

Zoo Authority of Karnataka



# Gadag Zoo



Annual Report  
2024-25



# GADAG ZOO



# Content

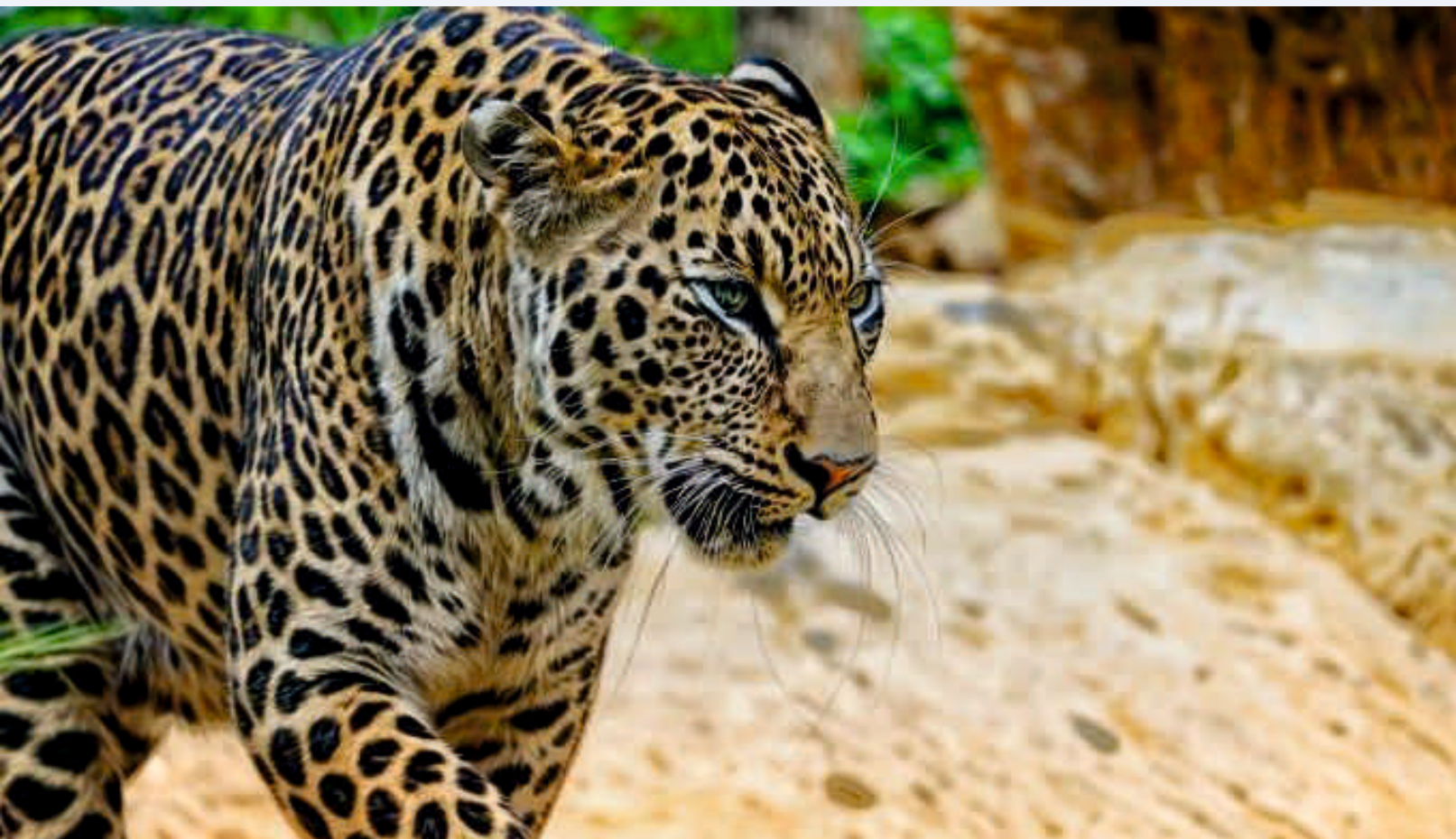
<b>01</b>	Report of officer-in-charge.....00
02	History of the Zoo .....00
03	Vision .....00
04	Mission .....00
<b>05</b>	Objective .....00
06	About us .....00
07	Organizational Chart.....00
08	Human Resources.....00
09	Capacity Building.....00
<b>10</b>	Zoo Advisory Committee.....00



<b>11</b>	Health Advisory committee.....00
12	Statement of income.....00
13	Visitation from Last Five Years .....00
14	Details of Animal Adoption .....00
<b>15</b>	Daily feeding Schedule of animals .....00
16	Vaccination Schedule of animals .....00
17	De-worming Schedule of animals .....00
18	Disinfection Schedule .....00
19	Health Check-up of employees.....00
<b>20</b>	Development Works carried .....00



<b>21</b>	Seasonal special arrangements for upkeep of animals .....	00
22	Research Work carried out and publications .....	00
23	Conservation Breeding Programme of the zoo .....	00
24	Annual Inventory of animals .....	00
<b>25</b>	Animal Acquisition/Transfer/Exchange during the year 2023-24 .....	00
26	Mortality of animals.....	00
27	Status of the Compliance.....	00
28	List of free-living wild animals within the zoo premises .....	00
29	Visitor Amenities .....	00
<b>30</b>	Our Team .....	00





## 01 Report of the Officer-in-Charge

I am pleased to present the Officer In-Charge Report for Gadag Zoo for the financial year 2024–25. Established in 1972, Gadag Zoo—popularly known as Binkadakatti Zoo—has steadily grown as a vital centre for wildlife conservation, environmental education, and public engagement. Housing more than 42 species and approximately 440 animals, the zoo continues to inspire love for nature and promote conservation awareness among the public.

