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OUR MOTTO

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VISITORS ARE OUR MASTERS



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OUR SLOGAN

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PEOPLE WHO KNOW ANIMALS
WILL PROTECT THEM



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MISSION STATEMENT

To connect visitors and animals through exemplary animal welfare care, best educational and inspirational experiences, fostering public appreciation and support for wild animals and conservation.

Conveying the message of conservation education through demonstrative replicable and learning experiences without compromising the expected standards of display of wild animals and flora under the existing policies and rules.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The job of a Zoo director is really an interesting, enjoyable, enviable job per se! He has to take care of the animals, visitors and the zoo staff too. So, the year 2015-16 was really a very satisfying year for the zoo director. It's not an easy task to maintain the number position among the zoos of India in this digital era. Still, we could able to carry on the legacy with the blessings of all.

The year 2015-16 started with the inauguration of the new entrance plaza. Earlier, a long, never ending queue used to stand in the scorching day light blocking the entire traffic. But, after this entrance plaza, the whole crowd is comfortably accommodated inside with shade roof.

We witnessed a marginal rise in the number of visitors from 31,37,623 in 2014-15 to 31,86,372 in 2015-16, showing that the number of visitors has not gone down, with an increase of gate revenue from 1621.43 lakhs to 1678.68 lakhs which is really appreciable. Here, it is noteworthy to mention that 3,22,073 students from 5462 educational institutions from all over India, have visited the zoo in 2015-16 which is a remarkable event.

It's true that if the zoo employee is taken care of, he will take care of his animal. So, we have provided uniform to staff every year, staff benevolent fund to permanent staff, EPF and ESI facility to the staff, 15 days E.L. encashment benefit to permanent staff, O.T. allowance for extra working hours, subsidized mid-day meal, zoo day gift to all the staff and risk.

Inspired by the Summer management of animals especially of Elephants in the Vandaloor Zoo, Chennai, installed a water shower in the Asiatic Elephants enclosure and the elephants really enjoyed the slower bath and also copied the triangle, pyramid shaped shelter in Lion enclosure from Vandaloor Zoo and it provides ample shade to the resting Lions and Lioness.

A lot of Developmental woks took place during the financial year 2015-16. Anaconda enclosure was re-designed, 4 newly constructed RO water plants were inaugurated and where ever R.O. plants were installed , at the back of it, baby care room was also built to feed the new born babies, lot of improvements were done in the post-mortem room, widening of visitor's path and improvement to view the chimps were done exclusively. At Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre also constructed an additional day kraal facility to leopard enclosure along with a lot of greenery activities inside this centre.



Also, constructed an additional day kraal in Bird's aviary at Karanji Nature Park along with construction of a green house in KNP.

We still follow the tradition of conducting Summer camp in two batches of for the students, conducting zoo in-reach and out-reach programmes, birding in Karanji lake, accommodating visit of IFS probationers, Forest Guard, DyRFO and RFO trainees and one week internship programme for final year B.Sc (Forestry) college students from Ponnampet and Sirsi. More over, animal adoption is a very good scheme being implemented in this zoo which is very close to the people's heart. During this year, 338 adopters adopted nearly 390 specimens, amounting to the collection of Rs.34,83,772/-.

The death of the Chimpanzee, Mirella, was totally an unexpected one and the whole zoo felt for its sudden demise. Also, the death of a Royal Bengal tiger, a gaur, death of a male and a female grant zebra, death of an African white rhino and the death of an African elephant were unforgettable. These animals were fond of visitors and visitors also knew them by their names. The animal care section handled by learned veterinarians keep the zoo going. At any point of time, the zoo doctors are available for the treatment of the animals.

I profusely thank our beloved Chairman Smt. Rehana Banu for the continued support and the Member Secretary of ZAK, Mr. Abhiyu Singh for the valuable advice and support extended during the year. I also thank the recently appointed Governing Council members who have constantly advised on day-to-day activities for the wellbeing of the zoo. I must also thank the contractors who are supplying the best quality feed and fodder for the animals in the zoo. I must also thank the media, both print and electronic, for their continuous support in all the zoo activities. Finally, I must thank all the visitors who are the REAL masters for whom the zoo is doing all these wonderful works and in turn , these are the visitors who have made the Mysore Zoo, number ONE in the country.

In the words of the zoo.....
*"For men may come and Men may go,
But, I can go on for ever!"*



ABOUT ZOO

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as 'Mysore Zoo', is one of the oldest zoos of the country established in 1892, by His Highness, the erstwhile Ruler of Mysore Sri Chamarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur. Mysuru zoo holds an important place in Karnataka. In 1909 the place zoo was named as Sri Chamarajendra zoological gardens.

Though Mysore Zoo was started in a small areas of 10.9 acres, subsequently the zoo area was extended to 79.00 acres over a period of time. Government transferred 77.00 acres of Karanji Lake area to the Zoo during the year 1976. Mysuru Zoo which is located in the heart of the city has now spread to 157 Acres. Chamundi Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Breeding Centre, Kurugalli which is 113 acres of land located at 15 kms from the Mysuru City, which has been transferred from Forest Department, Mysuru Division. In total 270 acres is managed by Mysuru Zoo administration, under the guidance of Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Central Zoo Authority.

Mysuru zoo is known for its rich animal collection covering indigenous, endangered and rare and exotic species. At present Mysore zoo is housing 1469 specimens belonging to 153 species. The Zoo conducts various educational activities in order to convey the message of conservation of wildlife and its importance. Students are most targeted group among the various stake holders of conservation. For more details may visit www.mysorezoo.info





Mysuru Zoo is housing Indigenous, endangered and exotic species, not only successfully housed, bred and distributed all over the country and abroad. The zoo is visited by more than 3 million. Zoo has not recruited any permanent officials since 1992, as and when the official expires/retires from the service, such posts have not been filled up. This has created a big problem for discharging routine works in the absence of permanent staff. However the zoo is managed by engaging contract workers.

The draft Cadre and Recruitment Rules covering all the 8 zoos for recruitment of staff as per the staffing pattern will enable Mysuru Zoo to initiate recruitment and also it will augment for improvement of HRD skills, under the guidance of experienced staff who are at the verge of retirement. Government is being pursued for approval of the Cadre and Recruitment Rules, and it is expected shortly.

Staff pattern of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens is as follows: Executive Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, AH and VS, two Veterinary officers, Assistant Engineer, Range Forest Officers, Audit Officer, Deputy Range Forest Officers, Junior Administrative Assistant, Managers, Senior Assistants, Junior Assistants, Drivers, Attenders, Junior Attenders, and other staffs like workers engaged on Contract basis, Education officer, Literate Assistants, and Security Staff.

**Officers / Officials working in Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens,
Mysore, on Deputation from various Department as on 31/03/2016**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Male	Female	Total
1	Conservator of Forests & Executive Director	1	0	1
2	Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Director	1	0	1
3	Assistant Director, AH & VS	1	0	1
4	Veterinary Officers	1	1	2
5	Assistant Executive Engineer	1	0	1
6	Range Forest Officer	2	0	2
7	Audit Officer	0	0	0
8	Deputy Range Forest Officer	2	0	2
9	Elephant Mahout	1	0	1
Total		10	01	11

Permanent staff of Zoo Authority of Karnataka Employees

1	Conservator of Forests & Executive Director	1	0	1
2	Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Director	1	0	1
3	Assistant Director, AH & VS	1	0	1
4	Veterinary Officers	1	1	2
4	Assistant Executive Engineer	1	0	1
5	Range Forest Officer	2	0	2
6	Audit Officer	0	0	0
Total		10	01	11

Engaged on Contract Basis

1	Conservator of Forests & Executive Director	1	0	1
2	Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Director	1	0	1
Total		10	01	11

ABSTRACT

1	Officers / Officials working in Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysore, on Deputation from various Department	11
2	Permanent Zoo Authority of Karnataka Employees	49
3	Engaged on Contract Basis	107
GRAND TOTAL		167



Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, has gained an international reputation by the hard and team work of all officers and staff in breeding the endangered species, rearing the captive bred animals, as well as the deserted animals.

