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International Zoological Park**

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Gorewada Zoo

We envision a harmonious sanctuary where
wildlife thrives, and visitors are inspired to
connect with nature



BALASAHEB THACKERAY
GOREWADA INTERNATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK
NAGPUR



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Jambu-
The Zoo Mascot

Report of the Officer-in-Charge



It is an honour to present annual report of Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur. As we look back, in last year, we have conducted enormous activities we are filled with a sense of accomplishment and pride in the strides we have made towards our mission of wildlife conservation, education, and community engagement.

Throughout the year, we have remained steadfast in our commitment of providing a safe and enriching environment for our zoo animals while offering our visitors a memorable and enlightening experiences. Despite the challenges posed by external factors, we have persevered and adapted innovative intervention to ensure well-being of our animals and satisfaction of our esteemed zoo guests.

Our dedication to environmental sustainability has been unwavering, with initiatives aimed at reducing our ecological footprint and promoting responsible stewardship of natural resources. From habitat preservation efforts to renewable energy projects, we continue to prioritize the health of our planet and the ecosystems we are privileged to be a part of.

Environmental Education and awareness remain at the heart of our mission, and in last

year we hosted thousands of students and visitors from all walks of life, offering them unique opportunities to learn about wildlife conservation and biodiversity. Through engaging exhibits, interactive programs, and partnerships with local schools and organizations, we strive to inspire the next generation of conservationists and environmental advocates. Through summer and other camps, we decrease the screen time of students and made their zoo visit more joyful and memorable.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support of our zoo keepers, dedicated staff, volunteers etc. and guidance of CEO, FGZ, MD FDCM & Forest Department. The passion, hard work, and generosity of zoo staff towards work have been instrumental in our success, and we are deeply grateful for their continued commitment to our shared vision.

As we look ahead, we are committed for imprinting conservation of wildlife in the mind of students and citizens of our Nation. Together, we can create a brighter future for generations to come.

Thank you

Sincerely,
P. S. Pakhale
Zoo Director

History of the Zoo

The Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park in Nagpur was inaugurated and opened for public on 26th January 2021. It swiftly gained acclaim as a premier tourist destination. Dedicated to the highest standards of animal welfare, visitor satisfaction, and environmental sustainability, the park has consistently delivered an exceptional experience since its inauguration.

From its public debut the zoo has prioritized the well-being of its diverse animal residents while offering visitors an unforgettable journey

into the natural world. Its commitment to excellence has cemented its status as one of the topmost attractions in Nagpur, drawing guests from not only central India but from pan-India. The park's ethos revolves around fostering a harmonious environment where animals thrive, visitors are delighted, and the ecosystem is preserved.

The Gorewada Reserve Forest, spanning on 1,914 hectares, plays a vital role in Nagpur's





ecosystem and cultural landscape. It is significant for the preservation of the Gorewada Lake- the drinking water source to city of Nagpur. Its proximity to Nagpur city makes it easily accessible.

In 2005, the Government of Maharashtra had decided, in principle, to establish an International Standard Zoo and Bio Park at Gorewada, Nagpur, on this forest land, as per its resolution (G.R) No. WLP-1099/C.R.89/F-1 dated December 12, 2005. Subsequently, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur, submitted a proposal for the establishment of a zoo and rescue centre through letter no. Desk 22 (6)/Plan/1044/2009-10 dated February 3, 2010.

The Maharashtra Government entrusted to the Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM) for proposed establishment of an international standard zoo. The FDCM began with construction a 29-kilometer protection wall, this initiative



safeguarded the land not only from encroachment but also from illicit grazing and has enriched region's biodiversity. In 2015, Unit 1 was opened to tourists through the Gorewada Jungle Drive, offering a glimpse of its diverse wildlife including mammals, birds and reptiles in an urban forest.

For development of zoo, rescue centre and bio park a Detailed Project Report (DPR) was then prepared by the Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM) Ltd, Nagpur. The Government of Maharashtra obtained the approval of Hon'ble Supreme Court to establish a new zoo and rescue centre at Gorewada.

This DPR, along with a Master Layout Plan, was submitted to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) for scrutiny and approval. Subsequently, recognition was granted to the Gorewada

Rescue Centre under Section 38-H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 17/12/2015 inaugurated the Gorewada Rescue Centre. This centre has been dedicated to conserving wildlife through advancing research and education in the field of wildlife management. The establishment of the Rescue Centre is pivotal in providing critical care and rehabilitation to injured, displaced and orphan animals.

To strengthen the efforts and develop specialised veterinary infrastructure, a strategic partnership was entrusted with Maharashtra Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Science University (MAFSU) to establish a Wildlife Research & Training Centre at Gorewada. This collaboration



The Rescue Centre:
is largest facility in
central India dedicated
to rescue, rehabilitation
and care of injured,
orphaned & displaced
wildlife.

signifies our commitment to enhancing veterinary care for wildlife and equipping young veterinarians and ground staff with the knowledge and skills necessary to address wildlife conflicts and conservation challenges effectively.

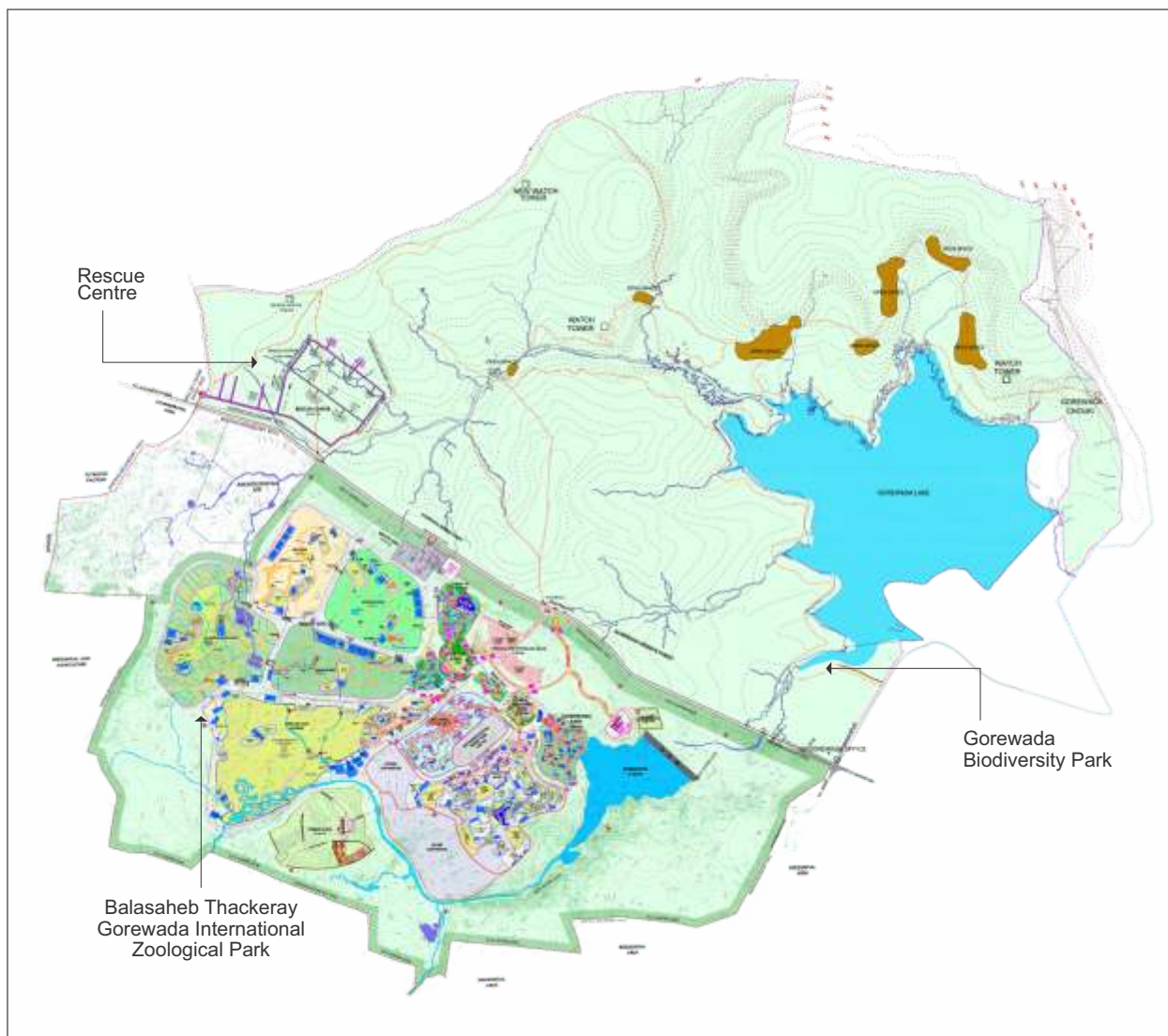
The Rescue Centre was in direct control of FDCM for its running and operations with financial grants received from the state government. Whereas the zoo was expected to be financially independent rather self-sufficient for its operations through the revenue generated from zoo visitors. Therefore, an independent administration was envisioned.

In 2016, the government embarked on a strategic partnership with a private investor to form a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the development and management of the zoo through private investment leading to the

establishment of the Joint Venture company, 'FDCM Essel world Gorewada Zoo Pvt Ltd'. This collaboration was aimed to enhance the economic viability and international appeal of the project with inclusion of tourism allied infrastructure along with zoo.

To align with the investor's vision, a revised Master Plan was crafted by M/s. Bernard Harrison & Friends Co., focusing on principles of environmental sustainability, aesthetic appeal, financial viability, and operational feasibility. A separate application was made to the Central Zoo Authority for recognition of Gorewada Zoo, independent of Gorewada Rescue Centre. The revised plan received approval in March 2019, paving the way for Phase-I, the Indian Safari, which became operational in January 2021.





Gorewada Project

At the time of inauguration, the Gorewada zoo was renamed as 'Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur' in honour of great Marathi leader Shri. Balasaheb Thackeray.

The phase- I or popularly known as Indian Safari, a set of 4 drive through enclosures giving opportunity to get a glimpse of wild inmates in their truly natural habitat. The Indian safari comprises four safaris—Leopard, Sloth Bear, and Tiger—each sprawling over 25 hectares, with an additional 40-hectare enclosure for herbivores. Additionally, plans are underway for a 2-hectare walking zoo adjacent to the Indian safari, featuring ten enclosures for smaller animals. The development adheres to the latest guidelines and norms set forth by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), ensuring an immersive and enriching zoo experience.

In 2022, the state government assumed full ownership of the Joint Venture company, renaming it 'FDCM Gorewada Zoo Ltd, Nagpur'. The government appointed a full-time Chief Executive Officer for the executive control of the company. Subsequently, the Rescue Centre



Indian Safari

and Gorewada zoo were decided to merge under the single banner of Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur with administrative control of FDCM Gorewada Zoo Ltd.

In 2023, a revised layout and Master plan was formally accepted by the Central Zoo Authority for this merger from April 2024.

Now operating as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM), the company's mandate extends beyond Gorewada to encompass the development and management of zoos nationwide. Recently, the government of Maharashtra has entrusted the company for development of Tiger Safari and Rescue Centre at Chandrapur. Similarly, the company is also in process of expanding operations of Gorewada zoo through Phase-II of the project; i.e. India's first dedicated African safari experience in a drive through immersive environment. This transition reflects the government's commitment to fostering wildlife conservation and eco-tourism on a broader scale.

