

# Maharaja Shahaji Chhatrapati Zoo

New Palace, Kolhapur – 416 003

## Annual Report 2022-2023



### Basic Information about the Zoo

SN	Particulars	Information
1	Name of the Zoo	Maharaja Shahaji Chhatrapati Zoo
2	Year of Establishment	It was started by the erstwhile Shahu Maharaj in 1890 as a "Haran Park"
3	Address of the Zoo	New Palace Area, Kolhapur – 416003
4	State	Maharashtra
5	Telephone Number	9890445211
6	Fax Number	-
7	E-mail address	<a href="mailto:scznpk@yahoo.in">scznpk@yahoo.in</a>
8	Website	-
9	Distance from nearest	Airport: Kolhapur airport – 18 km  Railway station – 3 km  Central bus stand – 4 km
10	Recognition Valid up to (Date)	07-12-2024
11	Category of zoo	Mini Zoo
12	Area (in Hectares)	13 Hectors
13	Number of Visitors (Financial Year)	Year 2022-2023 – 1773 visitors approximately
14	Visitors' Facilities Available in Zoo	Visitor facilities include drinking water, first- aid, canteen etc.
15	Weekly Closure Day of the Zoo	-

## INTRODUCTION

His Highness Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur established this Palace Zoo within the New Palace area around 1894 as his private Zoo. This was the first zoo established in Western India as per our information.

It has natural surroundings with a lake in the center. The expenses for maintaining this Zoo were borne out of Maharaja's private funds till the year 1971. In the year 1971 His Late Highness Maj. Gen. Shahaji Chhatrapati Maharajasaheb of Kolhapur made a Public Charitable Trust of his private Zoo, registered it under the Bombay Public Trust Act and named it as "MAHARAJA SHAHAJI CHHATRAPATI ZOO". He also made sufficient provision for its annual expenditure. Since then, the Board of Trustees are managing the working of this zoo. The accounts of the Trust are being audited, Annual Balance Sheets & Audit Reports are being submitted to the Asst. Charity Commissioner of Kolhapur, for their record regularly.

## Animal Inventory

INVENTORY CLOSING ON MARCH 2023

SN	Common name	Scientific name	M	F	U	TOTAL
1	Chital	Axis Axis	28	46	6	80
2	Emu	Dromaius Novaehollandiae	1	1		2

## INCOME, EXPENSES

### BUDGET AND FINANCES

Budget Year	Budget allotted	Expenditure
2020-2021	525000	416931
2021-2022	350000	379743
2022-2023	450000	439805

## **FOOD, HEALTH, HYGIENE AND SAFETY MEASURES**

Daily feed – भात कौडा, गहू भुस्सा, कळणा तुर हरभरा कळणा is given.

Double fencing is provided for the safety.

Plastic carry-bags and bottles are banned.



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