During the year 2024–25, the zoo recorded a footfall of 1,59,567 visitors, reflecting the steady interest and support from the community towards wildlife and conservation education. The total revenue generated for the year was 86,82,340.00, derived from entry fees, donations, and the

adoption program, which continues to strengthen the bond between the public and the zoo's mission.

One of the major focus areas this year was strengthening our outreach and educational programs. Numerous awareness programs were organized specifically targeting school children to foster early appreciation for wildlife conservation. Additionally, visitor interaction sessions were regularly held within the zoo premises, where guests were educated about different species, conservation challenges, and the importance of biodiversity. Throughout the year, Gadag Zoo enthusiastically celebrated key conservation and wildlife importance days such as World Snake Day, World Tiger Day, World Lion Day, World Wildlife Day, World Sparrow Day, World Bear Day and many others. These celebrations were marked with creative and interactive events aimed at increasing community involvement in wildlife conservation.

The financial year 2024–25 also witnessed significant infrastructural and administrative developments that will have a long-term impact on the zoo's future. A new Curator/RFO Office and Curator/RFO Quarters were constructed, providing better working conditions and enhancing administrative efficiency. A Baby Feeding Room was also built inside the zoo premises for visitors, especially benefiting mothers with young children, thus improving visitor-friendly facilities and promoting a more inclusive experience for all guests.

These newly developed facilities were officially inaugurated in a special event graced by the Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka - Shri. Eshwar Khandre, whose presence added prestige to the occasion. The opening of these facilities marks a progressive step towards creating a modern, visitor-friendly zoo environment aligned with the evolving needs of the public.

A landmark achievement this year—the golden development in the history of Gadag Zoo—was the successful acquisition of 13.20 acres of land adjacent to the existing zoo compound. This new land extends the zoo boundaries and importantly provides a direct entry point to the zoo from the National Highway (Gadag–Hubli NH 67). This connectivity will significantly enhance visitor access, visibility, and future development potential of the zoo. It is a proud moment in the zoo's 52-year journey, as such a major land expansion had never occurred before.

The Bhoomi Pooja for the land extension project was conducted on March 16, 2025, in a grand event attended by esteemed dignitaries:

- **Shri. D.K. Shivakumar**, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- **Dr. H.K. Patil**, Minister of Law, Justice, Human Rights, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation and Tourism, Government of Karnataka.

- **Shri. Eshwar Khandre**, Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka.

Their participation made the event truly historic for Gadag Zoo, symbolizing a strong commitment towards conservation, development, and community enrichment. This milestone sets the stage for the future transformation of Gadag Zoo into a larger, more dynamic center for wildlife conservation, education, and recreation.

The progress achieved during 2024–25 would not have been possible without the unwavering support from the Karnataka Forest Department, the Zoo Authority of Karnataka, and the Dharwad Forest Circle. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our stakeholders, well-wishers, and the visiting public for their constant encouragement.

I extend my sincere thanks to the dedicated team at Gadag Zoo, including the Range Forest Officer, Veterinary Officers, Zoo Animal Keepers, Administrative staff, Education team, and maintenance personnel, whose hard work and passion drive the zoo's operations every day. Their commitment to animal welfare, conservation outreach, and visitor satisfaction remains the backbone of our institution.

Moving forward, Gadag Zoo remains committed to advancing its mission of wildlife conservation, environmental education, and fostering coexistence between humans and nature. With a spirit of collaboration and dedication, we look forward to a future filled with even greater achievements and milestones.

**Santosh Kumar Kenchappanavar IFS**

Executive Director Gadag Zoo &  
Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Gadag Division, Gadag

## 02 History of the Zoo

Gadag Zoo, originally established in 1972 as Binkadakatti Children's Park, holds a legacy intricately woven with the visionary leadership of Shri K.H. Patil, the esteemed Forest Minister from Hulkoti village in Gadag. His deep-rooted commitment to nature conservation and environmental stewardship laid the foundation for what would blossom into a treasured wildlife sanctuary in the region.

The zoo's initial planning was meticulously carried out under the guidance of the Curator of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysore, lending a rich heritage and scientific precision to its inception. Officially notified under **GO No. AFD.234.FAF.61** dated **July 31, 1968**, it was carved out from the **Gadag Protected Forests, Sy. No. 260**, marking the beginning of a journey that has since been defined by growth, conservation, and community engagement.

Over the years, Gadag Zoo has evolved into a vibrant centre for **biodiversity preservation, wildlife education and public awareness**, playing a key role in nurturing a culture of coexistence between people and nature. It has steadily expanded its facilities, outreach, and impact, becoming a hub of environmental consciousness for the region.

In a significant stride toward enhancing visitor experience and institutional capacity, the zoo has **recently acquired an additional parcel of land** adjacent to the existing premises. This newly acquired space is earmarked for the development of **a world-class entrance plaza**, envisioned to feature modern visitor amenities, improved ticketing and interpretation facilities, and a more immersive arrival experience. This upcoming development will reflect the zoo's commitment to creating an inclusive, educational, and globally benchmarked wildlife experience for all.

Today, Gadag Zoo stands as a beacon of conservation in Karnataka — not just a home for animals, but a **living classroom and sanctuary** that inspires every visitor to appreciate, respect, and protect our planet's incredible biodiversity.



## 03 Vision

“Our vision is to foster a harmonious world where wildlife and humans thrive together, promoting conservation, awareness, and respect for nature at Gadag Zoo.”

## 04 Mission

At Gadag Zoo, our mission is to protect wildlife and their habitats through education, conservation, and community engagement. We strive to create meaningful connections between visitors and the natural world, inspiring future generations to become passionate nature enthusiasts and dedicated conservationists.



## 05 Objectives

- To provide a natural and enriching habitat for all the zoo's animals.
- To support the conservation of endangered species.
- To offer enhanced care and facilities for orphaned and rescued wildlife.
- To conduct educational programs that raise awareness about wildlife conservation.
- To provide the public with valuable opportunities to connect with nature and wildlife.
- To ensure high-quality veterinary care for all zoo animals.