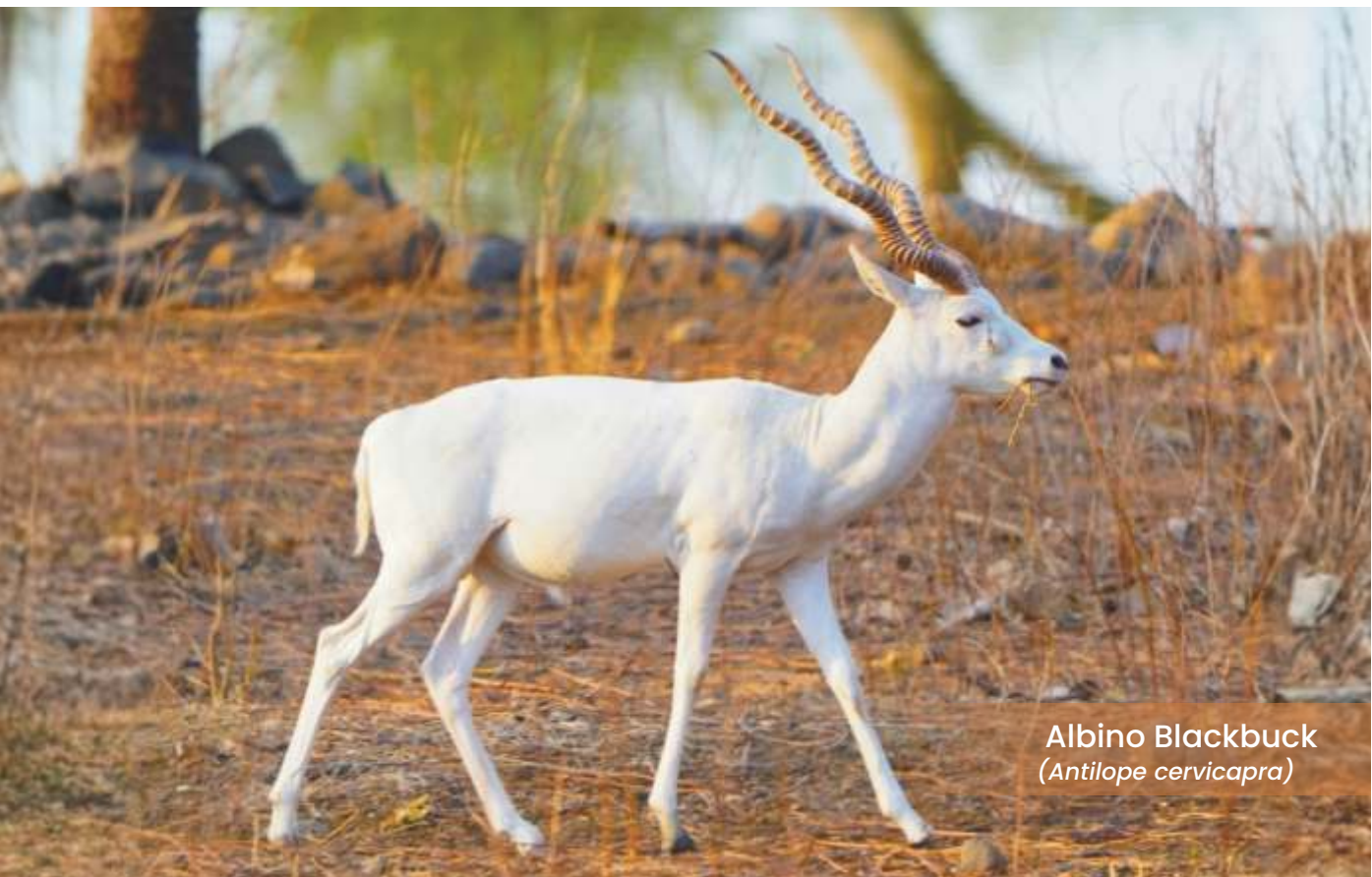
Vision

Our vision is to provide our visitors a unique zoological experience that takes our visitors on an immersive journey through a forest teeming with a diverse array of flora and fauna. A journey that will inspire their minds and captivate their hearts towards conservation of the natural world. As part of our commitment to conservation, education, awareness, and recreation, the BTGIZP will aim to meet and exceed international standards and become a leading zoo in India offering a cohesive collection of attractions and conservation initiatives. The Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park (BTGIZP) will offer naturalistic habitats for animals that provide good animal welfare, with the goal of transforming each visitor's experience into a lasting memory.



Mission

The Park will volunteer for nature conservation, scientific research and public education of the Floral and Faunal species of great importance in Gondwana land. The place will conduct enlightening activities for the visitors to bring betterment in their outlook towards animals. The Gorewada Zoo will be a combination of entertainment, education and science of zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, museums, etc. All put in one place.



Albino Blackbuck
(*Antelope cervicapra*)

Objective

1. Promote wildlife conservation (Undertaking a breeding program of endangered species).
2. Care and rehabilitation of injured, sick and orphan wild animals.
3. To collect and collate the scientific data on the biology, behaviour and health care of various species of wild animals housed in the zoo and use the same in future management.
4. To assist in the conservation of the in-situ population of various species of endangered animals and their habitat by sensitizing the people.
5. To promote research and education on wildlife conservation
6. To create amongst the visitors' empathy towards wild animals through appreciation and better understanding.
7. To promote international eco-tourism.
8. To create opportunities for employment/self-employment.

About us



Basic Information About The Zoo

Name of the Zoo	Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur	
Year of Establishment	Zoo – 2021 Rescue Centre – 2015 (Both facilities were merged in 2024)	
Address of the Zoo	Katol road, Bodhala, Nagpur –440013	
State	Maharashtra	
Telephone Number	0712- 297 1268	
E-mail address	office@wildgorewada.com	
Website	www.wildgorewada.com	
Distance from nearest	Airport: 15 km Railway Station: 10 km Bus Stand: City bus access: 100 m, Bus terminus: 14 km	
Recognition Valid up to (Date)	18/07/2026	
Category of zoo	Small Zoo	
Area (in Hectares)	1914 Ha	
Number of Visitors (Financial Year)	Adult:	1,89,024
	Children:	25,901 (School & College Trips only)
	Total Visitors:	2,14,925
Visitors Facilities Available in Zoo	AC Safari Bus, Sufficient numbers of toilet, RO processed cooled drinking water, Restaurant / Cafeteria, Souvenir Shop, Emergency telephone facility, First-Aid, Wheelchair and wheelchair-friendly access, Anti-snake venom, ATM ,Dedicated parking space, Digital ticketing system, Selfie points, E-charging station etc.	

Management Personnel of the zoo

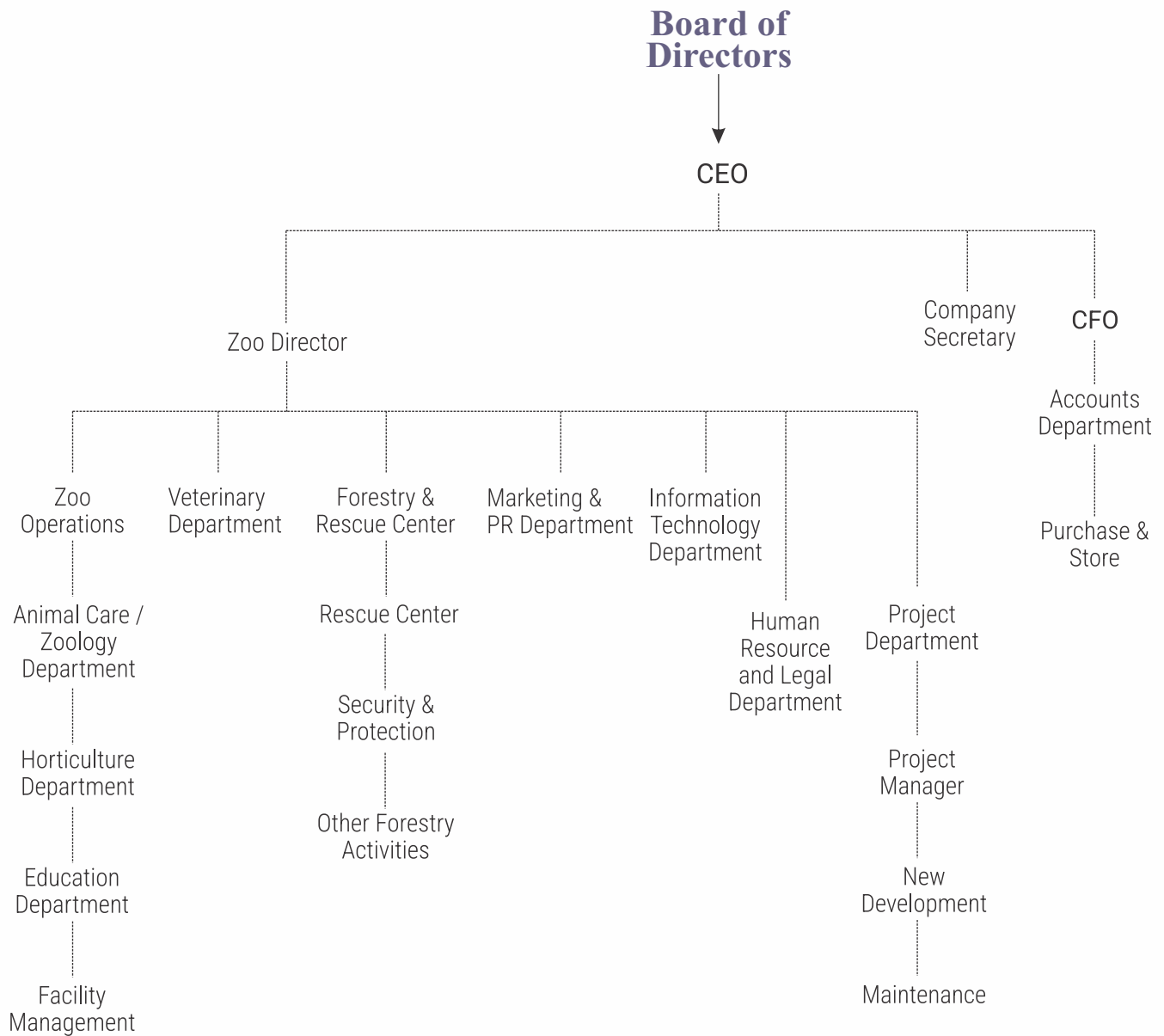
Name with the designation of the Officer-in-charge	Mr. Pandurang S. Pakhale, Divisional Manager cum Zoo Director
Name of the Veterinary Officer	For Zoo : Dr Mayur Pawshe For Rescue Center : Dr. Shalini. A.S, Dr. S.M. Kolangath
Name of the Curator	For Zoo : Mrs. Sarika Khot For Rescue Center : Mr. K. J. Shinde
Name of the Biologist	For Zoo : Mr. Darshan Dudhane For Rescue Center : Mrs. A.N. Punse, RFO
Name of the Education Officer	

Owner / Operator of the Zoo

Name of the Operator	FDCM GOREWADA ZOO LTD. NAGPUR
Address of the Operator	FDCM Gorewada Zoo Ltd, Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Katol road, Bodhala, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440013
Contact details/Phone number of Operator	0712 - 2971268
E-mail address of the Operator	ceo@wildgorewada.com ceo-fgz@fdcm.nic.in



Organization Chart



Human Resources

Manpower of the Zoo (Phase-1)*

Sr. No.	Designation	Number of Sanctioned Posts	No Of The Posts Filled	Names Of The Incumbent
1	Zoo Director	1	1	Mr. P. S. Pakhale
2	General Curator	1	1	Mrs. Sarika Khot (Addl)
3	Veterinary Officer	3	3	Dr. Mayur Pawshe Dr. Sujit Kolangath Dr. Shalini
4	Biologist & Education Officer	1	1	Mr. Darshan Dudhane (Outsourced)
6	Supervisor	3	3	Mr. Ashish Kohale Mr. Vikram Zanjurne Mr. Swapnil Bodhane (Outsourced)
7	Animal Keeper /Asst Animal Keeper	26	26	Outsourced

Manpower of the Rescue Centre

1	Assistant Conservator of Forest/ Assistant Manager	3	3	Shrimati. Sarika Khot Shri. K.J. Shinde Shri. Vipul Gaikwad
2	Veterinary Officer	3	3	Dr. Shalini. A.S Dr. S.M. Kolangath Dr Mayur Pawshe
3	Range Forest Officer	1	1	Shrimati. A.N. Punse
4	Forester	2	2	Shri. P.V. Ghugal Shri. S. M. Shah
5	Forest Guards	6	6	Shri. Sandip Kadam Shri. B.B. Hore Mrs. Swati Awandkar Mrs. Anita Gunde Mrs. Bhavana Sakharkar Mrs. Nutan Uge
6	Forest Labours (Permanent)	1	1	Shri. Ahtesham Sheikh
7	Animal Keeper /Asst Animal Keeper	19	19	Outsourced

Tariff Details

Days	AC bus
Tuesday to Friday	Rs. 300/-
Saturday, Sunday & Public holidays	Rs. 400/-

Special Discount For Institutional Visits

Class	Discounted Rate for AC Bus
School students	50% Discount, Rs. 150/- per Student
College students	25% Discount, Rs. 225/- per Student

Zoo is closed on every Monday





Showstopper
The Rajkumar

Capacity Building of Zoo Personnel

(The year 2025-2026)

Sr. No.	Name of zoo personnel	The Subject Matter Of The Training/workshop	Training period	Name Of Institute Where Training Conducted
1	Arati Punse, Range Forest officer	Basic wildlife Health management.	7th and 8th May 2025.	Wildlife Rescue Centre, Gorewada Nagpur
2	S.M. Shah, Forester			
3	P.V. Ghugal, Forester			
4	Dr. Mayur Pawshe, Veterinarian	Introduction to Conservation Medicine	18th -20th August 2025	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar, Gujarat.
5	Mr. Pandurang Pakhale, Zoo Director	Foundation day celebration of CZA	3rd February 2026	National Zoological Park, New Delhi

