakes. They live on every continent except Antarctica and vary in size from 32 feet long pythons to tiny vine snakes. Only about one-fourth of all snakes are venomous, and all of them would much rather avoid human contact if they could. In India, there are 270 species of snakes and out of which only 60 are highly venomous.

Snakes play a vital role in maintaining Homeostasis of ecosystem. They play a very vital role in controlling pests like rats, insects etc. However, they are highly threatened by habitat destruction, misconception and superstition. There is a need to create awareness about the importance of their

Boards containing information on snakes were displayed near Snake Houses at Zoo for the benefit of visitors. Public awareness was created through these informative posters.



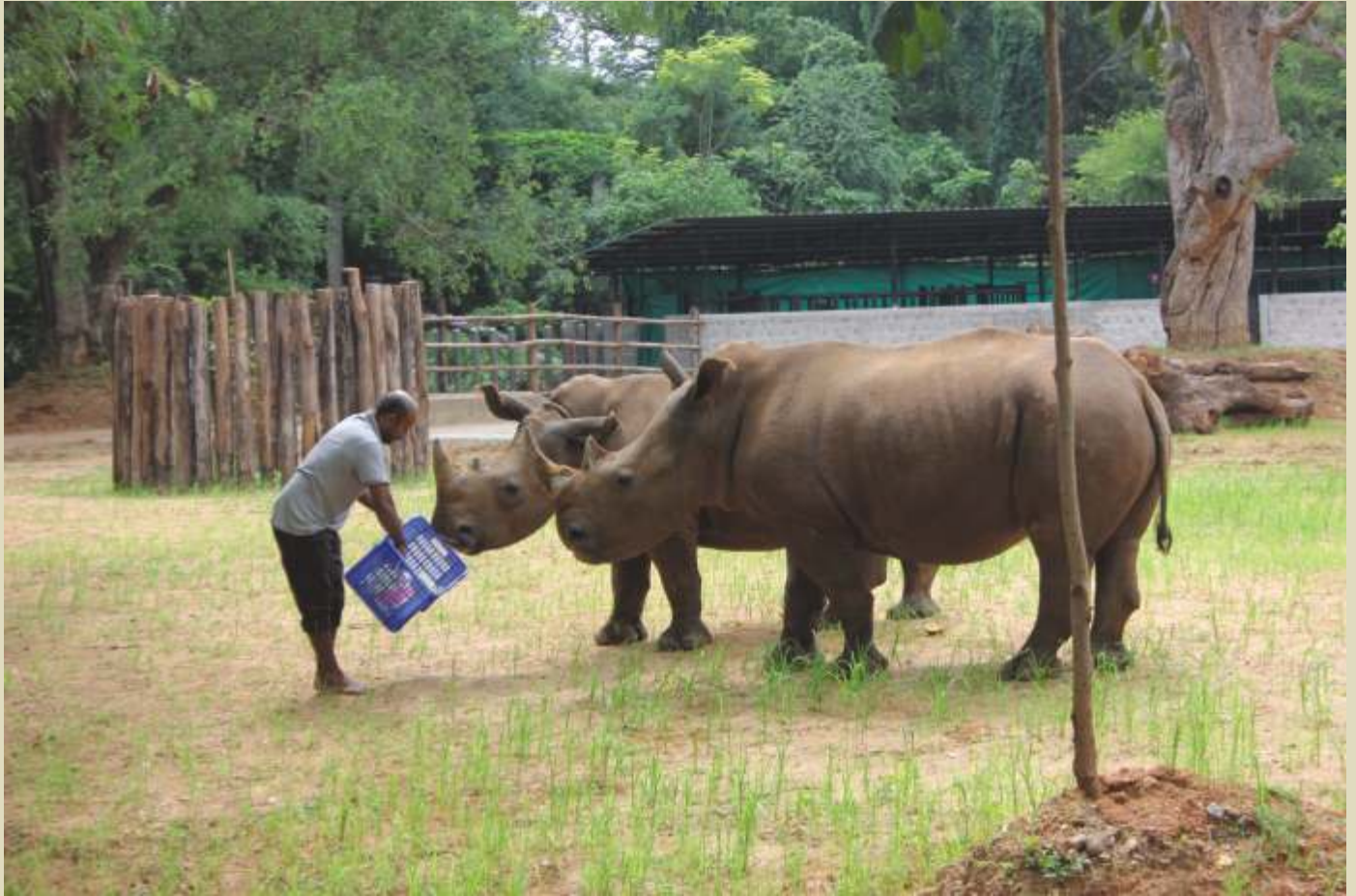
5. World Elephant Day, August 12

Elephants are the large herbivores which survive on the earth today. In world, there are approximately 450,000 - 700,000 African elephants and between 35,000 - 40,000 wild Asian elephants. And India is home for about 27,312 elephants and Karnataka is having 6049 elephants. Escalating poaching, or illegal killing, for the commercial trade in ivory and meat, growing demands of exploding human populations, Increasing loss and fragmentation of natural habitats and Rising conflict with humans over diminishing resources are the major causes for decrease in Elephant population. World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12 to create awareness of urgent plight of African and Asian elephants and to share knowledge

In this Regard, Mysuru zoo took the initiative to create awareness about this majestic animal by celebrating World Elephants Day. In this event, school students, wildlife enthusiasts and youth club members were briefed about celebration of elephant day.