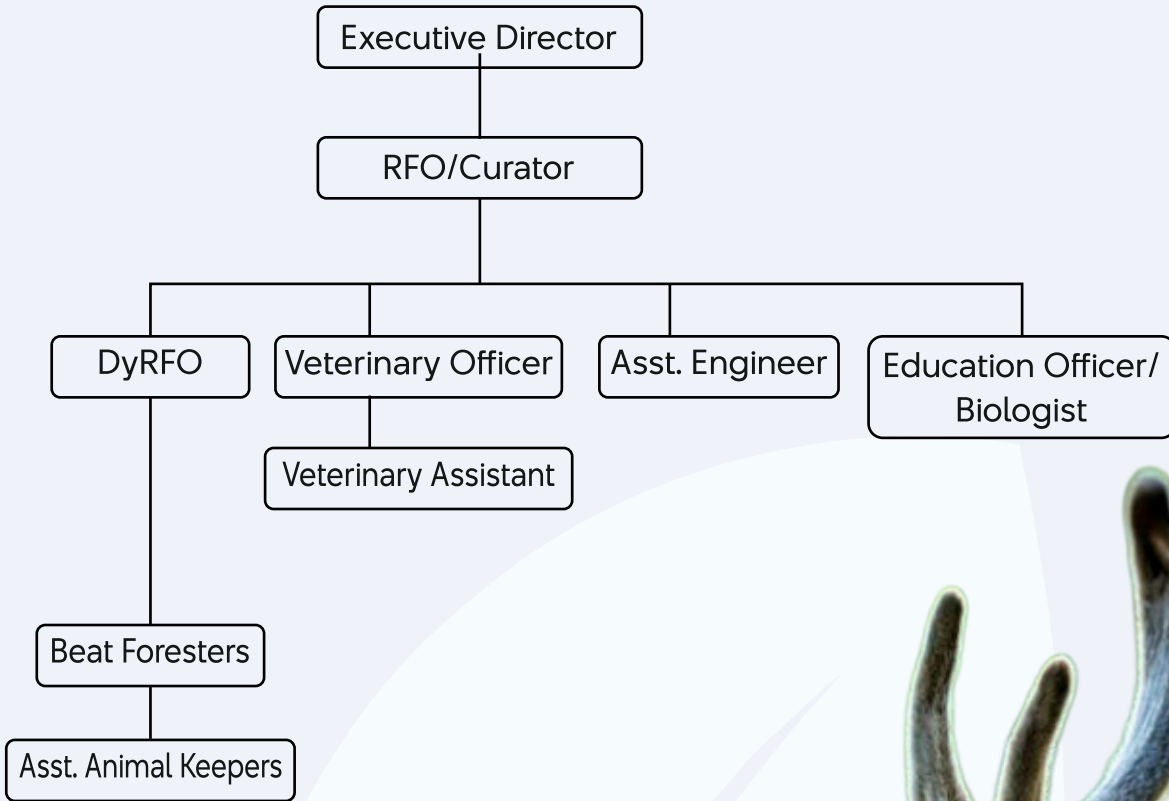


Sl. No.	Particulars	Information
<b>Basic Information about the Zoo</b>		
01	Name of the Zoo	Gadag Zoo
02	Year of Establishment	31-08-1972
03	Address of the Zoo	Office of Range, Forest Officer, Gadag Zoo, Gadag. Pin code: 582103
04	State	Karnataka
05	Telephone Number	7349472056
06	Fax Number	-
07	E-mail address	dyconservatorgadag@gmail.com zoorfogadag@gmail.com
08	Website	www.gadagzoo.in
09	Distance from nearest	Airport: 60 km (Hubli Airport) Railway Station: 5 km (Gadag Railway Station) Bus Stand: 4 km (Gadag New Bus stand)
10	Recognition Valid up to (Date)	01/12 /2024
11	Category of Zoo	Small zoo
12	Area ( in hectares)	40.02+13.20
13	Number of Visitors (Financial year)	Adult: 1,30,686 Children: 28,881 <b>Total Indian: 1,59,567</b> Total Foreigners: 00 <b>Total Visitors: 1,59,567</b>

Sl. No.	Particulars	Information
14	Visitor's Facilities available in Zoo	Visitor's pathway (Pavement), R.O Drinking water units, High-tech toilets, Resting structures, Pergola, Children Play Equipment, Electric Buggy, Garden, water fountains.
15	Weekly Closure Day of the Zoo	Tuesday
<b>Management Personnel of the Zoo</b>		
16	Name with designation of the Officer in charge	<b>Santosh Kumar Kenchappanavar</b> IFS Executive Director Gadag Zoo & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division, Gadag.
	Name of the Veterinary Officer	
	Name of the Curator	Mrs. Sneha Koppal
	Name of the Assistant Engineer	Er. Praveen Bidari
	Name of the Biologist	Mrs. Carol Brunilda Amanna
	Name of the Education Officer	Mrs. Carol Brunilda Amanna
	Name of the para-vet	Sri. Nikhil Kulkarni
<b>Owner/Operator of the Zoo</b>		
17	Name of the operator	Sri. Sunil Panwar IFS Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka.
18	Address of the operator	Office of the Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Hunsur-Shrirangapattana Road, Koorghally, Mysuru-570018
19	Contact details/phone number of the operator	0821-2432881
20	E-mail address of the operator	ccfmszak@gamil.com

# 07

## Organizational Chart (at present)



## 08

## Organizational Chart (at present)

Staff pattern (sanctioned posts along with contract basis staff)