Health Advisory Committee

a. Date of the constitution: 22.11.21

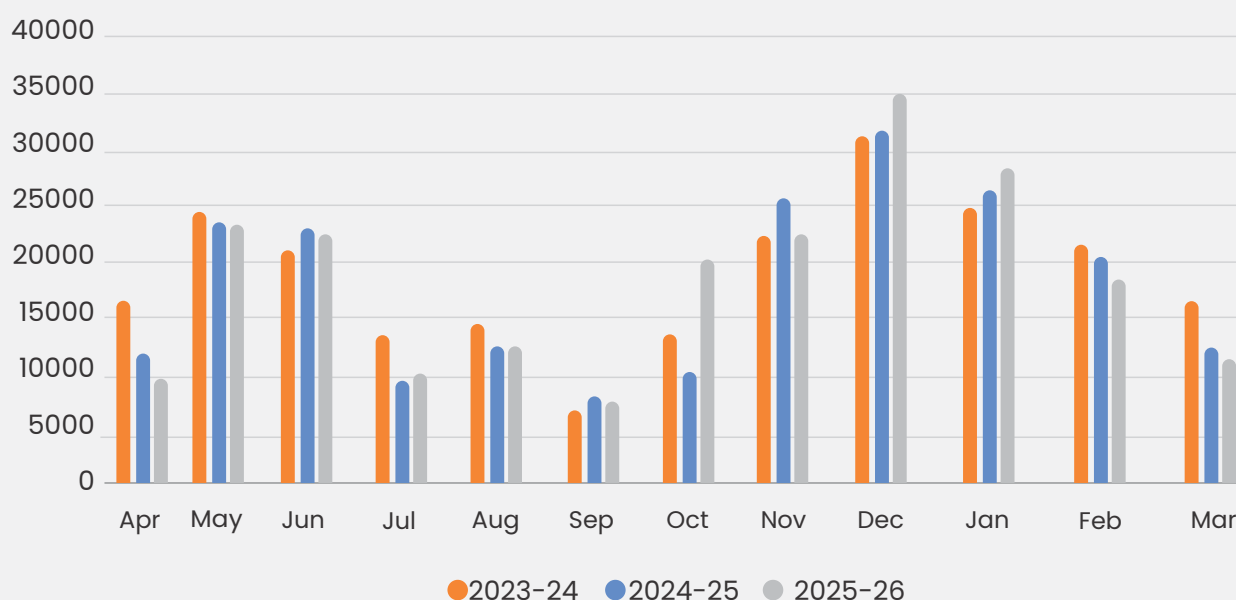
Sr. No.	Members	Information
1	Dr. Shirish Upadhye, Director, WRTC & Dean, MAFSU, Nagpur	Chairman
2	Mr. Pandurang Pakhale, Zoo Director, BTGIZP, Nagpur	Member
3	Dr. V. M. Dhoot, Deputy Director, WRTC, Nagpur	Member
4	Dr. S. M. Kolangath, SMS (Biotech), WRTC, Nagpur	Member
5	Smt. Sarika Khot, Assistant Manager & Curator, BTGIZP, Nagpur	Member
6	Dr. Mayur Pawshe, Zoo Veterinarian, BTGIZP, Nagpur	Member Secretary

Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Zoo

Monthly Footfall in last 3 years

Months / Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
April	15,914	11487	9037
May	23,899	23125	22808
June	20,251	22400	22001
July	12,784	8771	9558
August	13,817	11940	12049
September	6,319	7580	7194
October	12,873	9704	19731
November	21,764	25174	21862
December	30,445	31012	34355
January	24,237	25847	27700
February	20,805	19830	17773
March	15,943	11969	10857
Total	2,19,051	2,08,841	2,14,925

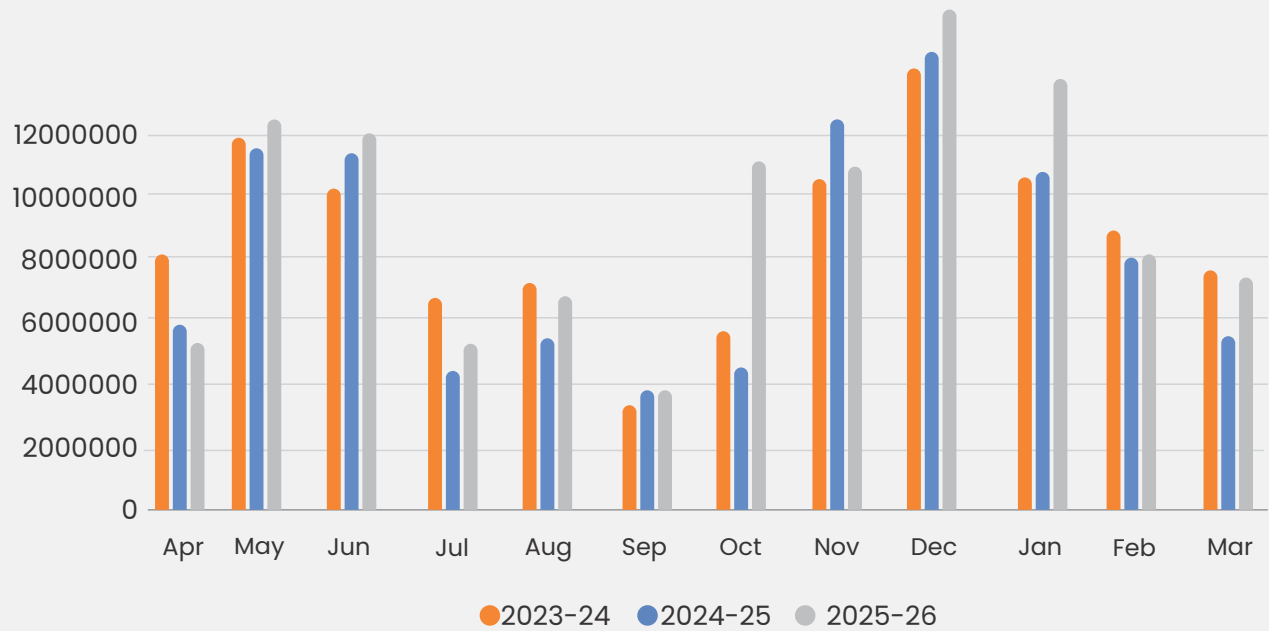
Month wise Visitor Footfall



Monthly Revenue

Months / Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
April	5,575,875	40,10,350	36,36,304
May	8,133,600	78,82,425	84,88,214
June	6,948,075	77,42,200	82,38,656
July	4,570,400	29,90,300	35,66,800
August	4,941,550	37,55,340	46,67,522
September	2,185,400	26,40,550	25,95,955
October	3,865,800	30,85,775	75,90,607
November	7,183,750	84,30,325	74,36,855
December	9,614,550	99,67,100	1,08,95,730
January	7,248,250	74,02,825	93,62,050
February	5,984,825	54,84,800	55,09,785
March	5,203,825	37,47,625	50,48,004
Total Earning	7,14,55,900	6,71,39,615	7,70,36,482

Month Wise Revenue



Statement Of Income And Expenditure (Unaudited)

Particulars	Rescue Centre		Zoo	
	Grant	Expenses	Income (in Crores)	Expenses (in Crores)
Feed for Animals	138.49	130.34		
Rescue Centre Expenditure	494.03	478.45	7,70,36,482	6,80,85,279.7
Total (in Lakhs)	632.52	608.79		



Sangai - Manipur Brow Antlered Deer at Gorewada Zoo

Daily Feeding Schedule of Animals (Zoo)

Sr. No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity/Animal		Day of Fasting
			Winter	Summer	
1	Tiger	Carabeef	10-12 Kg	8-10 kg	Sunday
2	Leopard	Carabeef / Chicken	2.5 to 3.5 kg	2 to 3 kg	Sunday
3	Sloth bear	Mixed Fruits, Honey, Jaggery, Suji halwa, Boiled eggs and Fish once a week	10-12 kg	15-20 kg	No fasting
4	Herbivores (Chital, Nilgai, Sambar deer, Sangai deer, Blackbuck, Barking deer, Hog deer, Swamp deer)	Green maize/Green fodder/Sorghum grass/ Lucerne/Edible grasses and Mash/ Concentrates, Fresh vegetables during summer	<i>Ad lib</i>	<i>Ad lib</i>	No fasting
5	Golden jackal	Carabeef / Chicken, Boiled eggs	1.0 kg	1.0 kg	Sunday
6	Indian fox	Carabeef / Chicken, Boiled eggs	0.7 kg	0.5 kg	Sunday
7	Golden pheasant, Silver pheasant & Red junglefowl	Peacock Mixture – (Mixed grains, Oil seeds, Leafy vegetables, Cabbage, etc.) Boiled eggs	0.2 – 0.3 kg	0.2 – 0.3 kg	No fasting
8	Grey mongoose, Palm civet & Northern raccoon	Minced chicken, Boiled eggs, Mixed fruits	0.3 kg	0.25 kg	No Fasting
9	Reticulated python, Rock python & Ball python	Albino rat or Quails	4-7 pcs	4-7 pcs	Feed once a week
10	Sarus crane & Common crane	Mixed grains, Oil seeds, Leafy vegetables, Cabbage, etc.) Boiled eggs + Small fish	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	No Fasting
11	Painted stork	Medium sized fish	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	No Fasting



Sr. No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity/animal		Day of fasting
			Winter	Summer	
12	Blue-gold macaw & African grey parrot	Mixed grains, Oil seeds, Leafy vegetables, Cabbage, etc.) Boiled eggs	0.2 kg	0.2 kg	No Fasting
13	Indian wolf	Carabeef	2-2.5 kg	2 kg	Sunday
14	Striped hyena	Carabeef	4 kg	4 kg	Sunday
15	Indian crested porcupine	Mixed fruits, Leafy vegetables, Cabbage, etc.	3.5- 4 kg	3.5- 4 kg	No Fasting
16	Hanuman langur	Mixed fruits	3- 4 kg	3- 4 kg	No Fasting
17	Peach faced lovebird	Sunflower seeds, Safflower seeds, Leafy vegetables, Sprouts	20-100 gms	50- 100 gms	No Fasting
18	Zebra finch	Foxtail millets, Coriander leaves	50 gms	50 gms	No Fasting
19	Night herons	Small fish	0.2-0.3 kg	0.2-0.3 kg	No Fasting
20	Three-striped keeled tortoise	Turtle food, Leafy vegetables	100 gms	100 gms	No Fasting
21	Comb duck	Mixed leafy vegetables + mixed grains	300-400 gms	300-400 gms	No Fasting
22	Green iguana	Mixed leafy vegetables, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots, etc.	200 gms	200 gms	No Fasting
23	African grey parrot	Sunflower seeds & Mixed fruits.	300-500 gms	300-500 gms	No Fasting

Daily Feeding of Animals (Rescue Centre)

Sr. No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity/animal		Day of fasting
			Winter	Summer	
1.	Tiger	Carabeef	8-12	6-8	Sunday
2.	Leopard	Carabeef	3.5-4	3-4	Sunday
3.	Black buck	Green grass, Dry fodder vegetables, Leafy vegetable & Concentrates	3 kg. 1 kg. 500 gm 100 gm 300 gm	3 kg. 500 gm 100 gm 300 gm	No fasting



Sr. No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity/Animal		Day Of Fasting
			Winter	Summer	
4.	Sloth bear	Seasonable fruits, Eggs, Fish, Honey	Papaya- 500gm Banana-500 gm Seasonal fruits-500 gm Jaggery/ Honey- 500 gm, Eggs-2 no. Fish- 500 gm once a week	Papaya-500gm Banana-500 gm Seasonal fruits-500 gm, Jaggery/ Honey-500 gm, Eggs-2 no. Fish- 500 gm once a week	No fasting
5	Rhesus macaque/ Common langur	Seasonal fruits	Seasonable fruits & vegetables-500 gm Groundnut-100gm Roasted gram-50 gm	Seasonable fruits & vegetables-500 gm Groundnut-100 gm Roasted gram-50 gm	No fasting
6	Blue bull	Green grass, Dry fodder Vegetables & Concentrate	6-10 kg. 3 kg. 1 kg. 1.5 kg.	6-10 kg. 3 kg. 1 kg. 1.5 kg.	No fasting
7	Black kite	Minced carabeef	200 gm	200 gm	No fasting
8	Alexandrine parakeet	Tomato, Green chilli, Guava	50 to 75 gm	50 to 75 gm	No fasting
9	Eurasian eagle owl	Minced carabeef	100 to 150 gm	100 to 150 gm	No fasting
10	Turtle	Readymade food	15 to 20 gm.	15 to 20 gm.	No fasting

Vaccination Schedule of Animals (Zoo)

Sr. No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine	Periodicity	Remarks
1	Tiger	Feline Panleukopenia Feline Rhinotracheitis Feline Calicivirus Rabies	Feligen CRP Nobivac Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
2	Leopard	Feline Panleukopenia Feline Rhinotracheitis Feline Calicivirus Rabies	Feligen CRP Nobivac Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
3	Sloth bear	Leptospira bacteria, L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, L. icterohaemorrhagiae, L. Pomona, Canine coronavirus rabies	Vanguard Plus Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
4	Golden jackal	Leptospira bacteria, L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, L. icterohaemorrhagiae, L. Pomona, Canine coronavirus rabies	Vanguard Plus Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
5	Indian fox	Leptospira bacteria, L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, L. icterohaemorrhagiae, L. Pomona, Canine coronavirus rabies	Vanguard Plus Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
6	Striped hyena	Leptospira bacteria, L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, L. icterohaemorrhagiae, L. Pomona, Canine coronavirus rabies	Vanguard Plus Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
7	Indian wolf	Leptospira bacteria, L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, L. icterohaemorrhagiae, L. Pomona, Canine coronavirus rabies	Vanguard Plus Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous
8	Grey mongoose	Rabies	Raksharab	Yearly	Subcutaneous