AMENITIES TO STAFF

The following facilities have been provided to all the permanent employees along with pay and allowances as per prevailing Rules of State Government

1. Uniform every year as decided by the officers.
2. Staff Benevolent Fund to Permanent staff
3. **EPF**
 - 12% on Pay+DA from Employee
 - 13.36% on Pay+DA from Employer
- ESI**
 - 1.75% on Pay+DA from Employee
 - 4.75% on Pay+DA from Employer

Employee who gets **Rs.15,000 & above Salary is not eligible for ESI facility**
4. Gratuity to all employees from the date of enrolment in zoo including deployment through different contractors and a sum of Rs.1.35 crore deposited with LIC authority as per Gratuity Act.
5. 15 days of Earned leave encashment benefit to permanent staff
6. Weekly off and encashment of **30 days General Holidays in a calendar year to Permanent staff and 15 days to Contract employees**
7. One day Casual leave for one completed month for Contract Employees
8. Additional wages for working on weekly off and general holidays
9. O.T. Allowance for working extra hours
10. Appreciation letters with or without cash incentives for exemplary service,
11. Annual incentives creditable to Public Provident Fund Account as approved by Governing Council of ZAK
12. Emergent medical treatment for accidents occurred while on duty
13. Subsidized mid-day meal (Zoo share – Rs.22/-, Employee share – Rs.15/-)
14. Medical benefit to dependent of employees including the reimbursement of expenses
15. Every year Zoo day gift
16. Wages credited to S.B. Account of the concerned employee
17. Personal Loan facility extended through Bank
18. Medical check-up every year
19. Risk allowance @ Rs.1,000/- per month to employees working in Animal enclosure minimum of 20 working days.
20. Mobiles Phone facility to top level officers/staff



ZOO EVENTS

New Entrance Plaza



New Entrance Plaza is very necessary for century old zoo. Visitors are uneasy to stand and wait to get entry tickets on road side in front of the Zoo main gate, where heavy traffic, dust, sound and hot sun. The visitors will be allowed inside the zoo compound and they can purchase tickets inside the compound in an environment, free from dust and sound, under natural tree shade and leisurely pass through new electronic gates. This competence not only helps the visitors and also to the Security and Police personnel who works in front of the main gate, especially on busy days and weekends. This New Entrance Plaza was inaugurated on 26th August, 2015 by Hon'ble Forest Minister Sri B.Ramanatha Rai.



Installation of 'River Osmosis' (RO) Drinking Water Plant



Baby Care Room Inauguration



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

As a part of Wildlife Week celebrations, Mysore Zoo has organized the Wildlife Photography Exhibition at Zoo Library hall, there was very good response for the photography competition conducted during the month of September. It was quite interesting to watch that always 15 to 20 photographers used to be in the zoo waiting to capture images of zoo animals. There was very keen competition among them. Although 63 photographers participated in the competition with a total of 190 photographs for both Zoo (83) and Wildlife (107) categories.



Award winning and selected photos were displayed in the photography exhibition 2015. These images are selected by the three wildlife photographers, the wildlife photography exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. Shikha, IAS Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru District, Mysuru. On 1st October 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at Zoo Library Hall. Smt. RehanaBanu, Chairperson, ZAK and Sri S. Venkatesan, IFS, Executive Director of Mysuru Zoo and Deputy Director Sri. N.T. Vijay Kumar were present on this occasion.



VISITATION

Mysore zoo is an important tourist center situated in the heart of the garden city of Mysuru with a history of 125 years. Established by Sri Chamarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur during the year 1892. It achieved overall development and gained global distinction ever since its establishment and got name and fame for its scientific display of animals and well planned animal enclosures with greenery.



In the recent years, visitation to Mysuru zoo is in the increasing trend and attracting more number of visitors from the country and abroad. With all round progress in display of animals, enrichment of animal enclosures, health care management, cleanliness, and facility for visitors and conducting several education programmes. Mysuru zoo is mainly depending on the revenue realized from the public through gate collections.

The zoo being an important tourist spot in Mysuru city attracts numerous numbers of visitors from the country and abroad. As per the decision taken by Governing Council of the Zoo Authority of Karnataka, the tariff fixed for Zoo entry and vehicle parking fees are as under.



0655285 **ENTRANCE FEE** 0655285

Child



Week Days

₹ 20

Weekends &
Government Holidays

₹ 30

Adult



Week Days

₹ 50

Weekends &
Government Holidays

₹ 60

Students Concession (In groups)

1. L.K.G. and U.K.G. Children Free Entrance
2. Primary School Students (1st to 7th standard) Rs. 15.00 each student
3. High School and PUC (8th to 12th Standard) Rs. 25.00 each student
4. Teachers accompanying the students Rs.25.00 each Teacher
(2 Teachers for 50 Students)

Students Concession (In groups) on Weekends & Government Holidays

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Vehicle Parking Fee



1. Scooter/Motor Cycle Rs. 10.00
2. Motor Car/Jeep Rs. 30.00
3. Mini-Bus/Light comercial Vehicle Rs. 50.00
4. Bus Rs. 70.00

Camera Tariff



1. Viedo Camera Rs. 150.00
2. Still Camera Rs. 20.00

Luggage Tariff Rs. 5.00 per Bag



Battery Operated Vehicles

1. Adults Rs. 125 per person
2. Child (5 to 10 years of Age) Rs. 75 per person
3. Senior Citizen Rs. 75 per person

Following are the statistics of visitation and revenue realized for the year 2015-16.

Year	Visitors in number	Revenue Rupees in lakhs.
2011-12	30,33,893	1190.33
2012-13	30,35,877	1202.63
2013-14	30,25,940	1310.14
2014-15	31,37,673	1621.43
2015-16	31,86,372	1678.68

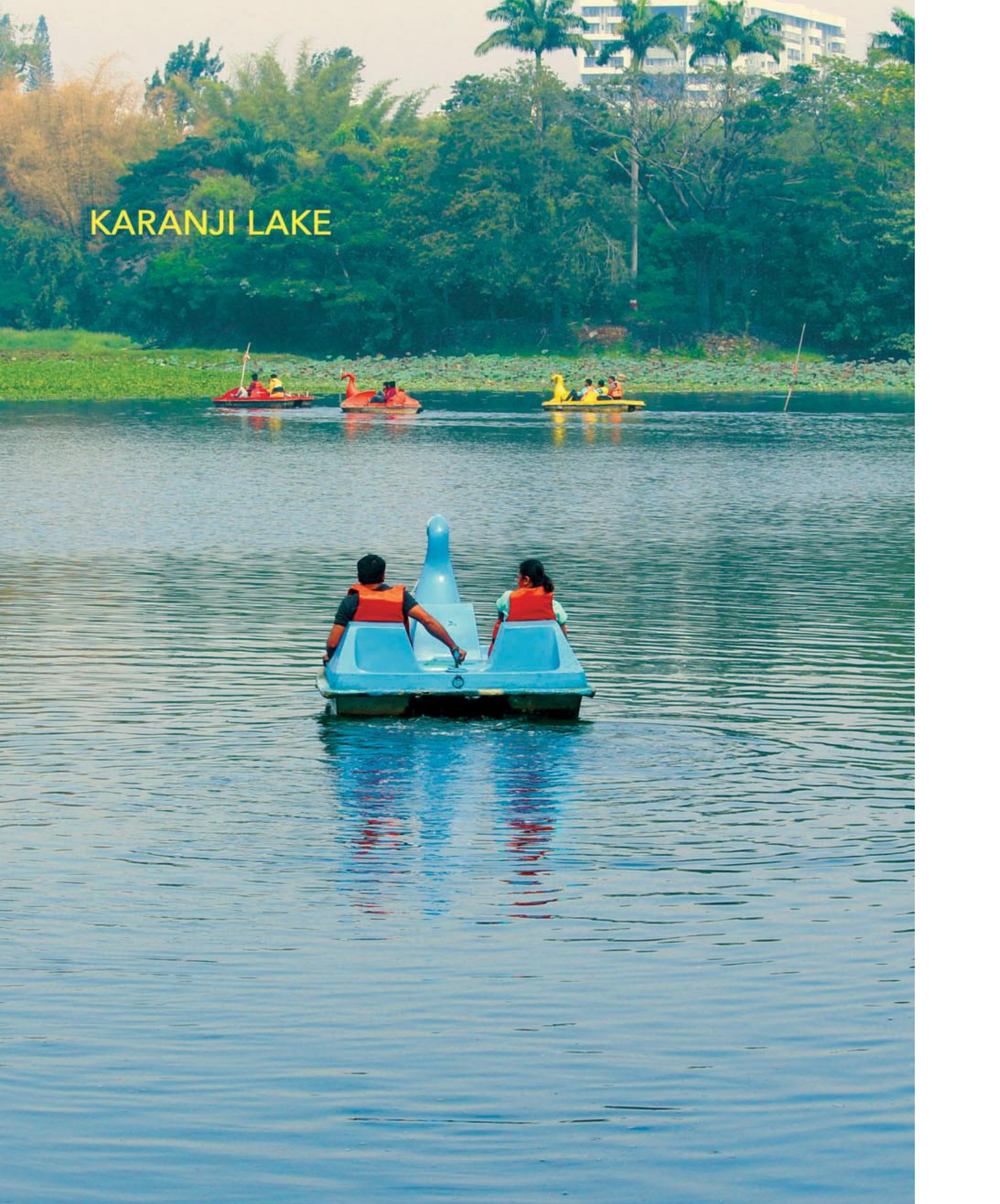
Details of statistics students and educational institutions visitation for the year 2015-16 is as follows