Sl. No.	Designation of Posts	Nos
<b>I Deputed staff</b>		
1.	Executive Director (Deputy Conservator of Forests)	1
2.	Range Forest Officer	1
3.	Deputy Range Forest Officer	2
4.	Forest Guard	2
	Total	6
<b>II ZAK Permanent Staff</b>		
1.	MRE/DRE	2
	Total	2
<b>III Other staff</b>		
1	Veterinary Officer (Honorarium)	1
2	Assistant Engineer	1
3	Education Officer cum Biologist	1
4	Veterinary Assistant	1
5	Data Entry Operator	1
6	Assistant Animal Keepers engaged through Outsourcing Agency	20
7	Cleaner/sweeper	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>
	<b>Grand Total (I + II +III) (6 + 2 + 26)</b>	<b>34</b>



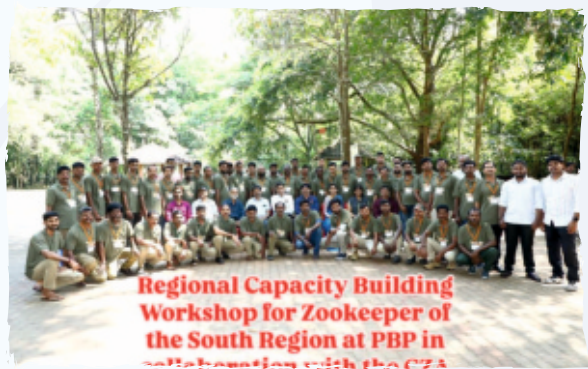
Sl. No.	Name and Designation of the Zoo Personnel	Subject matter of the training	Period of Training	Name of the institution where the training attended
1	<b>Mrs. Carol Brunilda Amanna</b> Biologist cum Education Officer	National Capacity Building Workshop for Zoo Educators	24/10/2024 to 26/10/2024	Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
2	<b>Mr. Sharanappa Tippashetti</b> Hyena Keeper <b>Mr. Chandru Odu</b> Reptile Keeper <b>Mr. Umesh Hosamani</b> Beat Forester	Capacity Building Programme for Zoo Keepers of Southern Region	23/10/2024 to 25/10/2024	Pilikula Biological Park, Mangaluru, Karnataka



## Vizag Workshop



## Pilikula Workshop



## 10 Zoo Advisory Committee

Overall zoo works as per the Guidelines of Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka.

## 11 Health Advisory Committee

To monitor the health and veterinary care of the animals, Gadag Zoo has a Health Advisory Committee, as mandated by the Central Zoo Authority.

Sl. No.	Members of Health Advisory Committee
01	<b>Dr. Hiralal Janagi</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer, Polyclinic, Gadag.
02	<b>Dr. P S Jattennavar</b> , Chief Veterinary Officer, Polyclinic, Gadag.
03	<b>Dr. Shashidhar Ballary</b> , HOD, Dpt of Pathology, Veterinary College Gadag.
04	<b>Dr. Sandeep</b> , Assistant Professor, Dpt of Medicine, Veterinary College, Gadag.
05	<b>Mr. Santosh Kumar Kenchappanavar</b> IFS, Executive Director, Gadag Zoo & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division, Gadag
06	<b>Mrs. Sneha Koppal</b> , Range Forest Officer, Gadag Zoo.
07	<b>Mr. Pavan Takked</b> , Deputy Range Forest Officer, Gadag Zoo.
08	Veterinary Assistant, Gadag Zoo.
09	Biologist cum Education Officer, Gadag Zoo.

(As per this office letter no: A3/ZAK/HAC/2019-20 Dated: 18/10/2019)  
(Health Committee Meeting was held on 07-09-2023)

## Health Committee Meeting 2024-25



## 12 Statement of income and Expenditure of the Zoo

Expenditure Incurred and Revenue Generated During the Last Five Years

Sl. No.	Year	Revenue Collected (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
01	2020-21	37,52,455.00	3,20,31,000.00
02	2021-22	75,19,800.00	2,03,48,800.00
03	2022-23	1,01,38,898.00	4,41,68,000.00
04	2023-24	1,08,95,060.00	5,70,14,901.00
05	2024-25	86,82,340.00	6,03,82,196.00

## 13 Visitation from last five years

Year	VISITORS		
	ADULTS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
2020-21	60,515	14,116	74,631
2021-22	98,434	17,469	1,15,903
2022-23	1,38,257	31,612	1,69,869
2023-24	1,65,061	37,820	2,02,881
2024-25	1,30,686	28,881	1,59,567

## 14 Details of Animal adoption for Last Five Years

Sl. No.	Year	No. of animals adopted	Amount (in Rs.)
01	2020-21	59	4,37,500.00
02	2021-22	320	14,05,810.00
03	2022-23	75	8,79,000.00
04	2023-24	43	5,05,000.00
05	2024-25	19	1,37,000.00

## 15 Daily Feeding Schedule of Animals

Sl. No.	Species	Feed item	Day of fasting
01	Herbivore	Green grass, Hay, concentrates	No Fasting, Fed Twice Daily
02	Carnivores	Buff and Chicken	Fed Once in day, Tuesday Fasting
03	Birds	Vegetables, Fruits, Grains, Fishes, Buff, Worms	No Fasting, Fed Twice Daily.
04	Crocodiles	Buff	Once in 10 days
05	Snakes	Live Fowls	Once in 15 days

## 16 Vaccination Schedule of animals

Sl. No.	Species	Vaccine	Periodicity
01	Felines: Tigers, Lions, Leopards	Feline Vaccine (Feligen)	Annually
		Anti-Rabies Vaccine	Annually
02	Hyenas	Anti-Rabies Vaccine	Annually
03	Canines: Indian Grey Wolf, Jackal	DHPPI + L	Annually
		Anti-Rabies Vaccine	Annually