Sr. No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine	Periodicity	Remarks
9	Palm civet cat	Rabies	Raksharab	yearly	Subcutaneous
10	Indian crested porcupine	Rabies	Raksharab	yearly	Subcutaneous
11	Hanuman langur	Rabies Muscle spasms Breathing failure	Raksharab Tetanus toxoid	yearly	Subcutaneous

Vaccination Schedule of Animals (Rescue Center)

Sr. No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine and dosage/quantity used	Periodicity
1	Tiger	1. a. Feline, Calicivirus, Rhinotracheitis virus and panleukopenia virus b. Rabies	Inj. Felligin, S/C	Annual Vaccination
2	Leopard		Raksharab, S/C	
3	Blackbuck	-	-	-
4	Sloth bear	-	Raksharab, S/C	Annual Vaccination
5	Common langur	-	-	-
6	Nilgai	-	-	-
7	Black kite	-	-	-
8	Alexandrine /Rose Ringed parakeet	-	-	-
9	Eurasian eagle owl/Mottled wood owl	-	-	-
10	Tortoise, Turtle	-	-	-
11	Ball python	-	-	-

De-worming Schedule of Animals (Zoo)

Sr. No	Species	Drug used	Month
1.	Tiger	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
2.	Leopard	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
3.	Sloth bear	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
4.	Golden jackal	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
5.	Indian fox	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
6.	Striped hyena	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
7.	Indian wolf	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel	January, April, July, October
8.	Grey mongoose	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel, Albendazole	January, April, July, October
9.	Palm civet cat	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel, Albendazole	January, April, July, October
10.	Indian crested porcupine	Praziquantel, Pyrantel Pamoate, Febantel, Albendazole	January, April, July, October
11.	Hanuman langur	Albendazole	January, April, July, October
12.	Herbivores	Fenbandazole	January, April, July, October
13.	Reticulated python	Ivermectine	Bi annually
14.	Rock python	Ivermectine	Bi annually
15.	Ball python	Ivermectine	Bi annually
16.	Racoon	Albendazole	Bi annually
17.	Golden pheasant	Albendazole	Bi annually
18.	Silver pheasant	Albendazole	Bi annually
19.	Red jungle fowl	Albendazole	Bi annually
20.	Sarus crane	Albendazole	Bi annually
21.	Painted stork	Albendazole	Bi annually
22.	Blue gold macaw	Albendazole	Bi annually
23.	African grey parrot	Albendazole	Bi annually

Sr. No.	Species	Drug used	Month
24.	Night heron	Albendazole	Bi annually
25.	Comb duck	Albendazole	Bi annually
26.	Green iguana	Albendazole	Bi annually
27.	Zebra finch	Albendazole	Bi annually
28.	Peach faced love bird	Albendazole	Bi annually

De-worming Schedule Of Animals (Rescue Centre)

Sr. No.	Species	Drug used	Month
1	Bengal Tiger	Praziquantel, Pyrantel pamoate & Fenbental	December 2025
2	Leopard	Praziquantel, Pyrantel pamoate & Fenbental	December 2025
3	Black Buck	–	–
4	Sloth Bear	Praziquantel, Fenbental, pyrantel paomate.	December 2025
5	Common Langur	Mebendazole.	–
6	Blue bull	–	–
7	Black Kite	Albendazole	December 2025
8	Alexandrine Parakeet/Rose ringed parakeet	Albendazole	December 2025
9	Eurasian Eagle Owl/Mottled owl	Albendazole	December 2025
10	Tortoise, Turtle	–	–
11	Ball Python	–	–

Disinfection Schedule

Disinfection Schedule (Zoo)

Sr. No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Feline	Night Shelter	Kohrsolin Bleaching Powder Sodium bicarbonate Flaming Turmeric	15 days 15 days Alternate day 15 days If required
2	Ursidae	Night Shelter	Kohrsolin Bleaching Powder Sodium bicarbonate Flaming Turmeric	15 days 15 days Alternate day 15 days If required
3	Herbivores	Night Shelter	Flaming	Every 3 months



Disinfecting animal cell through flame-fun and disinfectant

Disinfection Schedule (Rescue Centre)

Sr. No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Bengal Tiger	Feeding cell, kraal, treatment cell, Hospital.	Lime, bleaching powder, Soda, Turmeric, Vircon-s, Kohr Solin, flaming, sodium bicarbonate and potassium permanganate as foot bath. Used alternately	Twice a week.
2	Leopard			
3	Black Buck			
4	Sloth Bear			
5	Macaque Rhesus			
6	Common Lungur			
7	Blue bull			
8	Black Kite			
9	Alexandrine Parakeet			
10	Owl			
11	Tortoise, Turtle			



Health Check-ups

Health check-ups of employees for zoonotic diseases (zoo)

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check-up	Findings of Health Check-up
1	All keepers were tested for zoonotic and other infectious diseases at the time of joining	Asst. Keeper and all animal-related staff	07/10/2025	Negative

Health check-ups of employees for zoonotic diseases (rescue center)

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check-up	Findings of Health Check-up
1	Shri. A. N. Punse	Range forest officer	07/10/2025	Negative
2	Shri. P. V. Ghugal	Forester	07/10/2025	Negative
3	Shri. S. D. Kadam	Forest guard	07/10/2025	Negative
4	Shri. B. B. Hore	Forest guard	07/10/2025	Negative
5	All animal keepers were tested for zoonotic and other infectious diseases	Animal keepers and related staff	07/10/2025	Negative



Development work carried out in the zoo & Rescue centre

Development Works Undertaken During the Year

In pursuance of improving infrastructure, operational efficiency and sustainability with zoo and rescue centre several development works undertaken during the year.

1. Installation of Solar Power Plant

To promote the use of renewable energy and reduce dependence on conventional power sources, solar power generation systems of 35 Kv and 30 Kv capacities were installed in rescue centre. These installations are expected to contribute significantly towards energy conservation and environmentally sustainable operations.



2. Theming Work At Walking Trail

As an extension of the Indian safari, theming work for a walking trail comprising 10 animal enclosures is being undertaken to provide an enhance visitor experience and promote wildlife education and interpretation.



3. Water Distribution Work Under Progress

To ensure a reliable water supply and address water scarcity issues the construction of a dedicated water supply network from the zoo reservoir along with a water treatment plant is presently under progress.



4. Repainting Work under progress

Repainting work of animal enclosures is in progress to improve their appearance, durability and maintenance standards. The work has enhanced the overall aesthetic appeal of the zoo while ensuring a clean and well-maintained environment for the animal and visitors.



5. Development of Integrated MIS Solution for Zoo and Rescue Center Operations:-

An Integrated Management Information System (MIS) has been implemented to streamline and digitize the operations of the zoo and rescue centre. The system serves as a centralized platform for managing animal records, veterinary care, animal observation, feeding schedules, animal inventory, staff activities and keeper diary. It enables real-time data collection and efficient animal monitoring. By integrating multiple operational modules into a single digital platform, the MIS enhances coordination among departments, improves operational efficiency, strengthens animal welfare management, and supports the long-term conservation and management objectives of the zoo and rescue centre.

Educational and Awareness programmes

Gorewada Zoo continued to strengthen its role as a centre for conservation education by conducting a wide range of awareness and outreach programmes throughout the year. These initiatives are aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of wildlife, biodiversity, and environmental conservation among visitors, students, and the wider community. The zoo served as an engaging learning platform where participants gained first-hand exposure to wildlife and natural ecosystems through guided tours, educational workshops, and interactive sessions. Special emphasis was placed on promoting conservation ethics, responsible environmental practices, and appreciation for the rich biodiversity of the region.

A series of programmes were organized on important environmental and wildlife-related occasions, providing opportunities for active public participation through competitions, awareness campaigns, nature-based activities, and community engagement events. These initiatives helped to create meaningful connections between people and nature while encouraging positive conservation action.

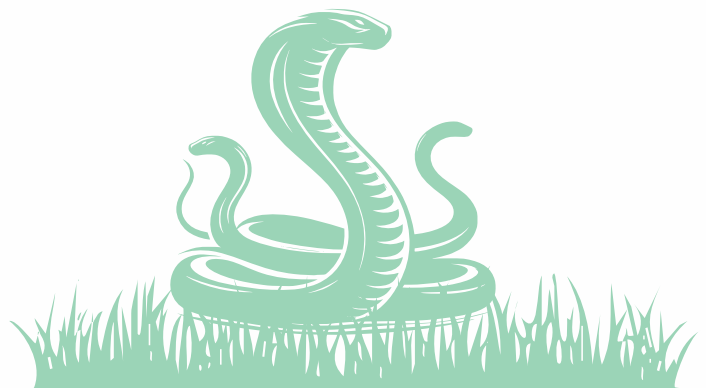
In addition to activities conducted within the zoo premises, outreach programmes were undertaken in collaboration with schools, colleges, government institutions, and community groups to extend the reach of conservation education. Through these efforts, Gorewada Zoo continued to inspire environmental awareness and contribute towards building a more informed and conservation-conscious society. None of this would be possible without the dedication and expertise of our passionate education team, whose commitment to excellence and innovation drives our educational programs forward. Their creativity, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in inspiring the next generation of conservationists and environmental leaders.

During the year, total 312 educational institutions visited at Gorewada Zoo, reflecting its growing role as a leading centre for wildlife education and environmental awareness.



Snake rescue training for keepers

On 11th April, a hands-on Snake Rescue Training Programme was conducted for animal keepers at the zoo to enhance their skills and preparedness in handling wildlife emergencies. The training focused on the identification of commonly encountered snake species, safe rescue and handling techniques, use of rescue equipment, and protocols for minimizing risks to both humans and animals. Participants received practical demonstrations on snake capture, transportation, and release procedures, along with guidance on responding to snake-related incidents within zoo premises.



Summer camp

As part of its conservation education initiatives, Gorewada Zoo organized a Summer Camp Programme for school students during the summer vacation i.e. in April and May. The camp provided a unique opportunity for young participants to explore wildlife, nature, and environmental conservation through interactive and experiential learning activities.

The programme included guided zoo tours, wildlife interpretation sessions, nature trails, conservation awareness lectures, art and craft activities etc. Participants were encouraged to observe wildlife closely and develop a better understanding of ecological processes and the importance of protecting natural resources.



Glimpses of a Summer Camp 2025 (Batch 1)



Glimpses of a Summer Camp 2025 (Batch 2)



Maharashtra day celebration

Gorewada Zoo celebrated Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day on 1st May with enthusiasm and a spirit of unity, recognizing the significance of these occasions and the valuable contributions of the workforce towards the development and functioning of the zoo. The programme included the hoisting of the National Flag, followed by an address highlighting the importance of Maharashtra's formation and the role of dedicated employees in achieving organizational goals. Special appreciation was extended to staff members including animal keepers, maintenance personnel, security staff and other workers, whose continuous efforts ensure the smooth operation and upkeep of the zoo.



World Environment Day

Gorewada Zoo celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June with great enthusiasm to promote environmental awareness and encourage public participation in conservation efforts. As a corporate contribution, M/s. CIE Automotive India Ltd, Nagpur participated and sponsored the event by donating 500 saplings for this greening initiative. A plantation drive was organized within the zoo premises, during which native tree species were planted to enhance green cover and support local biodiversity. Awareness sessions and interactive activities were conducted to highlight the importance of environmental conservation, climate action, waste reduction and sustainable resource management.



**Great enthusiasm to promote
Environmental awareness**

Kids Cooking Carnival

On June 21st Kids Cooking Carnival was organized at Gorewada Zoo in collaboration with Nirali Cookery, providing a unique platform for young minds to explore their culinary creativity. With over 150 enthusiastic children participating the event was a resounding success. The carnival offered a fun-filled learning experience, where kids got to engage in hands-on cooking activities, experimenting with various ingredients and recipes. Under the guidance of Chef Niraj Jain and expert chefs, the young participants prepared a range of delicious dishes, fostering their interest in cooking and promoting healthy eating habits.



Plogging drive and Seed Ball making Workshop

As part of its environmental awareness and conservation initiatives, Gorewada Zoo organized a Plogging Drive and Seed Ball Making Workshop on June 22nd at Gorewada Bio Park in collaboration with Nagpur Ploggers. The activities were aimed at promoting environmental responsibility, cleanliness, and ecological restoration among participants. The event brought together 45 individuals from diverse age groups, showcasing a collective effort towards environmental conservation.



Outreach program

On July 25th, our outreach program made its way to Bajaj College of Science, Wardha. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd of 150 students, accompanied by their teachers. Mr. Darshan Dudhane, Biologist, delivered an engaging session on Breeding Biology of Birds. The students were captivated by insightful presentation, which shed light on the importance of zoos in preserving biodiversity and promoting environmental awareness.