Sl.No.	State	No. of Institutions	No of Students
01	Andresh Pradesh	33	1945
02	Kerala	1468	96772
03	Karnataka	3598	194368
04	Tamilnadu	197	15111
05	Rajasthan	01	84
06	Delhi	01	36
07	Maharashtra	137	11775
08	Uttarkand	01	94
09	Panjab	01	15
10	Mumbai	01	135
11	Lashadweep	05	650
12	Uttar Pradesh	04	380
13	Goa	14	692
14	Gujarat	01	16
TOTAL		5462	322073





KARANJI LAKE



KARANJI LAKE NATURE PARK

One of the Best Eco-Tourists visiting spot in Mysuru city is 'Karanji Lake Nature Park' and it is a part of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens. Prior to 1976 this was under the control of P.W.D. and after that this was taken over by the Zoo Authorities.



After restoration and development of Karanji Lake during the year 2003-04 with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank, the lake area converted into a nature park and becomes an important tourist spot in the historic city of Mysuru, Chamundi hills act as watershed area for the lake as well as provide a dramatic backdrop to the lake. The lake become storage for monsoon rains and for the stream of water running off from Chamundi hills. This is not only a place of entertainment but also suits the people who wishes to be far away from the city life and it is a prominent place for general public research people, botanists, ornithologists and students.



The tank is located in toposheet No.57 D/11 by longitude 76° 42' and latitude 12° 8'. It covers an area of 77.00 acres. In this context, ex-situ conservation of unique plant wealth like Colourful Orchids 23 Species, Ferns, Hydrophytes gardens, Xerophytes and succulents gardens, Palms, Crotons, and Ornamental plants, as well as education and awareness on bio-Diversity conservation, management and sustainable utilization are significant, to see the live specimens, know about ecological, social, cultural and economical importance of each plants.

The Karanji Lake Nature Park is one of the most beautiful aquatic ecosystem sustaining many water birds, functions as a percolation tank, familiarly known place for Bird watching with rich varieties of woodland and aquatic Bird Species. Numerous number of bird species took shelter in the lake and regular breeding of rare bird species can be seen. The Karanji Lake is a haven for local and migratory birds about 100 birds were noticed of which some of them are identified as migratory birds. These birds took shelter in the lake during the season, and migrated back to their destination after successfully bred in the lake. The lake premises supports with number of Islands really formed as a Bird Sanctuary. Now Karanji Lake is accommodation more than 157 varieties of bird species in open free range and the nesting birds will stay in their nests for a period of 4 months and they feed on available fishes in the tank. We are sowing at least good number of fish fingerlings for the purpose every year. These fishes are the main feed item for the crocodiles left in the Karanji Lake.



Walk through Aviary is one more attraction for the lake visitors where maintaining and exhibited 18 Bird species with 163 specimens in captivity condition, which proves to be more convenient to the bird species for their breeding, like Sarus Crane. The entire aviary is developed and maintaining with greenery and looks pretty for the visitors very closely.



Butterfly garden attracts butterflies and enthralls them to live here. This is done by planting larval feeding and adult host plants and subtle modification of the habitat. The juvenile or caterpillar stage of butterflies feeds on foliage of specific plants. The adult feeds on nectar or sap of over ripe fruits and sappy exudations from plants. Some adults even feed on the fluid content of excreta of animals and birds.



The Karanji Lake has well laid out Nursery to accommodate more than 10,000 potted plants of various types. Developing saplings of flowering and fruit yielding plants were taken up. The nursery caters to the needs of plants requirement of Zoo and Karanji Lake.



Visitors love to enjoy and learn about nesting birds in the Island closely by availing the Boating facility (4 Row-Boats and 9 peddle Boats) which also provided for the visitors. A kindergarten is provided in the park for amusement of the visiting children. A floating fountain is erected in the lake to attract the public. Required amenities like Good Shelters, Seating Benches, hygienic Toilet facilities, Drinking Water point in different places, and Electrical Bicycles to take a ride in the park, Umbrella for the visitors to stay safer during the rainy season, are also kept for public use against payment of hire charges. The premises is kept clean and tidy which is appreciated by one and all. Karanji Lake is headed by Range Forest officer with 27 dedicated staff, under the guidance and administrative control of Executive Director of Mysore zoo.



CELEBRATIONS



DR. B.R. AMBEDKER JAYANTHI



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



REPUBLIC DAY 2016



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2016



SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN
SIGN BOARD



ZOO DAY CELEBRATION 2016

Every year the Zoo Day will be celebrated in commemoration of birth date of Sri Chamarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur with is on 22nd of February, the founder member of Mysuru zoo. The Staff members of Mysuru Zoo have celebrated the Zoo day celebrations in a unique way Sports and Games competition were held on 16th and 23rd February and 1st March 2016. The following collagium of photos shows bonhomie and spirit of Zoo Staff.



On 1st March 2016, Chamundeshwari Pooja was arranged followed by lunch. On this occasion, all the employees including officers celebrated this day like festival. This also happens to be a weekly holiday for most of them. The zoo day is celebrated to bring a cordial relationship between employees. During the valedictory function of the Zoo Day, the winners in the competition were given prizes besides honouring the employees by way of encouraging them to render good services. The member secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka presided over the function.

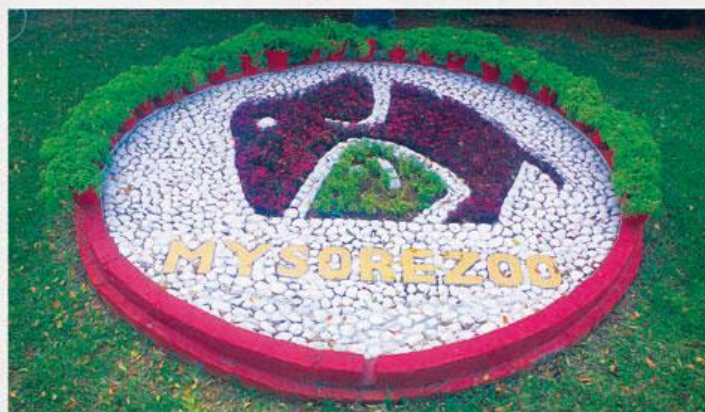




GARDEN SECTION

Mysuru Zoo is not only famous for its fauna collection, but it also have its own charm of flora, known for its rich heritage and culture. The visitors who visit zoo have a memorable moment throughout the year. The zoo has always given preference for development of Gardens, raising plants in the nursery, maintenance of greenery throughout the year with rich vegetation inside the animal enclosures, and around the enclosures.

Gardening brings a delightful charm in the face of visitors who enter zoo. The tending of beautiful trees, flowering plants and the ripening fruit, refines the mind and is an education itself to all of them.



Good variety of ornamental plants begins from the Entrance Plaza, croton's flowering plant and grass landscape around the animal enclosures, has initiated many developmental works with the guidelines of CZA.