6. World Rhino day, 22nd September



There are 5 species of rhinos in the world out of which 3 are critically endangered. There are about 30,000 rhinos left in the world. India is having about 2600 rhinos and Assam is the home to the largest population of rhinoceros. These majestic animals are highly threatened by illicit poaching for its horn and its habitat destruction. If an immediate action for their conservation is not taken then they will go extinct in a short span of time.

Mysuru Zoo has Indian Rhino and Southern White Rhino. To contribute to this worldwide celebration, Mysuru Zoo took the initiative to celebrate the World Rhino Day in a befitting manner. On this day, special arrangements were made for Rhino feeding so that visitors could see them feeding. Many wildlife enthusiasts, zoo staff, and media people attended this program.



7. Independence Day celebration

On 15/08/2019 Independence day was celebrated at Zoo entrance. Ex-service men took initiation to organize Independence Day. Sri B P Ravi IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka hosted flag and Sri Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive director Mysuru Zoo was present on this occasion. All the zoo staffs were present for flag hosting event.



8. ARRIVAL OF NEW ANIMALS

Arrival of a pair of Southern White Rhino from Singapore Zoo to Mysuru Zoo :

Under animal exchange programme between Mysuru Zoo & Singapore Zoo, a pair of Southern White Rhinoceros from Singapore Zoo reached Bengaluru Airport by air and then by road travel to Mysuru Zoo on 12/8/2019. Oban (male) and Vita (female) Rhinos scouting the new home with lot of inquisitiveness.

Visitors from all over the country as well as abroad will be attracted by white rhinoceros at Mysuru Zoo.



9. DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION 2019

Mysuru Zoo conducted Drawing and Painting competition for school students on 31/08/2019 on topic “Zoos and Wildlife”. About 236 students from LKG to College were participated.



10. News in Brief

10.1 Major Adoptions

1. Sri. Mahendra Singh Kalappa, Mysuru

- adopted Tiger by paying Rs.1,00,000/-
for a period of one year from 29/7/2019 to 28/7/2020.

2. Tripura constructions, Hyderabad

- adopted Lion by paying Rs.1,00,000/-
for a period of one year from 06/08/2019 to 05/08/2020.

3. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Ltd, Mysuru

- adopted One Asiatic Lion, One Bengal Tiger, two Giraffes,
Asiatic Lion and one Zebra by paying Rs. 5.00 lakhs
for a period of one year from 9/7/2019 to 8/7/2020.

4. M/s Kumar Organic Products Limited, Bengaluru

- adopted Tigress (Manya) by paying Rs.1,00,000/-
for a period of one year from 25/8/2019 to 24/8/2020.

5. M/s. MAC Group CNC India Tools & Service (P) Ltd, Bengaluru

- adopted Tiger by paying Rs.50,000/-
for a period of six months from 7/9/2019 to 6/3/2020.

6. Sri Prashanth.S.Iyengar and Smt.Geetha.S. Iyengar, Pune

- adopted Two Tigers by paying Rs.2,00,000/-
for a period of one year from 17/8/2019 to 16/8/2020.

7. Sri Darshan S, Sandalwood actor

- adopted an Elephant and Bengal Tiger by paying Rs.2,75,000/-
for a period of one year from 29/07/2019 to 28/07/2020.

8. Smt Kanika Rana

- has adopted Zebra and Sarus crane by paying Rs.57,500/-
for a period of one year from 14/9/2019 to 13/9/2020.

9. Smt Santhi Priya Gattupalle, Bengaluru

- adopted White Rhinoceros by paying Rs.75,000/-
for a period of one year from 17/8/2019 to 16/8/2020.

10. Sri H R Venkatesh, Bengaluru

- adopted Giraffe by paying Rs.1,00,000/-
for a period of one year from 15/8/2019 to 14/08/2020.

11. Dairy classic ice creams pvt ltd, Bengaluru

-adopted Tiger by paying Rs.1,00,000/-
for a period of one year from 30/09/2019 to 29/09/2020.

12. Veda Krishnamurthy, Indian Cricketer

- adopted Indian Leopard (Bhavana)by paying Rs 35,000/-
For a period of one year from 09/09/2019 to 08/09/2020.



Zoo In-reach Programme



Maharaja PU College Mysuru



ATI trainee officers from NIRD & PR, Hyderabad



JSS Public School Siddharthnagar Mysore

Zoo In-reach Programme



Savithri Convent, Mysuru



Zoo outreach program at KSOU Mysuru

10.3 Retirement of officials



1. Sri Chikka

- Attender - retired on 31/08/2019 after serving for a period of 40 years and 9 months.



2. Sri Sannegouda

- Attender- retired on 31/08/2019 after serving for a period of 40 years and 9 months.

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