## Vaccination of Animals





# 17 De-worming Schedule of animals

Sl. No.	Species	Drug used	Periodicity
01	<b>Felines:</b> Tigers, Leopards Asiatic Lions	Combination of Praziquantel & Pyrantelpamoate, Fenbendazole, Albendazole, Ivermectin	Quarterly
02	<b>Canines:</b> Jackals Grey Wolves	Combination of Praziquantel & Pyrantelpamoate, Fenbendazole, Albendazole, Ivermectin	Quarterly
03	<b>Herbivores:</b> Spotted Deer Sambar Deer Black Buck Nilgai	Fenbendazole, Livamizole, Oxytocosanide and Ivermectin	Quarterly
04	<b>Birds</b> (All Birds)	Fenbendazole, Piperzine	Quarterly
05	<b>Reptiles</b>	Fenbendazole, Piperzine	Quarterly
06	<b>Sloth Bears</b>	Fenbendazole, Ivermectin, Combination of Praziquantel and Pyrantelpamoate	Quarterly



*“Protecting*  
**WILDLIFE**  
*is not just about*  
**ANIMALS**  
*it's about saving*  
**OURSELVES”**





# 18 Disinfection Schedule

Sl. No.	Enclosure	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Type of disinfectant	Frequency of disinfection
01	Felines: Tiger, Lion, Leopard	Open enclosure + Closed holding house	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
			Microlyse Method:Mop		
02	Sloth Bear	Open enclosure + Closed holding house	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
			Microlyse Method:Mop		
03	Hyena	Open enclosure + Closed holding house	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
			Microlyse Method:Mop		
04	Wolf	Open enclosure + Closed holding house	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
			Microlyse Method:Mop		
05	Jackal	Open enclosure + Closed holding house	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
			Microlyse Method:Mop		
06	Herbivorous: Black Buck Sambar Deer Nilgai Spotted Deer	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial & Antiviral	Quarterly

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Enclosure</b>	<b>Type of enclosure</b>	<b>Disinfectant used and method</b>	<b>Type of disinfectant</b>	<b>Frequency of disinfection</b>
07	Walk-through Aviary (:Night Heron, Rosy Pelican, Red Jungle Fowl, Peafowl, Rose Ringed parakeet, Black Swan,), Peasantry (Golden Pheasant, Silver pheasant, Yellow golden pheasant, Lady Amherst's pheasant),Small Bird aviary(Java sparrow, Peach faced love bird, Budgerigar, Cockatiel, Finches), Brahminy Kite, Black Kite.	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
08	Emu	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
08	Emu	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
09	Ostrich	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
10	Red Eared Slider, Flap shelled turtle, Graylag Goose	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
11	Crocodile Marsh,	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly
12	Indian Rock Python	Open enclosure	ViraCid-S Method: Spraying	Antibacterial, Antiviral & Antifungal	Quarterly

## Disinfection of Enclosures



# 19

## Health Check-up of employees for Zoonotic diseases

Sl. No.	Tests	Samples collected
01	Tuberculosis	(a) Sputum sample
	<b>Prophylaxis</b>	
02	Anti Rabies Vaccination	

### Anti- Rabies Vaccination Camp



### Health Check-up Camp 2024-25



# 20

## Development Works carried out in the zoo during the year

In the financial year 2024–25, Gadag Zoo proudly completed the construction of a dedicated Curator cum Range Forest Officer (RFO) Office within the zoo premises. This development has greatly improved administrative efficiency by providing a centralized space for official work, staff coordination, and visitor facilitation. The establishment of the RFO Office marks a major step towards strengthening the internal management and operational capacity of the zoo, ensuring smoother day-to-day functioning and better support for wildlife conservation efforts.



Curator/RFO Office Construction





Another major milestone achieved during the year was the construction of well-designed residential quarters for the Range Forest Officer outside the zoo premises. Providing a nearby accommodation ensures the presence of senior forest officials at all times, allowing for quicker decision-making, immediate responses to emergencies, and more effective supervision of zoo operations. This addition greatly enhances the security and management of the zoo, creating a better working environment for staff and supporting the overall welfare of the animals.



Curator/RFO Quarters Construction

Recognizing the need to enhance visitor comfort, Gadag Zoo built a fully equipped Baby Feeding Room during the year 2024–25. This thoughtful addition has made the zoo more family-friendly, particularly supporting mothers with infants. The facility ensures that parents can conveniently and privately attend to their children's needs, encouraging longer and more comfortable visits and setting a new standard for visitor care in public zoological spaces.



Baby Feeding Room for Visitors

The highlight of the year was the historic acquisition of 13.20 acres of land adjacent to the existing zoo compound, providing a new direct entry from the Gadag–Hubli National Highway. This expansion, the first of its kind in the zoo's five-decade history, represents a golden moment for Gadag Zoo. The Bhoomi Pooja for this land extension was held on March 16, 2025, with the esteemed presence of Mr. D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka; Dr. H.K. Patil, Minister of Law, Justice, Human Rights, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation and Tourism, Government of Karnataka; and Mr. Eshwar Khandre, Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka. This development promises tremendous opportunities for future expansion, better visitor amenities, and enhanced conservation facilities.





Historic Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Pooja

# 21

## Education and Awareness Programs during the year

An outreach activity was conducted for rural school students to spread awareness about wildlife conservation. From April 25th to 30th, a five-day Summer Camp was organized for kids, featuring various educational sessions, games, and creative activities. Specially prepared in-house educational kits were distributed to all participating children, enhancing their learning experience about animals, conservation, and the role of zoos.



Several in-reach programs were organized for visiting children, providing them with valuable insights into Gadag Zoo's conservation efforts, animal care practices, and the role of modern zoos in preserving biodiversity.



Training programs were organized for students from Tattihalla Forest Training Centre and Zoology students from J.T. College. Outreach activities were also conducted on June 28th and 29th across four different schools, aiming to increase awareness about wildlife conservation among schoolchildren.