- ✓ Removing the dry old branches of hug old trees
- ✓ Maintenance of live fence
- ✓ Planting good variety of fruit yielding plant saplings in an open space and planting of variety of flowering plants
- ✓ Plenty of Hug Heritage old tree base has been strengthen by mud, manure and planted flowering plant which bounded by ornament round rocks, in the middle of the Road and Road side of visitors path.
- ✓ Development of Lawns beside Ice Cream Parlour and near Hippopotamus enclosure was more sensitive because that area was not determined earlier.
- ✓ Maintaining Cleanliness and watering garden area, using Sprinkler and growing Mexican grass and forming the Lawn, which increases the visitor's aesthetic value.

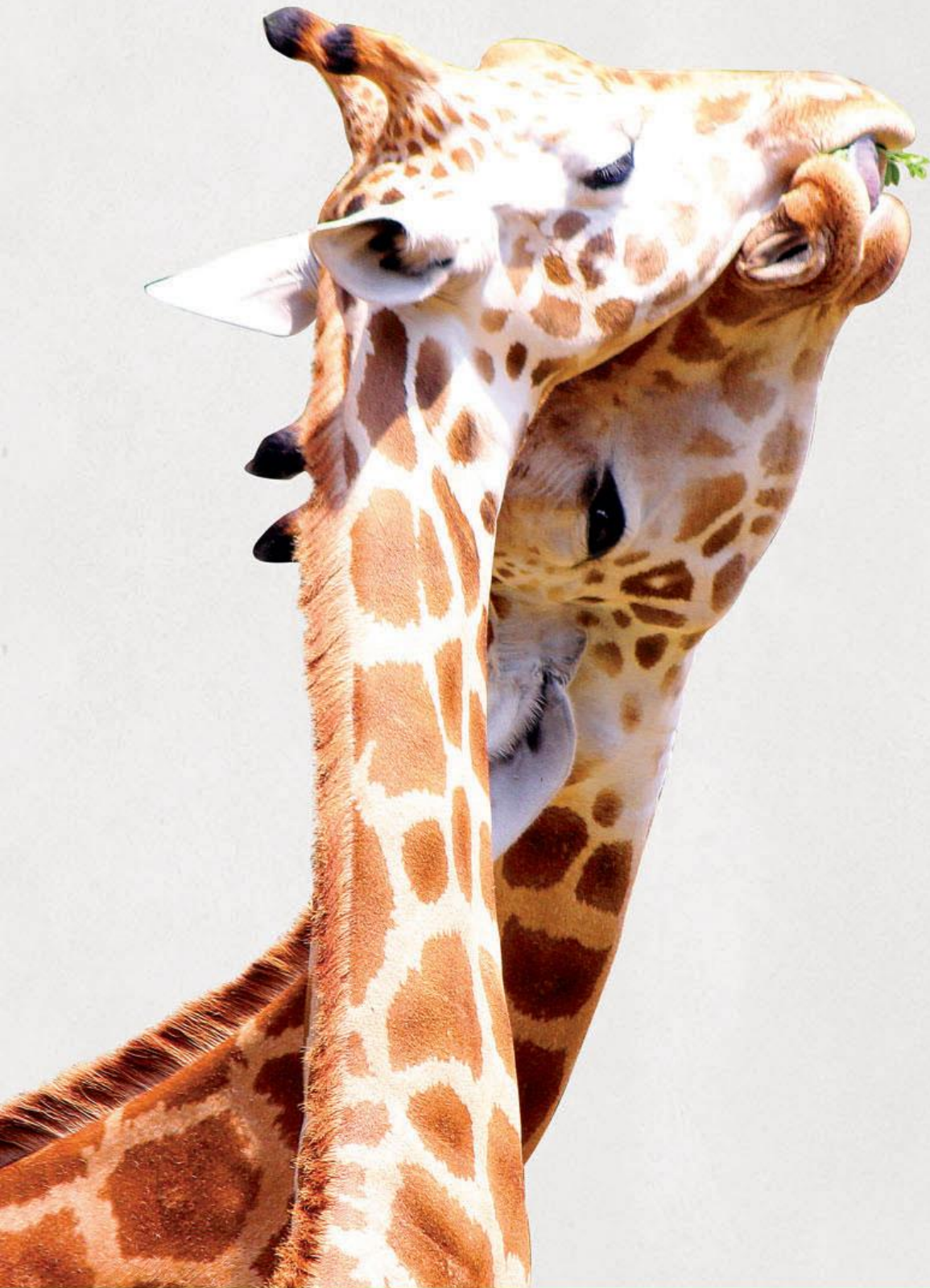


The wastes and garbage thus generated from all the sources is removed twice a day the two tractors were pressed into service to transport the garbage and waste thus ensuring cleanliness, which helps in preventing rodents and stray animals. It is a continuous process and new techniques will always be worked out for achieving maximum results.

Maintaining Cleanliness of road and maintaining barricade painting, constructing natural shelter in the view point to the visitors in front of the animal enclosure, beyond of huge trees which shelters the shade to the landscaping of the zoo Premises.







ANIMAL SECTION

Most important in the zoo is the Animal Section. The animal section is in charge of Range Forest Officer, assisted by Deputy Range Forest Officer, Supervisors and deputies. The animal caretakers look after the zoo animals.

Enrichment is an important part of animal care ex-situ conservation strategies. It basically refers to the process of providing stimulating environments for captive animals to induce species to typical behaviour through various means. Enrichment is as critical to captive animal as the nutrition and veterinary care. The enrichment process has been constantly carried out in many of the enclosures.

The concerned keepers have to submit daily reports to the RFO through their supervisors regarding the health condition of animals, requirements, births, deaths and other aspects for immediate action. The animal care taker will mainly concentrate on hygiene and sanitation, feeding and reporting the health condition to the zoo vets, animal keepers spend more time to observe the behaviour of the animals carefully and give feedback to the zoo vets.



Some important work taken up during this year.

- Construction of iron frame mesh in-front of chimpanzee enclosure to avoid vandalism from visitors in heavy crowd season.
- Increasing M S Barricade for giraffe enclosure, and maintaining sand bed for giraffe walking path, to keep hygiene of giraffe hoof.
- Installation of Squeeze Cage to Lion holding room.
- Constructed MS Frame mesh and Pigeon Net to the 'Smooth Coated Otter' enclosure.
- Constructed Double layer mesh to Tiger day crawl area for the safety measure, to avoid the damage of mesh cos of urinal acidic in the Tiger day crawl mesh.
- Cleaning and remove of debris and maintaining free flow of rain water in the Moat for Spotted Deer, Black Buck, Samber Deer, Barking Deer, Indian Gaur pen-2, enclosures.
- Installed Motor, to pump the water to the 'water shower' in Asiatic elephant enclosure.
- Chain link mesh partition wall for Thamin Deer and Emu enclosure and Emu Enclosure.
- Soil churning and face lifting of Deer, Gaur and Nilgai enclosures.
- Upgrading old Animal Sign board with ACP Sheet. Re-painting of direction sign board.
- Replacement of old Vessels and kitchen equipment for zoo Stores and kitchen.
- Replaced all PVC doormat which were placed in front of the birds and animals enclosure entrance for disinfection purpose.
- Painting and maintaining the holding room Chain link mesh of zoo hospital animal enclosure.
- Constructed Chain link mesh partition wall and Using Nylon chicken mesh to cover the roof portion in 'Golden Jackal' Enclosure.
- Carrying out repair and greasing to holding room door and repair works to the existing holding room floor and wall of carnivore animal enclosures.
- Constructed natural eco-friendly visitor's shelters in the view point of Chimpanzee, Lion Hippopotamus and Deer's enclosures.
- Eco-friendly natural shelters and resting benches to the visitors in the 'River Osmosis' drinking water point.



VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Thanks for the excellent visit. It was a very enjoyable experience to see the well kept facility and the collection of birds, animals and reptiles.

Animals appeared to be healthy and well looked after. I am extremely pleased to visit the zoo.

