

ANNUAL REPORT OF NEHRU PARK CUM MINI ZOO, DANAKGRE, TURA FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

The Nehru Park cum Mini Zoo, Danakgre is located in Tura, in Meghalaya and is the only zoo in the Garo Hills region and only the second one in the state. It was initially started by the District Administration at Tura Park where few rescued animal were kept for amusement and entertainment for visitors. During the year 1967 it was handed over to the Divisional Forest Officer, Garo Hills (T) Division, Tura. Later it became a small rescue centre and started dealing with the problem of displaced and injured animals. The Nehru Park cum Mini Zoo is important for the region because it not only provides recreation to the visitors but also acts as a centre for displaced, orphaned and injured animals which could not be released back in the wild due to more or more of the reasons. Many animals are also being rehabilitated here and released back in the wild when certified fit by the Veterinary surgeon of the Zoo. As the number of animals grew and the need for a permanent holding facility was felt, the zoo was shifted to the present location at the Nehru Park at Danakgre. The zoo has since been as Mini Zoo under section 38th of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 by the CZA vide letter no. F No. **19-168/93-CZA/188** dated 10/10/2005.



Vision of the Zoo:

Tura Mini Zoo was basically started for recreation purposes only however, with the advancement of time, the need to protect and conserve global biodiversity and wildlife was realized, therefore it was shifted to present location with the following vision:

- a. A scientific institution engaged in Animal Welfare, Research, Conservation, Education and Sustainability.
- b. Best business practice, being efficient, focused and productive, with close attention paid to planning, ecologically sound design and pollution free environmental.

- c. Outstanding "Value for Money" for all who visit the zoo. Providing fun, entertainment and learning.

Mission of the Zoo:

- (a) To act as Rescue Centre by receiving and keeping orphaned, seized, rescued and injured wild animals.
- (b) Develop amongst the visitors an understanding about the ecological linkages with the life supporting processes of nature and the need for keeping them intact by adopting sustainable life styles and living in harmony with nature.
- (c) Develop amongst visitor's empathy for wildlife and motivate them to support the cause of conservation of wildlife.
- (d) Compliment the national effort in conservation of wildlife through planned coordinated conservation breeding of endangered wild animal species of the region.
- (e) Enhancing the role of the zoo in conservation of wildlife through collaborated research aiming at attaining management skilled for in-situ population and carrying out advocacy for protecting the wild animals and their natural habitat



Administrative Set-up:

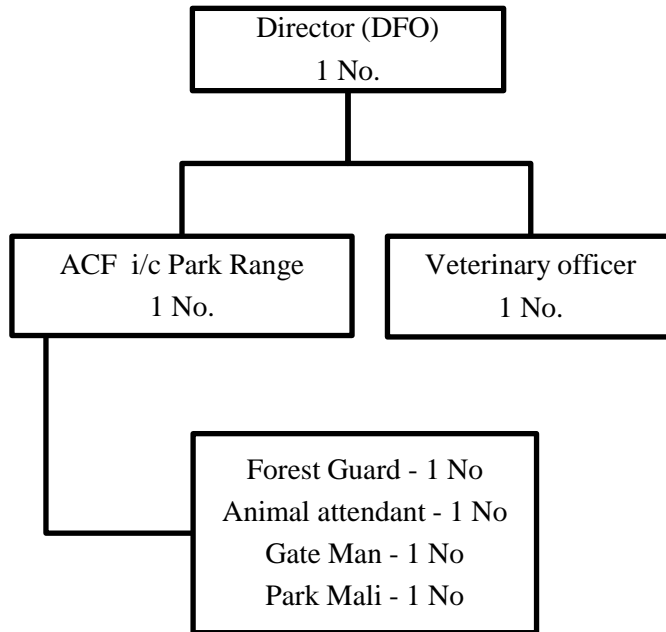
The Nehru Park cum Mini Zoo is placed under the establishment of East and West Garo Hill Wildlife Division. Therefore, the Divisional Forest Officer of the Division controls financial and establishment matters of the zoo. One Assistant Conservator of Forests in charge of Park Range is posted as Curator of the zoo. Veterinary section is looked after by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon of Nokrek National Park who is stationed at the zoo.



Recognition:

The zoo has been recognized as Mini Zoo under section 38th of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 by the CZA vide letter no. F No. **19-168/93-CZA/188** dated 10/10/2005.

Staff :



Master Plan :

The Master (Layout) plan and master plan of the zoo was approved by Central Zoo Authority(CZA) vide their letter No. F.No.**19-168/93-CZA(188)(Vol-I)/2646/2016** dated 20/9/2016.

Conservation Breeding Program:

NIL

Training programme conducted during 2018-19:

NIL

Workshop on Management of Zoo:

NIL

Endangered species recovery:

One Rescued Burmese python and Slow loris successfully rehabilitated and released into the wild.

Research Program organized during 2018-19:

NIL

Exchange of Animals approved/recommended in 2018-19:

NIL

New Animal enclosure designed/submitted to CZA in 2018-19:

NIL

Development Works initiated/completed in 2018-19 :

Maintenance of Animal enclosures.

Annual Visitor's statement in 2018-19:

No record as presently entry to the Zoo is free.

Inventory of Animals as on 31/3/2019:

Enclosed as annexure-I

Death/Birth/Acquisition/Disposal report as on 31/3/2019:

Enclosed as annexure-II

Inventory of Buildings:

SP Type Hostel Building- 1 No.

SP Type II Building-5 No's.

SP type Range Office- 1 No.

SP Type Veterinary Dispensary-1 No.

Interpretation Centre- 1 No.



Children's Park inside the Zoo



Tree planting during World Environment Day, 2018

Water Bodies:

There is a perennial stream called “Manganchi” running across the Zoo area. Apart from there, there is a small pond near the veterinary dispensary.

Status of compliance w.r.t conditions conveyed by CZA vide their letter F.No.19-168/93-CZA(188)(Vol.I)(PKR)/1858/2017 dated 27/10/2017:

Enclosed as Annexure -III

Road:

There are no motorable roads inside the zoo.

Submitted

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