A range of activities were carried out, including in-reach programs for school students. On July 21st, the Batch 2 of the Volunteer Program was launched to engage youth in conservation initiatives. Veterinary students participated in an in-reach program on July 25th. On July 28th, a visitor interaction session was held to celebrate International Tiger Day, followed by an expert talk on July 29th for Department Officials, JIMS students, and Veterinary College students. Various competitions were also organized to mark the occasion.



Gadag Zoo recently celebrated International Tiger Day with a five-day series of events aimed at raising awareness about tiger conservation and the crucial role of forests and zoos in maintaining a balanced ecosystem. The festivities included educational programs, engaging competitions, and interactive sessions, all designed to educate and inspire the public, especially the youth, about the importance of protecting tigers and their habitats.



## 25.07.2024: Awareness In-reach Session

The celebration kicked off with an awareness in-reach session for 170 students from KSRDPR University. The session emphasized the importance of forests and zoos, explaining how saving tigers contributes to a balanced ecosystem. Students learned about the critical role zoos play in wildlife conservation and the specific efforts needed to protect tigers.



## 26.07.2024: Face Painting Competition

The second day featured a face painting competition aimed at highlighting the majestic nature of tigers. Participants from various colleges painted their partners' faces with tiger stripes, learning about the uniqueness of each tiger's pattern. The creativity and enthusiasm were palpable, and three students with the best tiger faces were awarded prizes.



## 27.07.2024: Quiz Competition

The quiz competition, held on the third day, tested students' knowledge of wildlife and tiger conservation. In the first round, students took a written test on wildlife conservation, and the top five scorers advanced to the second round, which featured audio and visual questions. The intense competition concluded with the top three students being recognized for their extensive knowledge.



## 28.07.2024: Visitor Interaction

The final day of the celebration featured a visitor interaction session, where visitors learned about the necessity of tiger conservation and its impact on the ecosystem and human life. This session provided valuable insights and encouraged visitors to contribute to conservation efforts.





## 29.07.2024: Drawing Competition

On the fourth day, a drawing competition was held with the theme "From Stripes to Survival." Participants created artwork to illustrate the idea that the absence of tigers in our ecosystem could ultimately lead to the downfall of humanity. The competition saw many impressive entries, with the top three drawings receiving special recognition.

# 29.07.2024: Valedictory Function

The grand finale was the valedictory function on International Tiger Day. Shri. Shridhar Bhat, Assistant Professor of the College of Forestry, delivered an inspiring talk on tiger conservation to 250 students of GIMS and Veterinary College, Gadag and Gadag Forest Department staff. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes and certificates to all participants and winners, marking the end of a fun and educational week.



## Leadership and Support

This comprehensive program was organized under the guidance of Shri. Lekhraj Meena, IFS Executive Director of Gadag Zoo and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division, and Smt. Sneha Koppal, Range Forest Officer, Gadag Zoo. Their support and dedication were instrumental in making the International Tiger Day celebration a resounding success, blending fun with profound learning experiences. Through these activities, Gadag Zoo has successfully raised awareness about tiger conservation and reinforced the message that protecting tigers is essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem.



Visitor interaction sessions on Human-Wildlife Conflict were organized to educate visitors about coexistence strategies. World Elephant Day was celebrated with in-reach activities focused on elephant conservation. Zoo Day was commemorated on August 31st with fun activities like a treasure hunt and games for the zoo keepers and staff, enhancing team spirit and engagement. Additionally, a Training Program for Zoo Personnel and Division Staff was conducted covering the Basics of Fire Safety, Operations of Fire Extinguishers, Workplace Safety Measures, Lifting Techniques during Emergencies, and the Proper Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). To further strengthen fire preparedness, new fire extinguishers were installed across key locations in Gadag Zoo, ensuring better safety infrastructure for the zoo premises.





Several visitor interaction sessions were held focusing on snakebite awareness and wildlife safety. The "Chinnara Vana Darshana" program was successfully conducted on September 20th, introducing children to the rich diversity of wildlife and the importance of conservation.



Wildlife Week celebrations from October 1st to 6th featured a host of activities such as Swachhata Karyakram (cleanliness drive), wildlife awareness talks, documentary screenings, and various competitions for students. Additionally, World Bear Day was celebrated on October 12th with a visitor interaction program highlighting the importance of bear conservation.





Several in-reach activities were conducted at the zoo to continue engaging visitors and school groups in conservation education and awareness.



Training programs were organized for Tattihalla Forest Training Centre's induction trainees. From December 18th to 20th, forestry students from the College of Forestry, Andhra Pradesh, were given hands-on zoo attachment training. On December 20th, PG.DFM students from the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, visited the zoo for a specialized training program on zoo management and conservation.



Visitor interaction sessions focusing on birds were conducted, alongside several in-reach activities for school students to encourage bird conservation awareness during the winter season.



Outreach activities were carried out in multiple schools and colleges in Gadag, educating students about the significance of wildlife conservation and the role they can play in preserving the environment. Additionally, a one-day tour was organized for zoo keepers to the Honnavara Turtle Conservation Project and the Blue Flag beach, where they also participated in a mangrove walk. During this walk, the Deputy Range Forest Officer (DyRFO) guided the group, providing valuable insights into the various plant species and highlighting the crucial role of mangroves in maintaining coastal biodiversity and ecosystem health.





A keepers' training program on Avian Influenza was organized to enhance staff preparedness and biosecurity measures. Outreach activities were conducted for World Sparrow Day, during which bird feeders were distributed to children of the Government School, Kurtakoti. Youth Club students actively participated in conducting a visitor interaction program for World Bear Day. From March 25th onwards, Summer Enrichment Programs for zoo animals were initiated to help the animals cope with the rising temperatures and ensure their well-being.