Lt. Gen (Dr.) N K Parmar
Prsm, Arsm, Vvc, Vsm (Retd.)
CEO, Apollo Hospitals, Karnataka Region

We are lucky to visit zoo today. It is nicely maintained by the K.Z.A. We saw rare animals. The cleanliness, discipline and courteousness of staff members is noted. The entire credit goes to the dynamic Dy. Director Shri Vijay Kumar. Thanks!

Arvind J Rohee
Judicial Member
Central Administrative Tribunal
Bombay Bench

A very well maintained nature park. The walk-in aviary is a delight. Commendable work.

Ravi Ralph
PCCF (WL)

Today I visited this zoo, now it is an excellent zoo. Maintained very good atmosphere.

So clean zoo.

Best zoo.

Excellent Zoo.

T. Ishwar
Chairman
Forest Industries



VISITOR'S COMMENTS

It has been pleasure visiting the zoo. Maintenance, upkeep, look after of animals & premises is upto the mark. Forest Department is taking close watch on the whole. I wish them best of luck.

Ravi Thakur (MLA)

Vice Chairperson Nation Commission for Scheduled Tribes Govt. of India, New Delhi

An education centre for the people & the students, where they can also interact and appreciate different species existing in India & other parts of world. A well maintained zoo and dedicated staff.

Sh. TS Bharmouri

Hon'ble Minister of Forest & Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh



Laboratory Investigation undertaken

Investigations	Total samples investigated
Fecal	531
Blood	23
Sputum	-
Skin scrapings	02
Urine	16
Staff blood samples	58

IMPORTANT TREATMENTS:

Resection of Claw in Tiger Shiva:

Male royal Bengal tiger Shiva rescued from wild has been housed in Mysore zoo since, December, 2013. The teeth and claws had wear and tear at the time of its arrival. Hence age of the animal was approximately estimated as 12 years. The animal has repeated maggot wound problems in the broken claws and in his first two digits of left foreleg. It was difficult to put him into the cage and dress the maggot wounds regularly and to put him on antibiotics. To overcome this, it was decided to remove problematic claws. An expert opinion was sought from Dr. Dhanalakshmi S., Assistant Professor and decided for surgical procedure.

Surgery was performed by Dr. Dhanalakshmi S. on 02-10-2015. The more affected claw in the first digit of left foreleg was surgically removed along with the distal phalynx. A part of foot pad was also resected and the wound was closed. Animal was under regular post-operative care and wound dressing. The wound healed and Shiva is doing well now without maggot wounds.



Hygroma Treatment in Tiger Rahul:

A male royal Bengal tiger was rescued from H.D.Kote taluk in the month of July, 2015 and housed in the zoo hospital. The tiger was a young adult whose age was approximately calculated as 5 years and he was named as Rahul. Due to space constraint in the main tiger house in the zoo, the animal was housed in the zoo hospital. Less activity of the animal in the small area of the holding room caused hygroma of the left elbow. Rahul was basically a shy animal who refused to get up and roam around in the holding room. This worsened condition of hygroma and the skin layer covering the hygroma was eroded to expose underlying muscle, thus causing thinning of the hygroma sac. Before the sac opens, it was decided to drain out the fluid from the sac. On 31-12-2015, under the guidance of Dr. Ramesh, Assistant Director, Zoo Hospital, about 500 ml of fluid was drained from the hygroma sac under sterile condition. Regular wound dressing was carried out. Rahul was then shifted to main enclosure and allowed to walk in larger day kraal. Sand bed is provided to sit and supportive therapy was started with enzyme combination and multivitamins. After 4 months, swelling was reduced and wound was healed. Now the animal is doing well.



Dystocia in Elephant Kollegala:

Wild rescued pregnant female elephant Kollegala aged about 12 years had passed fetal membranes on 29/7/2015. But the calf didn't come out. Necessary treatments were done for next few days to expel the fetus out. But it didn't give result. Meanwhile Kollegala became dull and went off feed. Hence, per vaginal examination was done to find the paw of dead fetus at the end of vertical canal of vagina. Manual attempts were made to expel the fetus out on 9/8/2015. The efforts were fruitful and a dead male calf was expelled out by the midnight of 10/8/2015. The calf was in edematous and putrefying condition. The uterine contents were discharging for next 2 days and she was off feed for a week. Throughout the course, Kollegala was under necessary fluids, antibiotics and supplements. Gradually she started showing improvement, but was reluctant to take regular Napier and reed grasses. Hence green para grass was indented specially for her, which she started taking readily. But the purulent uterine discharge continued for next 3 months, for which regular antibiotic injection along with oral iron, multivitamins supplementation were continued. Now Kollegala has gained weight again and doing well.



Internal Fixation of Fracture in Tiger Sanjay:

A male sub adult tiger rescued from H.D. Kote taluk was received to Kurugahalli Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre on 26th March, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. The tiger was still under sedation effect at the time of arrival. Visual examination revealed open wounds with pus infested with maggots on the lateral aspect of the swollen right forearm and axillar region. Animal was unable to bear weight on its forelimb and showing less activity. There was absence of proprioception. Then animal was named as Sanjay. The animal was shifted to zoo hospital and radiographs of the affected part were taken on 31st March under anaesthesia. There was comminuted fracture in the distal extremity of humerus bone (arm region). Experts' opinion was sought in this regard and they opined it as gunshot wound which should be corrected surgically.



Surgery was conducted on 05-04-2015 by a team of doctors including Dr. SujanaTheja, Dr. Santhruth and Dr.Gurumurthy, the human orthopedicians; Dr. Ravi Raidurg and Dr.Dhanalakshmi S, Assistant professors, Veterinary College, Shimoga; Dr. Madan and Dr.Shwetha, Veterinary Officers, Mysore Dist; Dr. Suresh Kumar and Dr. Kshamaa, Veterinary doctors, Mysore zoo. Zoo hospital staffs were completely involved in preparation for the surgery and throughout the surgery. Chipped out pieces of fractured humerus bone were removed and surgical immobilization of the fracture was done by open reduction and internal fixation using plate and screw. Surgery prolonged for four and half hours. Three metal pieces were found in the surgical site which was sent to forensic laboratory for further investigation. Sanjay recovered by night and started to take food from next day. He was under post-operative care and treatment for next one month and the wound was healed completely. The surgery was one of its kind in Karnataka.



Sanjay was doing well and was trying to bear weight on the affected limb till September. But slowly he started to develop hygroma of left elbow due to contralateral limb problem and lack of exercise due to space constraint. Clinical examination and surgical intervention of hygroma was initiated on 28/12/2015. Animal was kept in squeeze cage for post-operative procedure. Meanwhile, on 2nd day the suture were opened and Dr. Dhanalakshmi was called to resuture the opened skin. During the procedure, Sanjay collapsed. Necessary medication was done to revive the animal, but Sanjay did not respond and died.

Mass in King Cobra:

A male king cobra which was wild rescued in the year 1996 started developing a mass in the proximal 1/3rd of the body. The growing mass caused pain and the animal became inactive and off-fed for 3 months. Radiograph revealed an oval, smooth lemon sized mass that was attached to the dorsal aspect of ribs and vertebral column. Upon aspiration of mass, frank blood mixed with inflammatory fluid was noticed. Before we could decide to intervene surgically, the snake died on 10-05-2015. Post mortem revealed the mass was ruptured to release the pus mixed blood into the coelomic cavity.



Laceration Wound in Gaur:

An adult male gaur in pen-2, on 20/1/2016 shown laceration wound over the cranial aspect of left cranial joint, as a result of infighting. The wound was characterised by laceration as deep as the facia, underlying muscle were severed. The animal was unable to bear weight on injured leg and off fed for 2 days due to pain. Animal was sedated for radiography and surgical reconstruction. The Radiograph of the affected sight revealed no skeletal abnormalities. Surgical reconstruction was made on 22/1/2016, where the wound was closed with proper skin opposition and cotton bandage was applied. However, the sutured wound got reopened after a week due to joint mobility. The wound reconstruction was made again and the joint immobilized by applying the cast. 25 days later the cast was removed to observe the wound and also for wound dressing. The wound shown good healing tendency. Again the cast applied, now the animal is under observation. The prognosis seems to be good as per present observation.