International Tiger Day

On the occasion of International Tiger Day 29th July 2025, an interactive awareness program was organized with the students of Nagpur Veterinary College at Gorewada Rescue Centre, Nagpur. The session was led by Mr. Darshan Dudhane, Biologist, Gorewada Zoo who engaged the students on the 'Current status of Tiger's population in India'.



Plantation Drive on the occasion of International Tiger Day, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam and Van Mahotsav

A Tree Plantation Drive was organized on 30th July 2025 to mark the celebrations of **International Tiger Day 2025, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and Van Mahotsav 2025**. On this occasion, Mr. Chandrasekaran Bala (IFS), Chief Executive Officer of FDCM Gorewada Zoo Limited, along with other staff members, graced the event with their presence. Students from St. Joseph School and Savitribai Phule School, Nagpur, also participated enthusiastically, contributing to the plantation activity and spreading awareness about the importance of trees for wildlife conservation and ecological balance.



Independence Day

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotism and enthusiasm at Balasaheb Thackery Gorewada International Zoological Park. The celebration commenced with the unfurling of National Flag by Chief Executive Officer Mr.Chandrashekar Bala (IFS) followed by the National Anthem. To engage young minds and foster creativity, a drawing competition on the theme wildlife conservation was organized for students. Total 74 students participated enthusiastically.



Interactive session at Gorewada Bio-Park

An engaging and interactive session titled “Jungle Tails” was conducted by naturalist Mr. Aniruddha Chaoji at Gorewada Bio Park. The session took the audience on a fascinating journey through the wilderness, filled with captivating stories, real-life experiences, and insights from the wild. Mr. Chaoji beautifully narrated his encounters with nature, emphasizing the importance of understanding and conserving wildlife. The participants, including morning walkers and nature enthusiasts, were spellbound by his storytelling and passion for the environment. The event highlighted the spirit of wildlife awareness and inspired everyone to connect more deeply with nature.



Gorewada lake

Green future initiative : Bamboo Plantation

Bamboo Plantation drive by students at the zoo as a part of conservation education and environmental awareness initiatives Gorewada zoo organized a bamboo plantation drive at zoo premises on dated 3rd September 2025 involving 50 students from Podar International School, Nagpur. The programme aimed to promote environmental stewardship and educate young participants about the ecological importance of bamboo including its role soil conservation, habitat development and carbon sequestration.



Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of National Forest Martyrs Day (11th September)

On the occasion of National Martyrs Day the zoo organized a Blood donation camp on dated 11th September 2025 to promote social responsibility and community welfare. The event was conducted in collaboration with a GSK blood bank with witnessed enthusiastic participation from zoo staff and visitors.



Not all
heroes
wear capes.
Some save
lives by
donating
blood.



Wildlife Week 2025

Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur, celebrated Wildlife Week with great enthusiasm and public participation from 2nd October to 8th October 2025. The week-long celebration was organized with the primary objective of creating awareness about wildlife conservation, biodiversity protection, environmental sustainability, and fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature among visitors, students, and the general public. Various activities such as Cleanliness drive, wildlife awareness lectures, drawing and painting competitions, wildlife photography Competition, Rangoli Making were organized during the celebration. School and college students actively participated in these programmes and gained valuable knowledge. The Wildlife Week celebration concluded on 8th October 2025 with a valedictory programme, prize distribution ceremony for competition winners, and a pledge to continue supporting wildlife conservation efforts. The week-long event proved to be an effective platform for promoting environmental awareness and strengthening public engagement in wildlife conservation initiatives.



Customized postal stamp of Gorewada Zoo has been published during the Wildlife Week 2025



Cleanliness drive on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti



Butterfly walk with Dr. Ashish Tiple



Participants of Butterfly Walk



Tree plantation



Drawing and Painting competition



Rangoli making competition



Bird watching



Prize distribution & Valedictory function of "Wildlife Week 2025"

Bird Week 2025

5th to 12th November, this week is celebrated as a Bird Week in Maharashtra state. On this occasion budding veterinarians from Nagpur Veterinary College and zoo, rescue staff participated in Bird watching programme on 11th November at Gorewada Bio-Park, Zoo Director Mr. Pandurang Pakhale guided about basics of Bird watching.



HPV Vaccination for women staff members of the zoo.

On 7th October as a part of employee's health and welfare, Gorewada Zoo has organized Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme for women employees in the zoo. The programme was aimed to create awareness regarding Cervical Cancer and to prevent women staff members from Cervical Cancer.



Republic Day and Foundation day celebration

Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park celebrated the 77th Republic Day along with its Fifth Foundation Day with great pride and enthusiasm. The programme commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Chief Executive Officer Mr.Chandrashekar Bala (IFS) in the presence of zoo staff and visitors followed by the National Anthem and an address highlighting the zoo's achievement in wildlife conservation, animal welfare and environmental education. As a part of the Foundation Day celebration a ceremonial cake cutting was organized in the presence of zoo Director Mr. Pandurang Pakhale, Zoo staff and visitors.



International Women's Day celebration

International Women Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Park to recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of women employees.



Capacity building workshop

On 13th March 2026 Capacity Building Workshop was organized by the Forest Survey of India, Nagpur Zone in collaboration with BTGIZP. Students from Department of Botany, Institute of Science, Nagpur, staff from Forest Survey of India and zoo staff participated in the event. The workshop focus on modern forest monitoring technique, forest inventory method and sustainable natural resource management. Through expert lectures, interactive sessions and practical demonstrations participants gained valuable knowledge.



Visits and Training Programme

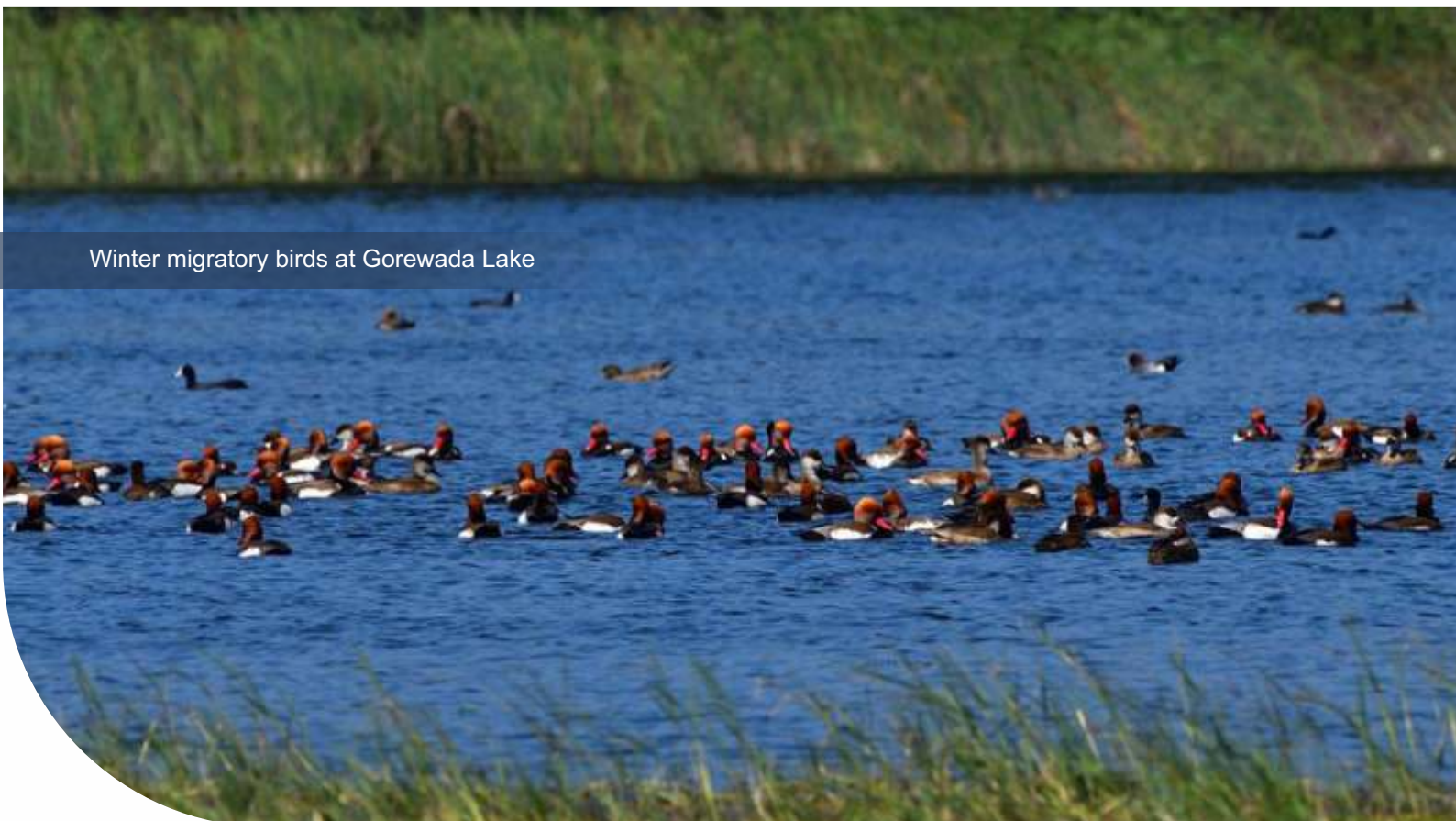
Sr. No.	Name	Speaker	Date	No. of participants	National / International	Remark
1	Training of Forest Laws.	Shri Sanjay Jagtap, Retd. Forest Officer.	16/05/2025	50	National	At WRTC, Gorewada
2	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards from Chikhaldara Forest Academy, Amravati Maharashtra. Subject- Animal Transport, Upkeep of Wild animals & First-aid management.	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	05/07/2025	62	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
3	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy, Sangali. Subject- Animal Transport, Upkeep of Wild animal and First aid management	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	21/07/2025	52	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
4	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy, Sangali. Subject- Animal Transport, Upkeep of Wild animal and First aid management	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	24/07/2025	51	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur

Sr. No.	Name	Speaker	Date	No. of participants	National / International	Remark
5	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards form Kundal Forest Academy, Sangali Subject- Animal Transport, Upkeep of Wild animal and First aid Management	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	26/07/2025	51	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
6	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards from Chandrapur Forest Academy.	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	06/08/2025	80	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
7	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards of Dadasaheb Choudhari Forest Academy, Pal	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	09/08/2025	90	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
8	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards of Forest Training Academy, Shahapur	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	09/09/2025	50	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
9	Study tour of Trainee Round Officers from Chandrapur Forest Academy, Chandrapur	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe and Dr. Shalini. A.S.	06/12/2025	50	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur

Sr. No.	Name	Speaker	Date	No. of participants	National / International	Remark
10	Human-Wildlife Conflict Management- 1 day Workshop	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S. vet, Officer	19/12/2025	40	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
11	Study tour of IFS Officers from Chandrapur Forest Academy, Chandrapur.	Shri. Chandrasekaran Bala, IFS, CEO, Shri P.S. Pakhale, D. M., Gorewada Project, Nagpur Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S. vet, Officer	08/01/2026	30	National	At WRTC /BTGIZP, Nagpur
12	Study tour of Trainee Forest Guards from Forest Training Academy Shahpur	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S. vet, Officer	17/01/2026	54	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
13	Study Tour of IFS Officers from Chandrapur Forest Academy, Chandrapur.	Shri. Chandrasekaran Bala, IFS, CEO, Gorewada Zoo, Shri P.S. Pakhale, Divisional Manager, Gorewada Project, Nagpur Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S. vet, Officer	06/02/2026	35	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur

Sr. No.	Name	Speaker	Date	No. of participants	National / International	Remark
10	Visit of Round Officers from Bramhapuri Forest Division.	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S. vet, Officer	05/03/2026 06/03/2026	70 85	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur
11	Study tour Trainee Forest Guards from Chandrapur Forest Academy.	Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini. A.S. vet, Officer	18/03/2026	75	National	At WRTC/BTGIZP, Nagpur

Winter migratory birds at Gorewada Lake





Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Forest Department of Arunachal Pradesh



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Forest Academy, Chikhaldara



Visit of RFO and ACF from Forest Academy, Chandrapur



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Forest Academy, Chandrapur



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Forest Academy, Shahpur



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy, Sangli.



Forest Guards from Shahapur Forest Academy visited Gorewada Zoo



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Dadasaheb Chaudhary Forest Academy, Pal



Visit of Trainee Forest Guards from Kundal Forest Academy, Sangli



Visit of delegates from National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur

Visit of Staff members of Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.