## 22 Research Work carried out and publications

The zoo has committed considerable resources to exploring key areas for future research. Collaborative efforts with the Dean of the College of Veterinary Sciences in Gadag and scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, have been instrumental in involving postgraduate and doctoral students in wild animal research. Furthermore, the zoo has conducted a baseline study on the vulture population in Gajendragad Taluk, Gadag District, which will serve as a foundation for future research projects. Plans are also in place to initiate studies for the reintroduction of blackbucks and wolves into the wild, with research activities expected to begin in the next financial year. A major milestone was achieved with the successful soft release of spotted deer into the Kali Tiger Reserve, furthering the zoo's commitment to wildlife conservation and species restoration efforts.

## 23 Research Work carried out and publications

The zoo has not previously focused on conservation breeding for any specific species. However, after extensive discussions and deliberations, a decision has been made to initiate a conservation breeding program for Grey Wolves, Striped Hyenas, and Jackals as a starting point.

To support this initiative, the zoo is in the process of establishing a dedicated research, rescue, and rehabilitation center for the breeding and conservation of these species. A separate facility will soon be identified to house this program.

The zoo already has a breeding population of Jackals, and a breeding population of Striped Hyenas has been added through an animal exchange program, further enhancing its conservation efforts.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF SCHEDULED AND OTHER SPECIES  
INVENTORY REPORT FOR THE YEAR -2024-25 AT GADAG

	Class	Species	Scientific Name	Opening Stock of the Year 2022-23 (As on 01-04-2022)				During the Year 2022-23												Closing stock of the Year 2022-23 (As on 31-03-2023)									
				M	F	U	T	Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			M	F	U	T						
<b>Endangered Species (Schedule-I and II)</b>				M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T						
1	Bird	Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	1	1	0	2																	1	1	0	2		
2	Bird	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	0	0	1	1																		0	0	1	1	
3	Mammal	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	1	1	0	2																			1	1	0	2
4	Mammal	Black Buck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	50	34	0	84			15																50	34	15	99
5	Mammal	Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	5	7	0	12																			5	7	0	12
6	Mammal	Indian Grey Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	3	3	0	6	1	3								1	4								3	2	0	5
7	Mammal	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	3	2	0	5																			3	2	0	5
8	Mammal	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	1	1	0	2				1							1								2	0	0	2
9	Mammal	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1	1	0	2			2																1	1	2	4
10	Mammal	Common palm civet	<i>Paradoxururus hermaphroditus</i>	1	0	0	1										1									0	0	0	0
11	Mammal	Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus Palustis</i>	1	1	6	8																			1	1	6	8
12	Mammal	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>	0	2	0	2																			0	2	0	2
13	Mammal	Indian flap shell turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	4	2	2	8																			4	2	2	8
14	Mammal	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyena hyena</i>	4	2	0	6																			4	2	0	6
15	Reptile	Dhole	<i>Coun alpinus</i>	2	2	0	4																			2	2	0	4
16	Reptile	Bengal Fox	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	1	1	0	2																			1	1	0	2
17	Reptile	Sambar Deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	7	4	0	11										1									6	4	0	10
Species (Schedule- II)		Total of Endangered Species		85	64	9	158	1	3	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	84	62	26	172						

	Class	Species	Scientific Name	Opening Stock of the Year 2022-23 (As on 01-04-2022)				During the Year 2022-23												Closing stock of the Year 2022-23 (As on 31-03-2023)			
				M	F	U	T	Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			M	F	U	T
<b>Endangered Species (Schedule-I and II)</b>				M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
18	Bird	Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	0	1	0	1																
19	Bird	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	5	7	0	12																
20	Bird	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	1	1	0	2																
21	Bird	Rosy Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	0	1	0	1																
22	Bird	Night heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	10	19	13	42																
23	Bird	Ring necked Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	4	1	0	5																
24	Bird	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	1	1	0	2																
25	Mammal	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	9	17	4	30			15			1	3									
26	Mammal	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	4	17	4	25			20													
27	Reptile	Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	1	0	0	1																
28	Reptile	Indian Black Turtle	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i>	1	0	0	1																
<b>Total of Species (Sch II)</b>				<b>36</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Exotic Species</b>				M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
29	Bird	Emu	<i>Dromaius Novaehollandiae</i>	3	3	0	6			32													
30	Bird	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	11	11	30	52																
31	Bird	Golden Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	0	1	0	1																
32	Bird	Lady Amherest's Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	2	2	0	4																
33	Bird	Silver Pheasant	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	1	1	0	2																
34	Bird	Peach-faced Love bird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	2	1	0	3																
35	Bird	Yellow Golden Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	2	1	0	3								1								
36	Bird	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	1	1	0	2																
37	Bird	Java sparrow	<i>Lonchura oryzivora</i>	7	10	0	17																
38	Bird	Cockatiel (White)	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	2	3	0	5																
39	Bird	Cockatiel (Pearl)	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	4	4	0	8																
40	Bird	Finches	<i>Fringillidae</i>	3	3	0	6																
41	Bird	Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1	2	0	3																
42	Reptile	Red eared slider	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	1	0	30	31																
<b>Total of Exotic Species</b>				<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>161</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>469</b>

## Animal Natality Report during 2024-25

S.N.	Species	Scientific Name	Date of Birth	Sex Ratio/No.	Note
1	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	05-04-2024	0:0:2	
2	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	07-04-2024	0:0:3	
3	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	12-04-2024	0:0:3	
4	Emu	<i>Dromaius Novaehollandiae</i>	16-04-2024	0:0:2	
5	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	21-04-2024	0:0:2	
6	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	05-05-2024	0:0:2	
7	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	12-05-2024	0:0:3	
8	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	28-05-2024	0:0:2	
9	Indian Grey Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	14-12-2024	1:3	
10	Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	02-01-2025	0:0:5	
11	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	03-01-2025	0:0:3	
12	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	03-01-2025	0:0:1	
13	Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	10-01-2025	0:0:5	
14	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	16-01-2025	0:0:1	
15	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	18-01-2025	0:0:2	
16	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	22-01-2025	0:0:2	
17	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	25-01-2025	0:0:3	
18	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	05-02-2025	0:0:2	
19	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	08-02-2025	0:0:1	
20	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	06-03-2025	0:0:5	
21	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	12-03-2025	0:0:5	