Jaguar Viji

Female jaguar Viji aged 10 years was brought from National zoological park, Delhi in the year 2006 to Mysore zoo. She started showing reluctance towards taking food since 05-09-2015. The animal became inactive and passed scanty faeces. The condition worsened day by day and Viji became weak. Haematological examination revealed presence of infection and hepatic dysfunction. To perform detailed physical examination, the animal was sedated on 12/10/2015. Ultrasound examination revealed severe ascites. The animal was revived and kept in zoo hospital inpatient ward for further medication and observation. Unfortunately the animal died on the same day.





IMPORTANT DEATHS OF THE YEAR

Wild Dog – Vinutha aged 3 years 11 months: Died on 4/5/2015

Female dhole Vinutha was found dead in the holding room in the morning of 4th May. She was active till previous night. Post mortem examination showed severe petechial haemorrhages throughout the intestine, liver and lungs. Samples were sent to laboratory. Cause of death was Lung emphysema/ Hemorrhagic shock.

Chimpanzee –Mirella aged 26 years, died on 29/6/2015:

Clinical history suggests animal was mating with her partner Nkosi till 18/6/2015 and was feeding normally till 27/6/2015. She left the food on 28/6/2015 morning. Other physiological / physical activities were found normal till the evening of 28/6/2015. On 29/6/2016 morning, the animal was sitting in corner of holding room and as a routine practice, the keeper called Mirella. She turned at his side and immediately collapsed. After post mortem, the samples were sent to laboratory for



toxicological and bacterial studies. Reports showed the presence of bacteria in lungs causing per acute pneumonia. Toxicological tests gave negative results. Hence a health committee meeting was called and experts' opinion was sought in this regard as Mirella was a prime animal and was one of the major attractions of the zoo. Collective opinion of all technical experts was taken and concluded it as died due to per acute pneumonia.

Royal Bengal Tiger – Kaveri, aged 15 years 6 months, died on 16/7/2015

Animal was senile and going down in condition and reduced her food intake since one year. She was managed on soft, boneless diet. However, animal was recumbent since 4 days and was under fluid therapy. Finally Kaveri died on 17-07-2015 morning.



Gaur Jasmine: Died on 3/8/2015- aged 14 years 11 months

Animal had given birth to calf 6 days back. Since then she appeared dull and faced difficulty in nursing the young one because of less milk production. On 3rd morning, she collapsed and struggled to get up from lateral recumbency. Despite of medications and manual attempts to wake her up, she collapsed and died in the afternoon. Jasmine was died due to endometritis.



Female Grant Zebra – Dawn aged 3 years 4 months was received from Ramat Gan National Park, Israel on 25/4/2014.

Animal was active and had taken food normally till previous evening. It was found dead on 26/11/2015 morning in the enclosure. There were evidences of animal being struggled at the place of death. Post mortem examination revealed caecal torsion and impaction.

Green Anaconda

Female anaconda aged 5 years 4 months received on 22/11/2011 from Srilanka Zoo was found dead on 21/11/2015 in the enclosure in the morning. Post mortem examination revealed severe hemorrhagic, necrotic enteritis. Uterus was gravid with 22 eggs in it.

Another male anaconda aged 5 years 4 months also died on 27/11/2015 with in a gap of 5 days. Lesions were same as that of previously died female anaconda. Samples were sent to laboratory for culture. Finally it was concluded that death might have occurred due to GI protozoon infection. Hence anti protozoan treatment was started for the third female anaconda, which was passing blood and necrotic intestinal debris mixed feces. The treatment was continued for 5 consecutive weeks and then the snake became normal.

Male Grant Zebra – Dazzle, aged 3 years 3 months was received from Ramat Gan National Park, Israel on 25/4/2014.

Animal was found dull and salivating with downwardly bent head on 4/12/2015 in the morning. Within one hour, symptoms of pain appeared severe. Hence necessary treatment was started. But the animal did not respond to the treatment, went to lateral recumbence and died on 4/12/2015. Post mortem examination revealed severe hemorrhagic enteritis. Laboratory reports didn't indicate growth of any bacteria. Hence death could have occurred because of non specific colic.



Plains Zebra – Erina

Female Plains zebra Erina aged about 29.5 years, received from Germany in 15-09-1990, was showing reluctance to take food since 5 days. The animal was alert and active, taking small quantity of water frequently. Experts' opinions were taken in this regard and she was under necessary medication to improve the appetite. On 19th morning, she was found dead in the enclosure. During post mortem an oval shaped enterolith weighing 522 gms??? was found at the junction of distal part of colon.



African White Rhino – Bheema aged : Died on 9/3/2016



Animal was dull and had reduced weight drastically in few days. He was unable to bear weight on his hind legs. Bheema was treated for the same since last 15 days. On 9th March, he was found dead in the enclosure. No prominent lesions were observed during post-mortem examination and the cause of the death can be attributed to senility. Bheema was one of the major attraction of Mysore zoo and was associated with the memory of childhood of many Mysoreans.

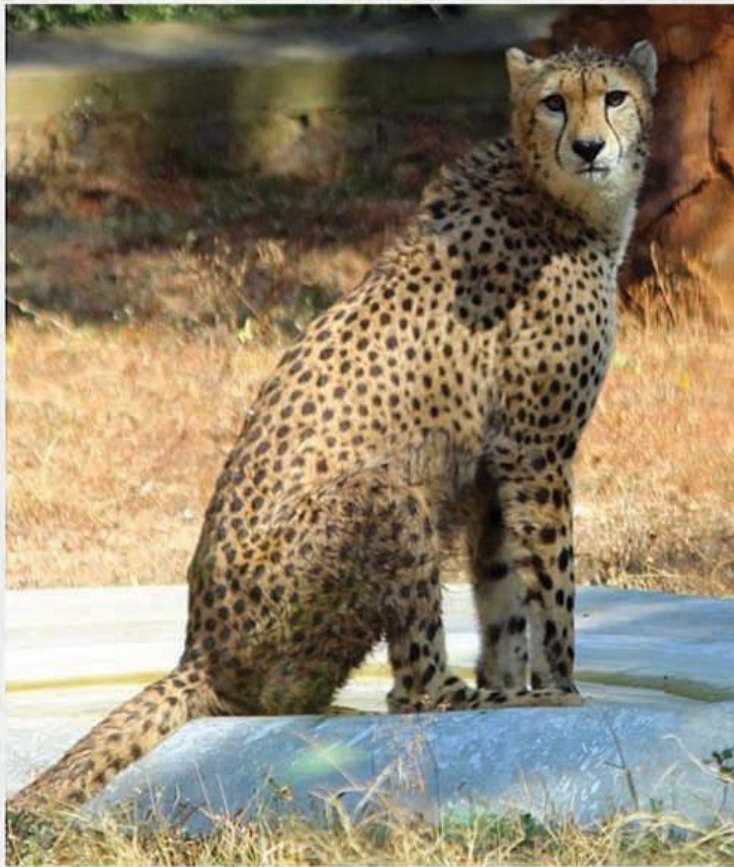
African Elephant – Timbo : Died on 23/3/2016

A male African elephant Timbo aged about 46 years was received from Germany in the year 1976. The animal was showing limping of right hind leg since 25 days. He is unable to bear weight on the affected leg. Necessary treatments were done for 20 days but no significant improvement is noticed. Further, the radiograph of the affected limb was taken in the enclosure which revealed no abnormalities in stifle joint. Physiotherapy was practiced for a week with infrared heat. But the animal was very dull in the evening of 22nd March. He was unable to bear weight on his hind legs and shivering. By 10 p.m., he collapsed and all efforts to lift him up including fluid therapy and went in vain. He died by 12.30 a.m. on 23/3/2016. Death could be because of senility and arthritis. Timbo along with his female mate Jambi (died 5 years ago) and son Richi was the major attraction of the zoo.