Date: 21st July 2025





Mr. Milind Mhaiskar (IAS), Addl Chief Secretary (Forest) Maharashtra, visited at Gorewada Zoo





IFS officers from Chandrapur Forest Academy



Hon'ble Saraswathy Kandasami,
Deputy Minister of National Unity, Malaysia visited Gorewada Zoo





Visit of Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan Shri. Haribhau Bagade
at WRTC, Gorewada, Nagpur on 12th July 2025

Performing Fire lines before the summer season

To reduce the risk of forest fires and protect wildlife, firelines were established and maintained across zoo area. Dry grass, leaf litter, and other combustible vegetation were cleared to create protective barriers that help prevent the spread of fire. Regular inspection and maintenance of these firelines were carried out, particularly before and during the fire season, ensuring enhanced fire preparedness and safeguarding animal enclosures, natural habitats, and zoo infrastructure.



A New Life for a 60-year-old Peepal Tree

Every tree has a story, and this majestic Peepal tree is a remarkable symbol of resilience, renewal, and conservation. Estimated to be over 60 years old, the tree was carefully rescued from a construction site. Instead of allowing this invaluable natural heritage to be lost, it was scientifically transplanted and given a new home at Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park. Today, the Peepal tree stands healthy and flourishing, serving as a living landmark that reflects the Zoo's commitment to conserving not only wildlife but also its invaluable green heritage. Its successful relocation is a powerful example of how thoughtful planning, expert care, and scientific techniques can preserve even mature trees for future generations. More than just a tree, it is a living testament to hope, sustainability, and the harmonious coexistence of development and nature—proving that with the right vision and dedication, even a decades-old giant can begin a new chapter of life.

A SECOND LIFE





HOPE,
SUSTAINABILITY,
AND THE
HARMONIOUS
COEXISTENCE

Turnkey Plantation

A turnkey Plantation Project funded by the Govt. Medical College was successfully implemented within Gorewada Project. Under this initiative 1850 sapplings of native tree sp. planted to enhance the green cover.

It Included site preparation, planting watering and maintenance to ensure successful establishment of saplings. This initiative strengthened the Zoo's ecological value while promoting sustainable environmental conservation through collaborative institutional support.

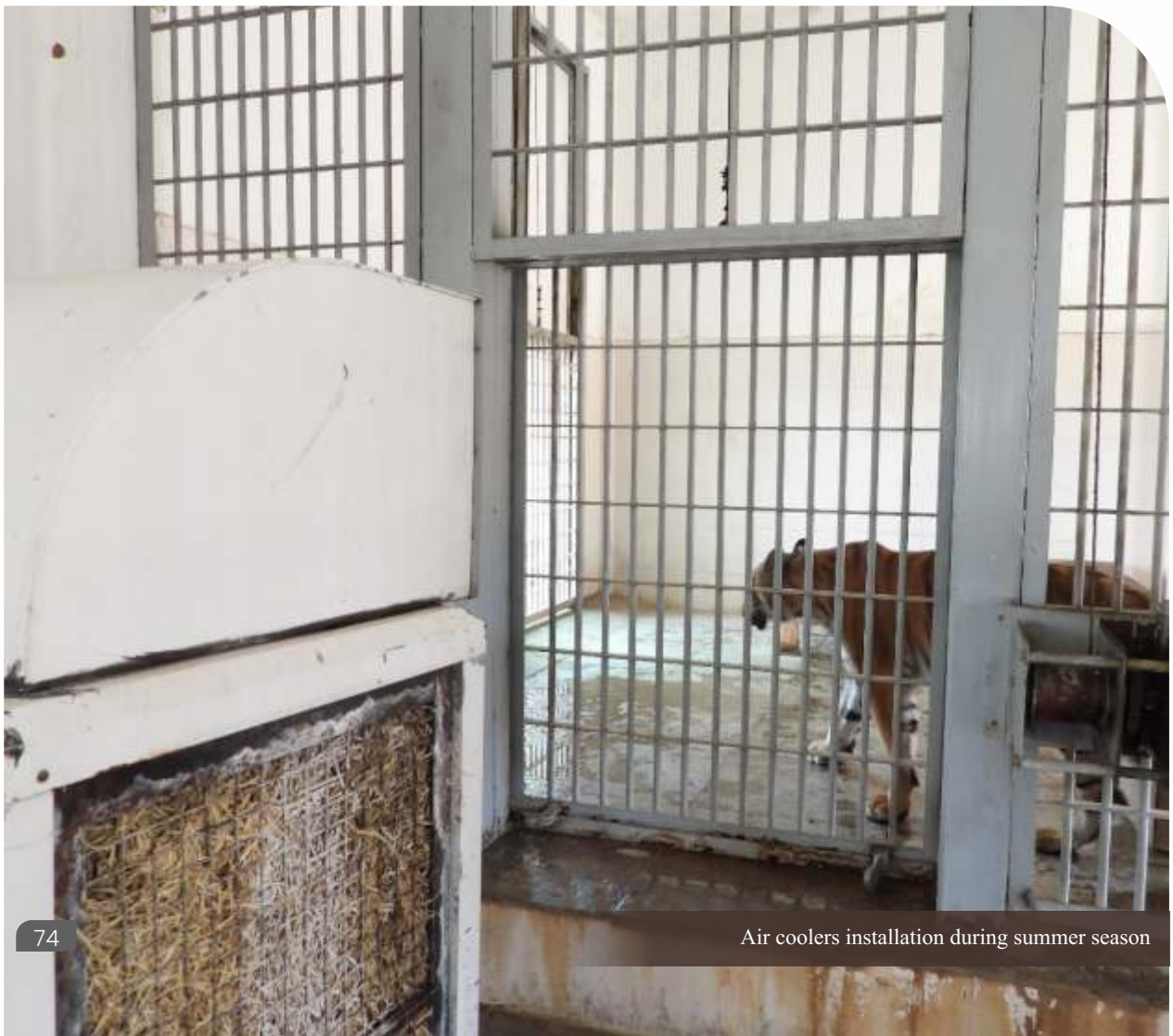




Seasonal special arrangements for the upkeep of animals

To ensure the health, comfort, and welfare of the animals housed at the zoo, various seasonal management practices are implemented throughout the year. During the winter season, temperatures in the Vidarbha region can drop significantly, creating a risk of cold stress for certain animal species. To maintain a comfortable and species-appropriate environment, heaters are installed in animal enclosures, night shelters, and holding areas wherever required.

Similarly, during the summer season, when ambient temperatures often exceed 45°C, extensive measures are undertaken to mitigate heat stress. Essential cooling arrangements such as air coolers, misting systems, wallowing pools, and increased shade provisions are made available in animal enclosures. Continuous access to clean drinking water is ensured, and dietary modifications, including the provision of electrolyte supplements are implemented as per veterinary recommendations. These measures help maintain a suitable microclimate within the enclosures and contribute significantly to the overall well-being, health, and welfare of the captive animals during extreme weather conditions.





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Ice- fruit candy for Sloth bears



Shade net installation in kraal area

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Zoo Scope: Quarterly Highlights: Apart from the research publications, this year zoo has initiated publishing 'Zoo Scope' a quarterly publication on highlight and achievements.



Conservation Breeding Programme of the Zoo

A proposal for initiating conservation breeding of Wild water buffalo and lesser florican is submitted to Central Zoo Authority. In principal approval of Central Zoo Authority for Wild water buffalo conservation breeding programme has been sought. For Conservation breeding programme the FDCM Gorewada Zoo Ltd. has done MoU with Bombay Natural History Society and Wildlife Rescue and Training Centre Gorewada Nagpur.



Animal acquisition/ Transfer/Exchange during the year

No animals were acquired or transferred during the year



Rescue and Rehabilitation of wild animals carried out by the Zoo

Gorewada zoo has dedicated rescue centre. In this year rescue centre received a total number of 32 wild animals from forest department for rehabilitation and care.

Sr. No.	Animal	Scientific Name	Total Numbers
1	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	13
2	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	14
3	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	1
4	Ball python	<i>Python regius</i>	1
5	Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	1
6	Jungle cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	1
7	Rose - ringed parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1



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Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Apr-2025)				Births			Acquisitions			Disposals			Deaths			Closing Stock (31-Mar-2026)			
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
Aves																						
1	Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
2	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	2	2	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	6
3	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
4	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	3	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	6
Total Aves			8	8	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	7	3	18
Mammalia																						
1	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	12	16	13	41	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	16	22	50
2	Blackbuck (leucistic/white)	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	4	4	4	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	6	14
3	Chital/ Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	11	18	7	36	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	18	11	38
4	Indian Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>	7	8	0	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	7	1	15
5	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	8	11	12	31	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	11	20	39

6	Indian Jackal	<i>Canis aureus indicus</i>	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
7	Indian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus pallipes</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
8	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1
9	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
10	Indian Crested Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	3	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	5
11	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	3	3	2	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	7
12	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	4	6	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	8
13	Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
14	Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	3	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	7
15	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Rucervus duvaucellii</i>	2	2	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	8
16	Eld's Deer (Brow-antleredDeer)	<i>Rucervus eldii</i>	4	4	5	13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	7	15
17	Sambar Deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	6	4	7	17	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	10	20
18	Hanuman langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	3	3	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	7
19	Fox Common	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3

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			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T	
Total Mammalia			79	97	55	231	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	0	72	92	85	249
Reptilia																							
1	Reticulated Python	Malayopython reticulatus	3	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	1	6	
2	Tricarinate Hill Turtle	Melanocheyls tricarinata	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	
3	Indian RockPython	Python molurus	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	
Total Reptilia			5	5	6	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	4	6	15	
Total			92	110	65	267	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	85	103	94	282	

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Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Apr-2025)				Births				Acquisitions				Disposals				Deaths				Closing Stock (31-Mar-2026)				
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	T	M	F	U	T	M	F	U	T	M	F	U	T	M	F	U	T	
Aves																											
1	Peach-faced Lovebird, Rosy-faced Lovebird	Agapornis roseicollis	5	5	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	
2	Blue-and-gold Macaw, Blue-and-yellow Macaw	Ara ararauna	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
3	Golden Pheasant	Chrysolophus pictus	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	
4	Silver Pheasant	Lophura nycthemera	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	
5	Grey Parrot, Jacquot	Psittacus erithacus	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
6	Comb Duck	Sarkidiornis sylvicola	3	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	
7	Zebra Finch	Taeniopygia guttata	5	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	8	
Total			18	16	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	16	0	0	34	

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Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Apr-2025)				Births			Acquisitions			Disposals			Deaths			Closing Stock (31-Mar-2026)																								
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T																					
Mammalia																																											
1	Indian Muntjac	Muntiacus muntjak	6	9	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	2	17																					
2	Northern Raccoon	Procyon lotor	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1																					
Total Mammalia																							6	10	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	2	18		
Reptilia																																											
1	Green Iguana	Iguana iguana	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1																					
2	Ball Python, Royal Python	Python regius	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	4																					
Total Reptilia																							1	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	5	
Total																							25	26	8	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	25	26	6	57
Grand Total																							117	136	73	326	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	1	110	129	100	339

. Part-A Annual Inventory of Animals (Rescue Center)

Form-II[See rule 11(i)]

INVENTORY REPORT ABSTRACT APRIL 2025 TO March 2026

Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Apr-2025)				Births			Acquisitions			Disposals			Deaths			Closing Stock (31-Mar-2026)			
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
	Bird																					
1	Rock eagle owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>	1	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	0	0	0	0
2	Mottled Wood owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	1
	Total Birds		1	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	0	0	1	1
	Mammals																					
1	Black Buck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	11	14	2	27	-	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	2	1	13	20	0	33	33
3	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	1	1	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	2	2
4	Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	8	6	0	14	1	1	-	6	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	13	12	0	25	25
5	Common Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	2	2	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	0	1	0	1	1
6	Four – horned antelope	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Mammals		22	24	2	48	1	1	-	6	12	2	1	1	-	3	3	1	27	34	0	61
	Total Animals		23	24	3	50	1	1	-	6	12	3	1	1	-	4	3	2	27	34	1	62

Part B

Inventory Report Abstract (April 2025 To March 2026)

Other than Endangered Species*

Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Apr-2025)				Births			Acquisitions			Disposals			Deaths			Closing Stock (31-Mar-2026)				
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T	
Bird																							
1	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	0	0	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	
2	Rose ringed parakeet	Psittacula krameri	0	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	2	2	
3	Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	2	
4	Common Crane	Grus grus	0	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	0	0	
5	Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	0	
Total Bird			0	1	9	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	7	0	1	4	5	
Mammals																							
1	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	0	2	
Total Mammals			0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	0	2	
Reptile/Amphibians																							
1	Red eared Slider Turtle	Trachemys Scripta elegans	0	0	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	3	3	
2	Moniter Lizard	Varanus bengalensis	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	0	0	0	0	

Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Apr-2025)				Births			Acquisitions			Disposals			Deaths			Closing Stock (31-Mar-2026)				
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T	
Exotic species																							
1	Ball Python	<i>Python regius</i>	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	1	
Total Reptile Amphibians			0	0	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	0	0	4	4	
Total Animals			0	1	13	14	-	-	-	-	0	2	3	0	0	1	-	-	7	0	3	11	

Mortality of Animals

Mortality of animals (Zoo)

Animal Name	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death	Reason of Death as per the Post-mortem report
Bengal fox	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	Female	04-04-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Sloth bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	Male	21-04-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus indicus</i>	Male	26-04-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Female	30-04-2025	Multiple organ failure
RedJunglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Female	30-04-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Female	12-05-2025	Multiple organ failure
Ball python	<i>Python regius</i>	Undefined	26-05-2025	Multiple organ failure
Sloth bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	Male	10-06-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Hog deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>	Female	09-07-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure due to growing encroaching cyst and severe tick infestation
Spotted deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	Male	20-07-2025	Pneumonia
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Female	31-07-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Indian crested porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Male	27-08-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Hanuman langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	Male	28-10-2025	Cardio-respiratory failure
Indian grey mongoose	<i>Urva edwardsii</i>	Female	28-10-2025	Multiple organ failure
Indian crested porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Male	29-11-2025	Multiple organ failure
Reticulated python	<i>Malayopython reticulatus</i>	Female	12-01-2026	Enteritis and Hepatitis
Spotted deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	Male	25-01-2026	Multiple organ failure
Indian crested porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Female	31-01-2026	Multiple organ failure
Ball python	<i>Python regius</i>	Undefined	08-02-2026	Hepatitis
Indian grey wolf	<i>Canis lupus pallipes</i>	Male	17-03-2026	Multiple organ failure.

