

**Annual Report for the financial year 2019-20
Garchumuk Deer Park (Mini Zoo) under Howrah Division.**

Introduction:

The Garchumuk Deer Park (Mini Zoo) was established on 31.01.1991 at Mouza: Srirampur, J.L. No. 119 & Mouza: Srirampur J.L. No. 120 under PS Shyampur-I and within Uluberia Sub-division of Howrah District.

Besides Deer Park, another attraction of Garchumuk is the beautiful barrage popularly called 58 No. Gate or Anna Gate, where 58 lock gates have been built over Damodar Irrigation Canal.

Area of the Zoo:

16.836 Acre. The area is almost flat. Soil is sandy loam to clay.

Approach:

The Zoo is well connected with roads & rails. Distance from Howrah - 55.KM by road and from Uluberia Rly Station- 17.0 KM.

Legal status:

Owner of the land is Irrigation & Waterways Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal.

Flora:

The common species are Akashmoni (*Acacia auriculiformis*), Sirish (*Albigia spp*), Arjun (*Terminalia arjuna*), Mango (*Mangifera indica*), Neem (*Azadirachta Indica*), Babla (*Acacia nelotica*) etc.

Climate, rainfall & season:

Mainly three seasons appear in the area in a year. The dry season: March to June. Cold season: December to February. The maximum temperature rises in the month of May and minimum temperature in January.

Boundary:

East side : Uluberia - Gadiara Road

West side: Damodar River

North side: Kata Damodar Nadi (58 Gates)

South side: Garchumuk

Vision:

Main object of establishing this Deer Park is ex-situ conservation, education and awareness generation.

Registration:

Reg. No. 23-3/97-CZA(382)(M) Dated: 18/3/2008 and renewal of recognition as a Mini category Zoo is for a period up to 19th August, 2021.

Handing over of management of Zoo to WBZA:

Operating / Agency: West Bengal Zoo Authority

Staff engaged / vacant post

There are 13 (thirteen) staff engaged in the Zoo

Zoo Supervisor -1, Ticket Clerk-1, Gate Keeper-1, Zoo keeper-2, Animal attendant-2, Garden attendant-1, Sanitary attendant-1 and security Guard- 4 Nos.

Master Lay Out & Master Plans:

CZA has approved the Master (Layout) Plan of the Garchumuk Deer Park has been approved by the CZA vide their No. 23-3/97-CZA(382)(Vol.I)(PRK)/1838/2017 Dtd. 25/10/2017. A comprehensive Master Plan of Garchumuk Deer Park has been submitted to CZA for the year 2018-19 to 2038-39.

Conservation Breeding Programme, if any. : Nil.

Training Programme Conducted during this Financial Year: : Nil

Workshop / Seminar organised during this financial year. : Nil

Research Programme Organised if any during this Financial Year: : NA

Exchange of Animals Approved / Recommended during this Financial Year. : No.

New Animal Enclosure Designs Submitted to CZA: : No

Preparation of Panel for Engagement of Architect: : No.

Development Works initiated / completed.

1. Construction of one Post Mortem Room for the animals completed.
2. Construction of Night Shelter of Lesser Cat completed.
3. Construction of Visitors' Pathway & Internal Road completed.
4. Construction of Quarantine enclosure of Herbivore completed.
5. Construction of Lesser Cat enclosure completed.
6. Works under Progress:
 - a) Construction of Visitors' Pathway
 - b) Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store Room.

Annual Visitor's Statement:

Total visitor: For the period from April - 2019 to March - 2020 : 1,65,030 Nos.

Inventory of Animals (Group wise) as stood on 31st March, 2020:
As on 31/3/2020

Mammal:

Porcupine Himalayan Crestless : 3 (M-2, F-1)

Other Species (Mammal):

Deer Spotted /Chital : 75 (M-21, F-34, U-20)

Reptile:

Marsh Crocodile : 1 (F-1)

Indian Soft Shelled Turtle : 377 (M-158, F-219)

Bird:

Peafowl : 6 (M-4, F-2)

Golden Pheasant : 2 (M-1, F-1)

Silver Pheasant : 2 (M-1, F-1)

Red Jungle Fowl : 1 (M-1)

Parakeet : 57 (M-22, F-35)

Death, Birth, Acquisition and Disposal Report of Animals during this financial year

| | Peafowl | Golden pheasant | Silver Pheasant | Red Jungle Fowl | Parakeet | Indian Soft Shelled Turtle | Deer Spotted | Porcupine Himalayan Crestless |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Death | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2(F) |
| Birth | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20(U) | - |
| Acquisition | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1(M) |
| Disposal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Birth Report of endangered captive stock during this financial year : Nil.

Statement of income and expenditure of the Zoo during the year 2019-20:

1. Income during the year 2019-20:

Total Visitor from April-2018 to March-2019 - 1,65,030 Nos.

From Entry Fee Collection: - Rs. 1,83,989/-

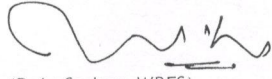
(The Zilla Parishad, Howrah collecting the entry fees. The 1st quarter for the month from April-2018 to September-2019- and 2nd quarter for the month from Oct-2019 to March- 2020 (10% of the entry fee) has remitted to the Revenue A/c with the Zoo Authority directly.)

From Rent of Forest (Zoo) Rest House- Rs. 2,800/- (Remitted to the Revenue Account with the WBZA)
Sale of Tender Forms Rs. 24,000/- (Remitted to the Revenue Account with the WBZA)

Total income: Rs. 2,10,789/-/- (Rupees two lakh ten thousand seven hundred eighty nine) only.

2. Expenditure during the year-2019-20:

Spill over amount of last year (2018-19) : Rs. 10,13,991=60
Total amount received : Rs. 1,09,59,776=00
Total expenditure : Rs. 1,09,98,122=19
Total Balance at Bank : Rs. 9,75,645=41


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