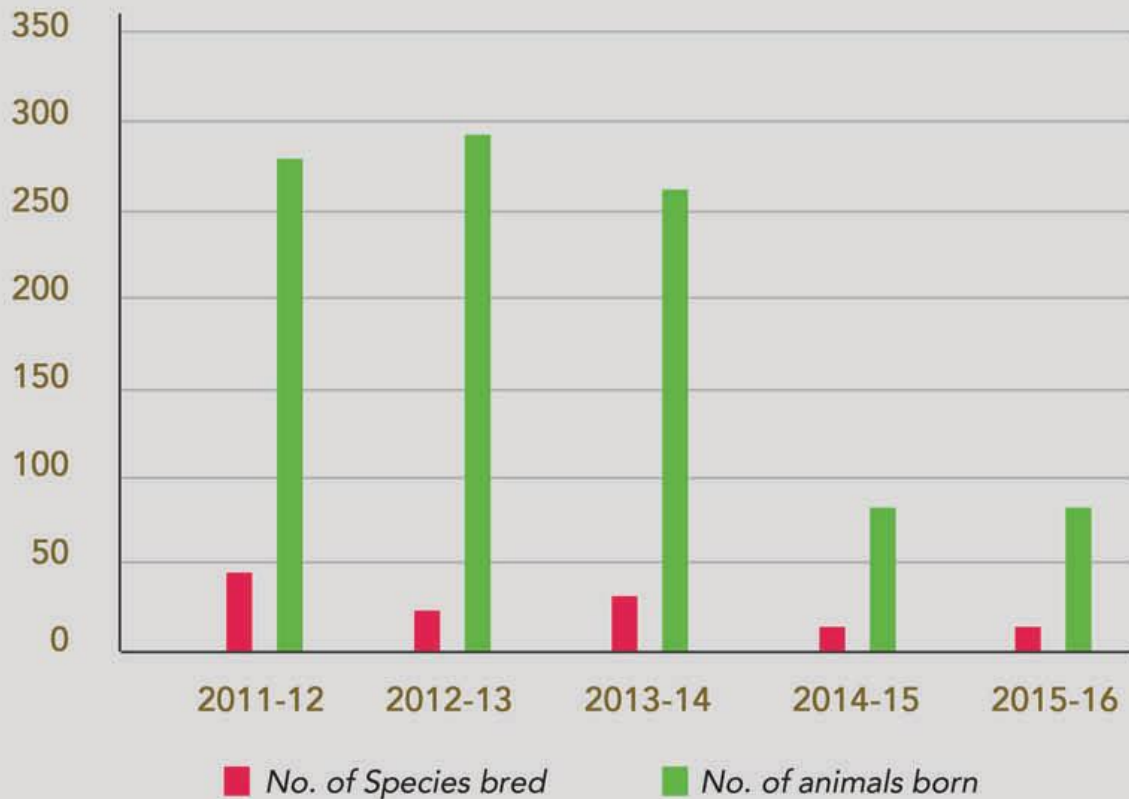
African Hunting cheetah Ganapathi: Died on 15/4/2016

Male African hunting cheetah aged 4 years 11 months born in Mysore zoo to Maya and Tejas, had been suffering from progressive neurological disorder since a year and he was under continuous treatment with essential vitamins, fatty acids and mineral supplementation. However, the animal was recumbent since 3 months and necessary medications were done to avoid septicaemia and sores. But the animal did not respond to the treatment and died on 6/4/2016.



IMPORTANT BIRTHS OF THE YEAR

CAPTIVE BREEDING TREND FROM PAST FIVE YEARS - IMPORTANT BIRTHS



Gaur with Calf



Mouse Deer Fawn



Mouse Deer Fawn



Mouse Deer Fawn



Black Swan with Chicks



Hyena Cubs



ACQUISITION OF ANIMALS

S.N.	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
01	26/3/2015	M01161	Tiger	1	0	0	1	Received from H.D.Kote Range
02	21/4/2015	R00181	King cobra	1	0	0	1	Received from Mavinakere, MudigereTq.,Kalsa Range.
03	16/6/2015	R00182	Indian Rock Python	1	0	0	1	Received from public.
04	09/7/2015	M01167	Tiger - Bhaskara	1	0	0	1	Received from Telugu Masahalli, H.D.Kote Range
05	26/8/2015	R00183	King Cobra	0	0	1	1	Received from Ponnampet Range
06	26/8/2015	B01665-68	Alexandrine Parakeet	0	0	4	4	Received from public.
07	24/10/2015	M01190	Leopard	0	1	0	1	Received from Metikuppe Range, Kallahatti
08	26/10/2015	R00184	Albino Cobra	0	0	1	1	Received from Shivamogga, Tyavarekoppa
09	24/12/2015	M01202	Indian Elephant	0	1	0	1	Received from Hediya Range of B.T.R.
10	23/2/2016	B01691	African Grey Parrot	0	0	1	1	Received from Police
TOTAL				4	2	7	13	



DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS

S.N.	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
01	19/6/2015	M01043 & M01059	Sloth Bears - Druva&Saraswathi	1	1	0	2	Transferred to Zoo Zlin, Czech Republic on animal exchange programme.
02	27/7/2015	B01651-54	Silver Pheasants	2	2	0	4	Transferred to Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bangalore on animal exchange programme.
03		B01638,62,63	Black Swan	1	2	0	3	
04		B01611-12	Yellow Golden Pheasant	1	1	0	2	
05		B00763-64	Lady Amherst Pheasant	1	1	0	2	
TOTAL			6	7	0	13		



RENOVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF LIVE FEED UNIT



MEAL AND SUPERWORM UNIT



RAT AND MICE UNIT



RABBITS UNIT



LIVE FOWLS UNIT



CHANGING OF LITTER & SUBSTRATES



VETERINARY CARE





LIVE FEED UNIT



DISINFECTANTS: FOOT DIPS



DISINFECTANTS: HAND SANITIZERS



BREEDER UNIT



KINDLING PENS



MOTHER WITH BUNNIES



BROILER CAGE



BROILER UNIT



FEEDER AND WATERER



CONCENTRATE FEED



VEG GREENS



VEG GREENS





MICE CAGE WITH WATER & FEED



RAT & MICE FEED



MICE UNIT



MEAL & SUPER WORMS UNIT



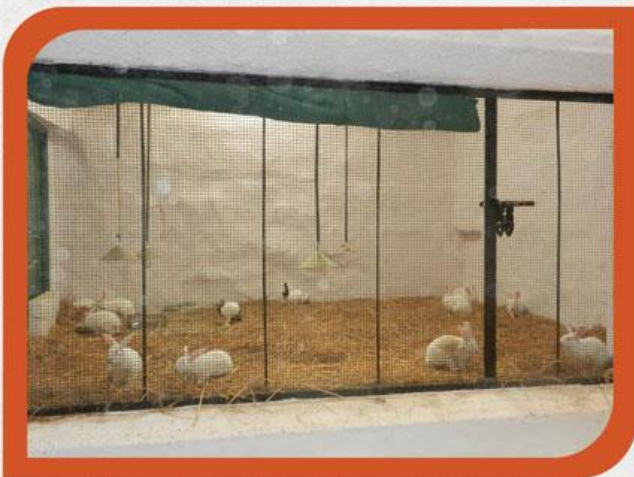
MEAL WORMS – LARVAL STAGE



MEAL WORMS - ADULTS



INNER VIEW OF LIVE FEED UNIT



RABBIT BROILER UNIT



LIVE FOWLS



DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS



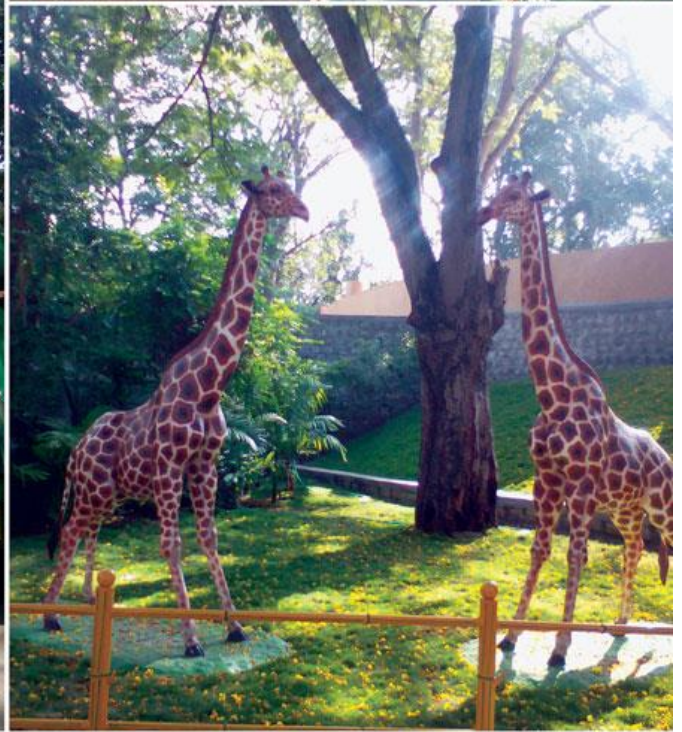
DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS

Regular maintenance and developmental works are two functions of engineering section which caters the needs of zoo on a daily basis. Regular maintenance includes safety to animals, visitors and zoo staff, lubricating of gates, changing or altering of doors, precautions to be taken against injuries to the animals. Any defect noticed in an enclosure, barrier, or in any component within the animal enclosure will be repaired or replaced by this section without delay. Renovations and new construction works are part of developmental works. The works involved in the zoo is of a special nature and requires background of animal behaviour studies and interaction with the senior staff, before taking up new works in the interest of welfare of zoo animals.