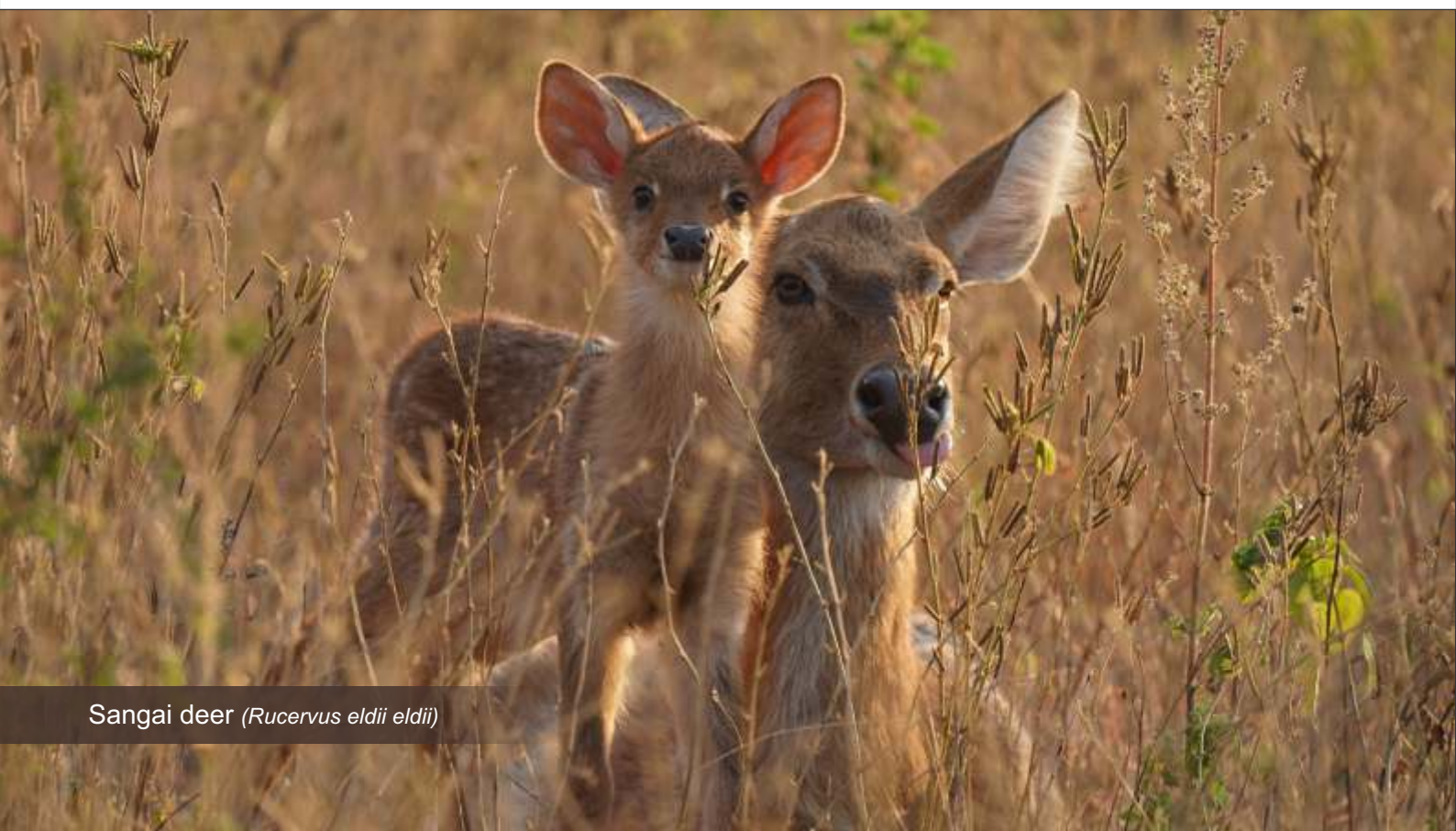
Mortality of animals (Rescue Centre)

Animal Name	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death	Reason of Death as per the Post-Mortem findings.
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	male	30/04/2025	Death due to Cardio Respiratory Failure.
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	male	07/05/2025	Death due to Cardio Respiratory Failure.
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	male	14/05/2025	Death due to Multiple Organ Failure.
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Female	11/07/2025	Death due to Cardio Respiratory Failure.
Indian eagle Owl	<i>Bubo Bengalensis</i>	male	04/08/2025	Death due to Multiple Organ Failure.
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	male	22/08/2025	Death due to Multiple Organ Failure.
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	male	24/09/2025	Death due to Enecephalopathy and Cardio respiratory failure.
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Female	30/09/2025	Multiple organ failure due to compromised respiratory, hepatic, cardiac organs.
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Male	26/10/2025	Death due to Cardio failure involving hepatic & renal systems.
Hanuman Langur	<i>Semnopith-ecus Intellus</i>	Male	23/11/2025	Death due to hepatitis & peritonitis.
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Female	01/12/2025	Death due to hepatitis & nephritis.
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Male	06/12/2025	Death due to haemorrhagic enteritis.
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Male	21/12/2025	Death due to multiple organ failure .
Indian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>	Male	03/01/2026	Died due to Haemorrhagic enteritis.
Four Hourned antelope	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>	Female	03/01/2026	Died due to Cardio respiratory failure.
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Female	23/03/2026	Died Due to Multiple Organ Failure.

Animal Births

Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Date of Birth
1	Blackbuck (Albino)	Antilope cervicapra	29-06-2025
2	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	10-07-2025
3	Spotted deer	Axis axis	18-07-2025
4	Striped hyena	Hyaena hyaena	05-09-2025
5	Hanuman langur	Semnopithecus entellus	15-09-2025
6	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	17-09-2025
7	Hanuman langur	Semnopithecus entellus	17-09-2025
8	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	22-09-2025
9	Spotted deer	Axis axis	25-09-2025
10	Sangai	Rucervus eldii eldii	27-09-2025
11	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	20-10-2025
12	Sambar deer	Rusa unicolor	21-10-2025
13	Sloth bear	Melursus ursinus	14-11-2025
14	Spotted deer	Axis axis	14-11-2025
15	Blackbuck (Albino)	Antilope cervicapra	14-11-2025
16	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	14-11-2025
17	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	14-11-2025
18	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	20-11-2025
19	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	22-11-2025
20	Sambar deer	Rusa unicolor	23-11-2025
21	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	24-11-2025
22	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	25-11-2025
23	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	01-12-2025
24	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	10-12-2025
25	Sangai	Rucervus eldii eldii	10-12-2025

Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Date of Birth
26	Sambar deer	Rusa unicolor	21-12-2025
27	Spotted deer	Axis axis	26-12-2025
28	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	13-01-2026
29	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	14-01-2026
30	Hog deer	Axis porcinus	16-01-2026
31	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	23-01-2026
32	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	23-01-2026
33	Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra	22-02-2026



Sangai deer (*Rucervus eldii eldii*)

Compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority

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1. General requirements				
1	10.1(2)	The Zoo should plant trees of appropriate species in the safari areas, near the feeding/retiring cells of the animals and other appropriate areas in the zoo to provide a naturalistic environment within the zoo.	Within one month.	Zoo is doing large scale plantation in all enclosures. More than 3000 trees have been planted in last 2 years. Night shelter buildings of the safari have been painted in camouflage colour as per the instruction in previous evaluation.
2	10.1(2)	The feeding/retiring cells of the animals and the chain link fence should be camouflaged from all the sides.	Within one month.	Appropriate plantations are being done to camouflage the fences.
3	10.1(3)	I. The visitor circulation pathway and service pathway should be separated in the walking trail. II. The visitor circulation pathway in the walking trail needs to be realigned and gabion wall or natural structure like rocky outcrops and tree stumps may be placed so that the retiring cells are not visible to the visitors. III. The main entrance gate of the zoo should not be used as service gate. A separate entry and exit should be there for other services.	Within two months.	Walking Trail is under construction. Civil works have been completed. The landscaping and theming of walking trail is in process. This facility is not open to public till date. i) A separated service path has been provided in design. ii) Construction of walking trail is in progress. Appropriate measures are considered to hide man-made structures. iii) The visitor entry gate is planned separately in Master plan. The current entry gate shall be used as service gate in future.

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1. General requirements				
		IV. The visitor waiting area for boarding the safari bus is close to the visitor pathway for the walking trail and such proximity will be hazardous for visitors. There should be due safeguards in place so that visitor road/pathway does not pass through the areas adjoining the animal feeding cells, feeding kraals, animal service area, service road and off the exhibit areas.		iv) Noted. Appropriate measures shall be ensured before making the walking trail operational.
4	10.1 (4)	The brick masonry boundary wall with grills of the Zoo should be of at-least two meter in height from the ground level in the periphery of Zoo. At present the boundary wall with railings in between are present which may not safeguard against the un-regulated access of visitors to the zoo and entry of stray/feral animals in the zoo.	Within one month.	The wall originally built was 2meter in height. Due to increase in the road height, the visible height from outside appears lower. A proposal has been sent to state government for appraisal of situation and request for necessary budget provision required for upgradation of structure.
5	10.1 (7)	The Zoo should construct a garbage disposal yard for solid waste management and for the walking trail the waste water from enclosures should be directed into a common sewage treatment plant.	Within three months	The solid waste in zoo is being disposed to Municipal Garbage collection system. Soak pits have been provided for disposal of liquid waste near each enclosure.

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2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern				
6.	10.2(2)	At present the Biologist is looking after the work of Education Officer also. It is advised to have full time Education officer for the zoo.	Within one month.	At present situation Biologist has given the charge of Education Officer and it is working smoothly. In future, we will appoint full time Education Officer as per the suggestion.
7.	10.2(1-3)	The duties and responsibilities mentioned under the Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009 for the mandatory posts (Direct/In-charge, Curator, Veterinarian, Biologist, Education Officer) shall be followed.	Immediately.	Being followed.
3. Development and Planning				
8.	10.3(6)	The Master Plan including the Master (layout) Plan and animal collection plan of the zoo still needs to be finalised in consultation with Central Zoo Authority (CZA) as per the observations communicated by the CZA on Master Plan of the Zoo vide CZA letter dated 27-12-2023.	Immediately.	A relevant compliance report has been sent to CZA vide letter no. FGZ/ZD/2024-25/07/373 dated 11/07/24.
4. Animal housing, display of animal enclosures				
9.	10.4(2)	The designs and dimensions of every enclosure in the walking trail shall be determined having due regard to the biological behaviour of the species and the number of animals to be housed therein as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard from time to time.	Immediately.	All the enclosures in walking trail have been constructed after due approvals from the CZA.
10.	10.4(6)	The zoo should make efforts to enrich all the four safaris, feeding/retiring cells, kraal areas and also the proposed walking trail.	Immediately.	Being followed.

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11.	10.4(7)	In the walking trail adequate screening shall be provided between adjacent enclosures to safeguard against the animals getting unduly excited or stressed due to visibility of animals housed in these enclosures.	Within one month	Walking Trail is under construction. Civil works have been completed. The landscaping and theming of walking trail is in process. This facility is not open to public till date. The Landscaping shall be undertaken considering these points.
12.	10.4(7)	Efforts should be made to camouflage the night cells/retiring cells in the walking trail from visitor's pathway.	Within one month	Walking Trail is under construction. Civil works have been completed. The landscaping and theming of walking trail is in process. This facility is not open to public till date. The suggestion shall be incorporated positively.
13.	10.4(9)	I. In the walking trail the zoo shall provide appropriately designed and effective standoff barriers at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors in the Zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of wild animals, without reaching in the vicinity or proximity of the animals and getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals and shall also display adequate sign boards so as to give warning to the visitors to keep a safe distance from the animals. II. Warning sign boards shall also be placed for all the safaris at appropriate places (near ticket counters, safari gates, inside the safaris, in the safari vehicles etc.).	Within three months	Walking Trail is under construction. Civil works have been completed. The landscaping and theming of walking trail is in process. This facility is not open to public till date. All suggestions shall be implemented before making the facility open to public.