## Animal Acquisition Report during 2024-25

S.N.	Species	Scientific Name	Date of Birth	Sex Ratio/Age	Note
01	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigriss tigriss</i>	28-04-2024	Male (1:0) Approx. 3-4 months	Received form Haliyal Division, Virnoli Range

## Animal Disposal Report during 2024-25

S.N.	Species	Scientific Name	Date of Birth	Sex Ratio	Note
01	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis Axis</i>	17/12/2024	1 : 3	For Conservation Education



## Animal Mortality Report during 2024-25

S.N.	Species	Scientific Name	Date of Death	Age / Sex	Note
1	Sambar Deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	5/10/2024	- / Male	Pneumonia
2	Yellow Golden Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	14/10/2024	- / Male	Trauma due to Predator attack
3	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigriss</i>	14/12/2024	12 Yrs / Female	Anoxic shock due to plugging of thick mucus in the pharynx
4	Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	30/12/2024	- / Female	Peritonitis
5	Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	10/01/2025	26 Days/Female	Aspiratory Pneumonia
6	Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	11/01/2025	27 Days/Female	Aspiratory Pneumonia
7	Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	23/01/2025	40 Days/Male	Pneumonia and Ulcerative Hemorrhagic Gastro Enteritis- Anoxic shock- Death
8	Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	07/02/2025	54 Days/Female	Rupture of Stomach and Liver fatal hemorrhage- Shock Death
9	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	3/11/2025	12 yrs/Male	Sudden Death due to Pneumonia and Pancreatitis



## Birds

Asian Koel	Indian silverbill
Asian paradise flycatcher	Jungle babbler
Barn owl	Jungle crow
Black rumped flameback woodpecker	Jungle myna
Black Drongo	Jungle sparrow
Common iora	Laughing dove
Common myna	Oriental magpie robin
Cattle egret	Pied wagtail
Common sandpiper	Pied bush chat
Common tailor bird	Purple rumped sunbird
Crested serpent eagle	Scaly breasted munia
Eurasian collared dove	Red avadavat
Eurasian golden oriole	Rose ringed parakeet
Greater coucal	Red vented bulbul
Great tit	Red wattled lapwing
Small green bee eater	Tawny bellied babbler
Grey wagtail	Tricolored munia
Indian grey hornbill	White browed wagtail
Indian hoopae	White rumped munia
Indian peafowl	White throated kingfisher

# BUTTERFLIES

Blue tiger	Crimson rose
Blue pansy	Crimson tip
Chocolate pansy	Dark bush brown
Common crow	Glassy blue tiger
Common evening brown	Lemon pansy
Common emigrant	Mottled emigrant
Common grass yellow	Indian pioneer white
Common lime	Orange tip
Common Mormon	Oriental great egg fly
Common rose	Striped tiger
Common/Plain tiger	Tailed green jay
Common white tiger	

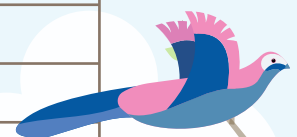


## Mammals

Hanuman langur
Hare
Mongoose

## Reptiles

Indian Rat snake
Oriental Garden lizard
Common wolf snake
Yellow collared wolf snake
Trinket
Checkered keelback
Indian Cobra
Russell's Viper
Saw scaled viper
Common Krait



## 26 Visitor Facilities

Viewing Structures	Dining Structures
Hightech Toilet	Wheel Chair
Sitting Benches	Children play equipments
Battery Vehicle	Information Boards
RO Drinking Water Units	Garden



## Our Team



**Smt. Meenakshi Negi** IFS  
PCCF (HoFF)



**Subhash K. Malkhede** IFS  
PCCF (WL) & CWLW



**Dr. Sunil Panwar** IFS  
CCF and MS ZAK



**Sri. Santosh Kumar  
Kenchappanavar** IFS  
ED and DCF



**Sri. Mahantesh Policepatil**  
ACF



**Smt. Sneha Koppal**  
Curator / RFO



**Sri. Pavan Takked**  
Dy RFO



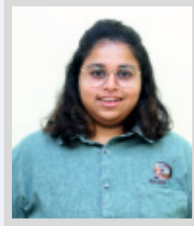
**Sri. Umesh Hosamani**  
Beat Forester



**Smt. Lata G. Bagasar**  
Beat Forester



**Er. Praveen Bidari**  
Assistant Engineer



**Smt. Carol Amanna**  
Education Officer  
Cum Biologist



**Sri. Nikhil Kulkarni**  
Vet. Assistant



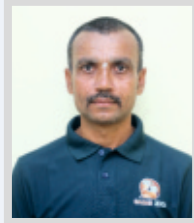
**Smt. Mangala Wali**  
Computer Operator



**Sri. Mruthunjaya Hiremath**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri Ashok Baliger**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri Shreeshail Annigeri**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri Kumar Naragund**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Suban Hosamani**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri Ibrahim Buvaji**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri Yamanappa Iliger**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



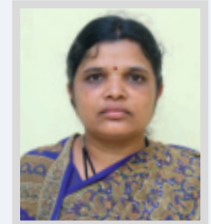
**Sri. Virupaksappa Mullal**  
Cleaner



**Sri. Ramu Kadari**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Smt. Kalavati Kammar**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Smt. Bhavya Annigerimath**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Smt. Prema Halli**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



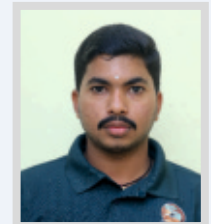
**Sri. Shivanand Ramenhalli**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Chandru Odu**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Manjunath Shegani**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Manjunath R.**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Venkatesh K.**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Santosh Chitti**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Sharanappa T.**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Manjunath D.**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



**Sri. Nagaraj A**  
Asst. Animal Keeper