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14.	10.4(10)	Appropriate signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild shall be placed at various places in the zoo (near visitor's facilities, safari vehicles, safari gates etc.)	Immediately.	Signages have been installed at the entrance of every safari enclosure also within the Safari area.

5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals

15.	10.5(2)	The Zoo should have a centralised feed storage and processing unit. Following observations has been made during the evaluation with respect to feed storage and processing of feed: - I. At present the zoo is using open shade area in the feeding cell of the leopard safari for meat processing. The same is not fly process. II. The keeper room of the Sloth bear safari is used for storing and preparing food for sloth bears. III. The feeding cell of the Herbivore safari is used for storing feed for herbivores. IV. The keeper room of the Herbivore safari is used to store fruits. V. The rabbits are seen displayed in one of the enclosures of walking trail and it has been informed that the live rabbits are used as feed for snakes. The Zoo should have a separate facility for housing of live feed for the animals in the zoo premises.	Within one month	A dedicated animal kitchen & food storage section is proposed in the Hospital & quarantine block; Expected to operationalise in a year. The present facility is a temporary arrangement. Necessary arrangements to keep facility hygienic and pest proof is in place. A separate food animal section has been proposed.
16.	10.5(5)	Salt licks should be provided at appropriate places in the herbivore safaris as well as in the kraal areas. Sprinklers to be provided in the safaris as well as in the kraal areas of all the animals.	Immediately.	Being followed.

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17.	10.5(5)	It is to ensure that the left-over feed of leopard is remove promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding cells and kraals are washed and disinfected.	Immediate ly.	Being followed.
18.	10.5(5)	The zoo should ensure having the facilities of foot bath (with Potassium permanganate, KMnO ₄) at every entry and exit point of the animal feeding/retiring cells.	Immediate ly.	Being followed.
19.	10.5(5)	The zoo should ensure having a tyre bath at the entry and exit gates of all the safaris and other entry/exit gates of the zoo.	Immediate ly.	Being followed.
20.	10.5(6)	At present the portable squeeze cage is used by the zoo. The zoo should have inbuilt facilities for restraining/examining and treating the animal at the enclosure itself.	Within one month	The portable squeeze cages are designed for operational feasibility. All cages have independent squeeze cages as per animal behavioural and treatment needs.

6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities

21.	10.6(1)	The zoo should have basic veterinary facilities appropriate to the size and type of the animal collection of the zoo.	Immediate ly.	Complied
22.	10.6(3)	I. The zoo should have a postmortem room, isolation ward, quarantine ward, and a veterinary care reference library. II. No incinerator facilities available in the zoo. III. The zoo has informed that the veterinary facilities available at the Rescue Centre, Gorewada is been used by the zoo. The Zoo operator has assured that these facilities will used for zoo as well. IV. It is recommended that the zoo should have a basic veterinary facility in zoo premises only.	Within three months	A basic veterinary unit is available in the zoo. An advance well equipped Hospital with diagnostic and surgical facility is available at Rescue Centre. Zoo & Rescue Centre has been merged. As per letter no. FGZ/CEO/2023-24/03/1435, dated 28/03/2024.

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7. Acquisition and breeding of animals				
23.	10.9(8)	In order to prevent inbreeding and the loss of heterozygosity, the zoos should maintain the studbook and herd book for the animals housed in the zoo and put appropriate identification marks.	Immediate ly.	Appropriate measures are being followed.
24.	10.9(9)	I. In order to limit the number of animals of each species as per the RZR, 2009, the zoo shall implement appropriate population control measures like segregation of sexes, vasectomy, tubectomy and implantation of pellets etc., with due consideration of the health and welfare of the animals and interest of their long-term survival. II. It has been noticed that the birth of three leopard cubs has been taken place few months back in the zoo i.e. there is breeding of leopard in the zoo. The CZA guidelines in this regard needs to be strictly followed. III. The optimum number of animals (Tiger, leopard, Bear and Ungulates/Herbivores) to be housed in a zoo should be as per RZR, 2009.	Immediate ly.	Male leopards have been vasectomised to avoid future breeding. Necessary measures are followed for population control in herbivores.
25.	10.9(10)	As the zoo having four functional safaris, therefore the zoo should take effective measures to safeguard against escape of the animals from the premises of the safari/zoo and in the event of any accidental escape, the escaped animals.	Immediate ly.	Being followed.

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8. Research activities				
26.	10.10	Zoo should make efforts to carry out research activities on various aspects of the animals housed in the zoo as well as on other aspects.	Immediately.	Being followed.
9. Education and outreach activities				
27.	10.11 (1)	I. The zoo should make efforts in carrying out various educational and outreach activities for school children and college students and also for visitors on regular basis. II. An annual event calendar may be prepared and implemented for generating awareness among people about the significance and conservation of wildlife. III. Effective and up to date education material shall be prepared and used for the visitors.	Immediately.	Being followed. A detailed report of all the educational activities has been included in annual report of the zoo. Quarterly updates of the zoo have been consolidated and published in a magazine titled 'Zoo Scope'
10. Visitors facilities				
28.	10.12 (1)	Zoo to provide more adequate civic facilities such cloak room for visitors, more water points, at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo which should also be used by Divyangjans i.e. ramps near all visitors' facilities, easy access to safari vehicles, Divyangjan friendly seats in safari vehicles etc.	Immediately.	Entire zoo has been designed for convenience of 'divyangjan.' Sufficient number of Drinking water kiosks, ample parking, visitor sheds and waiting areas, divyangjan friendly ramps are provided at suitable locations throughout the zoo.
29.	10.12 (2)	Snake anti-venom and lifesaving drugs, should be readily available in the zoo premises.	Immediately.	Being followed.

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30.	10.12 (3)	Arrangements should be made for providing access to the Divyangjans for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures (including walking trail).The CZA letter File No. 25-1/2002-CZA(Vol-II) (Part), Computer No. 135034, Dated: 05/02/2021 regarding "Advisory for mandatory compliance of statutory provisions pertaining to Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in Zoos" should be followed.	Immediately.	Appropriate provisions have been made in the design & construction of the zoo.Low floor buses with 'divyangjan' friendly seats will be introduced in African Safari.

Other Observation

31.	I. The Zoo is illegally operating a Jungle drive of 22 kms for the visitors since the year 2015. II. It has been informed that the Jungle drive is a part of zoo only. However, the permission for operating the Jungle drive has not been taken from the Central Zoo Authority. III. It has been observed during the evaluation that the Jungle Drive is not been managed as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. No animal inventory and other requisite records as per the rule and guidelines of the CZA has been available with the zoo for Jungle drive. The zoo is required to submit detailed justification in this regard.	Immediately.	Gorewada zoo has been established in Gorewada Reserve Forest having free ranging wildlife. A jungle drive (safari) is operational in 1086Ha of natural forest even before the establishment of the zoo. This activity is mentioned in the Master plan of the zoo at 4.11 and introduction chapter. The facility is called Jungle Drive and separated from main zoo by Nagpur-Katol Highway. It is a 22km guided tour with nature interpreter relying on wilderness experience with chance of spotting free ranging wildlife. This is an optional facility for visitors to explore true wilderness. Since, there are no captive animals, no separate permission was requested from CZA for this activity.
32.	The Zoo is allowing morning walks in the park area of the zoo premises. The same is not allowed as per the CZA guidelines.	Immediately.	The Gorewada Bio-park is a 2.5km nature trail along the Gorewada reservoir. It has separate entry gate and located at approximately 3km from the Zoo Main gate and

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				approx. 1 km away from the nearest (proposed) animal exhibits. This place is a nature education facility on wetland and forest ecosystem for school and colleges. General public can visit here with an entry ticket. The zoo has ensured that no stress or negative impact of this activity to the captive inmates of the zoo. The activity is declared in Master Plan under 4.11.
33		The Zoo is housing two rescued Sloth bears of the Rescue Centre, Gorewada in the kraal area of the Sloth bear safari without informing/taking permission from the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately.	One sloth bear has been shifted to Rescue Centre and another one has been approved by CZA for transfer to the zoo.
34		I. The zoo has informed that the merger of Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur with Rescue Center, Gorewada is proposed. Both these facilities are operated under administration of Gorewada Project, FDCM. II. At present, Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur and Rescue Center, Gorewada, Nagpur are recognised as separate zoos by the Central Zoo Authority. III. A separate proposal for the merger should be submitted to the CZA.	Immediately.	A separate proposal for merger has been submitted vide letter no. FGZ/CEO/2024-25/06/253 dated 13/06/2024. In reference of FGZ/CEO/2023-24/03/1435, dated 28/03/2024.
35		As recommended during the last evaluation, the water tank near the parking area and night shelter buildings attached to safari enclosures should be painted in olive green or camouflaged with surrounding area.	Immediately.	Being followed.

Compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority (Rescue Centre)

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1. Development and Planning				
1.	10.3 (8)	Prior approval of CWLW should be taken to rescue the animals especially Schedule I & II animals.	One Month	This rescue Centre receives rescued wild animals from field. Almost always permission by Chief Wildlife Warden under section 11 of Wildlife (Protection) Act is given prior to rescue. But in case of accidents & sick animals, the animal is received by the rescue centre hospital on a very short notice. Hence in such cases the animal is accepted and permission of Chief Wildlife Warden is sought there after.
2. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures				
2.	10.4(2)	Enclosure for large carnivore should be enlarged as per the CZA norms.	Six Month	Additional enclosures are proposed for housing more animals. Due caution will be taken to maintain the enclosure size as per CZA specification.
3. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals				
3.	10.7(4)	Looking in to climate change and importance, the rescue centre should have an incinerator for disposal of carcasses.	Six months	An eco-friendly incinerator will be procured.
4.	10.7(2)	Post mortem report for schedule animals should be sent to CWLW and CZA within 24 hours separately (As per the CZA guidelines)	Within 24 hours	Henceforth it will be followed.

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4. Research

5.	10.11	Research activities should be undertaken and enhanced.	Six Month	One health project entitled "Establishment of Consortium for one health to address zoonotic and transboundary diseases in India including the northeast region" sponsored by DBT is already being in running.
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Other Observations

6.		Separate provision should be made to cut and clean the meat at rescue centre only to avoid infection within the premises of the Rescue Centre.	After Completion of the current meat tender	At present there is no special room or required bio waste management facilities in rescue centre. Once the basic facilities are completed, the meat will be cut & cleaned at rescue centre.
7.		Compliances of the last evaluation should be completed within the time frame.	1 month	Copy attached - Annexure-I
8.		Diet chart of carnivores should include Meat: Bone ratio and other information. Daily inspection of food is must to protect animals from any disease.	1 month	Daily inspection of meat conducted by veterinarians. (Diet chart copy attach - Annexure II)
9.		Visitors should not be allowed to visit the rescue centre, unless it is an emergency.		Visitors are not allowed to visit rescue centre. Only staff having official business with rescue centre is allowed.
10.		Animal which are fit and disease free should be shifted to other places taking prior permission from CZA.	Six month	Out of 73 animals in rescue centre, 53 are fit and disease free. Exchange proposals to shift 28 animals to different zoological parks have been sent to concerned authorities. In future exchange proposals for the remaining 25 animals will be submitted as per requirement.

List of free-ranging wild animals

Sr. No.	Animals	Species
1.	Mammals	Nilgai
		Sambar
		Leopard
		Jungle Cat
		Grey Mongoose
		Black-naped Hare
		Common Palm Civet etc.
2.	Aves	Indian Peafowl
		Grey Francolin
		Painted Francolin
		Little Brown Dove
		Ring Dove
		Black-winged Kite
		White-eyed Buzzard
		Honey Buzzard
		Eagle Owl
		Barn Owl
3.	Reptiles	Spotted Owlet and 200+ species of birds
		Indian Rat Snake
		Russell's Viper
		Saw-scaled Viper
		Indian Cobra
		Common Trinket
		Wolf Snake
		Indian Rock Python
		Common Cat Snake
		Stout sand Snake
		Bronze-backed Tree Snake
		Indian Egg-Eater
		Monitor Lizard
		Garden Lizard & Many More

The list of free-ranging wild animals in zoo premises is tentative and based on daily observations; detailed documentation of free-living wildlife is under process.



Sangai deer (*Rucervus eldii eldii*)

A black bear is shown from the chest up, resting its head on a thick, weathered wooden log. The bear's fur is dark and shaggy, and its eyes are closed. The log has a green rectangular logo painted on it. The logo features the word "WILD" in yellow, "Gorewada" in white with a tiger's face in the 'o', and "INDIA'S LARGEST ZOO" in white below it. There are also small silhouettes of a tree, a deer, and a lion in the background of the logo.

WILD Gorewada

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