Following works were carried out in this year.

1. Exit Gate Canopy.
2. Widening of Visitor's path to Chimpanzee Enclosure.
3. Construction of Room to R O Plant near Tiger and Lion Tailed Macaque Enclosure.
4. Improvements to Post-mortem Room inside the Mysuru Zoo.
5. Construction of watch tower inside Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Koorgahalli.
6. Construction of additional Day Kraal to Leopard Enclosure (Block-1) at Chumundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre.
7. Construction of additional Holding Room for Wallaby Enclosure.
8. Improvements to Nilgai Holding Room.
9. Construction, addition Day Kraal in Bird's Aviary at Karanji Nature Park.
10. Construction of green house in Karanji Nature Park.







INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF ZOO FOR THE YEAR 2015-16

STATEMENT OF BUDGET SHOWING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ZOO FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

Sl.No.	Expenditure	Rs. In Lakh	Income	Rs. In Lakh
01	Administrative Expenses			
	Establishment	6,47,91,691	Gate Revenue	16,78,67,275
	Office expenses	19,63,772	Vehical parking zoo	59,50,970
		2,12,521	Karanji lake	89,20,830
	Advertisement	3,82,037	Sale proceeds	17,44,870
	STP	6,73,555	License fee	66,26,718
	Genral charges	38,18,102	Bank interest (11223192+2012347)	1,32,35,539
	SWF	19,55,163	Other receipts (643903+3374802)	40,18,705
	Zoo Education	1,88,863		
		7,39,85,704		
02	Animal Food	3,36,33,385		
	Miscellaneous articles	10,94,992		
		3,47,28,377		
03	Veterinary Care			
	Medicine	13,20,605		
	Hospital labs	1,00,138		
		14,20,743		
04	Animal exchange			
	Maintenance –civil works	2,42,18,953		
	Reswearch and Documentation	4,06,856		
	Enrichment of Captive Habita	24,76,338		
	Development			
	Fixed Deposit			
	Garden	3,17,31,777		
	Civil Works			
	Spill over works	18,21,156		
	Depriciation	1,33,03,883		
	Excess of income of over expenditure	2,42,71,120		
	TOTAL	20,83,64,907	TOTAL	20,83,64,907



ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Mysuru zoo, considering the importance of conservation education always give priority in organizing the Education programmes regularly throughout the year. Oflate, the number of programmes being carried out involving students/volunteers/NGO's/resource persons and staff members are quite encouraging, for the success of this programme. There is a tremendous response and support from the parents/teachers and press media for this programme. The zoo education programmes conducted during the year are as follows.

Sl.No.	Activity	Date	No. of Participants
01	Summer Camp-2 Batches	19-04-2016 to 10-05-2016	100 members
02	Youth Club	12-07-2015 to 03-01-2016	
03	Photography Competition	01-10-2015 to 07-10-2015	63 participants
04	Drawing Competiton in 5 Categories	12-09-2015	129 members
05	Essay Writing Competition for High school & College Students	30-11-2015	67 members
06	Elocution Competition for High School & College Students	17-11-2015 & 03-12-2015	62 members
07	Quize Competition for High School Students	22-12-2015	78 members
08	In-Reach Programme for High School & College, (Total 18 Institutes)	11-.04-2015 to 29-03-2016	723 members
09	Special Group Childern Institutes	08-03-2016 & 29-03-2016	41members
10	Veterinary Students Internships programme		
11	ATI Trainees		
12	Bird Watching Programme		
13	Forest Officials –RFO's, DRFO's, Guards, Watchers, IFS Probationary Training - 2 Batches		
14	Placement programme for Forestry Colleges, i) Ponnampet College & ii) Sirsi College Students	12-08-2015 to 18-08-2015 06-01-2016 to 11-01-2016	54 members 58 members
15	World Environmental Day	05-06-2015	
16	Conservation Speak By:Dr. Jacob V. Cheeran.	03-05-2016	100members





SPECIAL ABLED CHILDREN VISIT



MIZORUM FOREST OFFICIAL VISIT



OLD AGE INMATES VISIT

SUMMER CAMP 2015



SUMMER CAMP INAUGURATION



OBSERVING ELEPHANT





LEARNING FOOT PRINT



TALK ON DOG

YOUTH CLUB 2015



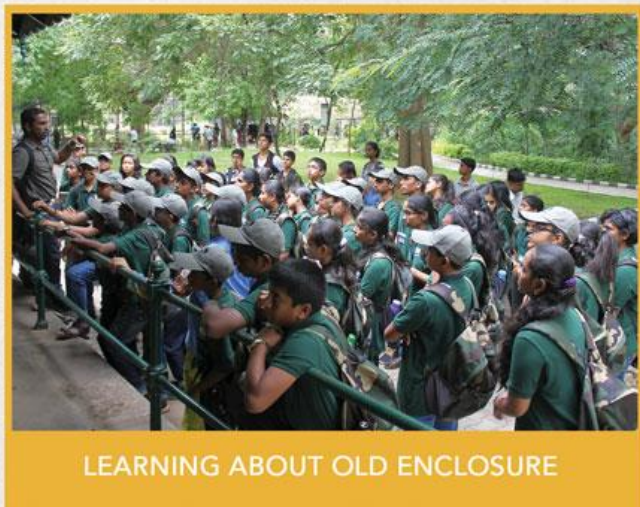
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NATURE WALK



RECEIVING ADOPTION CERTIFICATE



LEARNING ABOUT OLD ENCLOSURE





EXPLORING PLANT DIVERSITY



TALK BY S. VENKATSAN IFS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



VISIT TO K L N PARK



PLASTIC ERADICATION IN NAGARAHOLE NP



LEARNING IN NAGARAHOLE N PARK



IN-REACH PROGRAMME



IN-REACH FOR HIGH SCHOOL



IN-REACH FOR COLLEGE

OUT-REACH PROGRAMME



BIRD WATCHING IN KARANJI LAKE



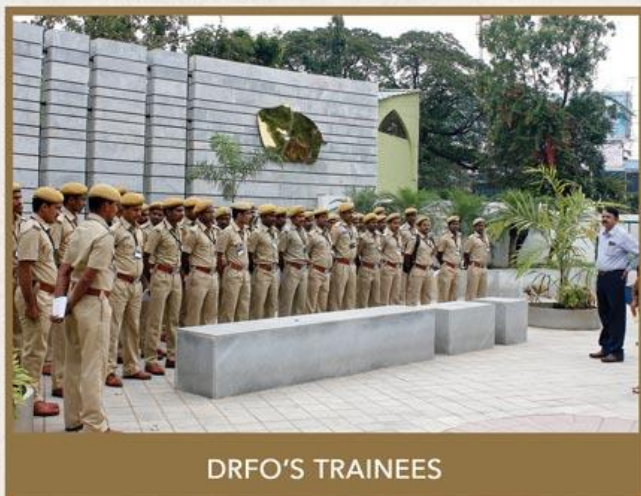
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON VISIT



IFS PROBATIONERS



GUARDS TRAINEES



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RFO'S TRAINEES

RETD FOREST OFFICIALS AND SPOUSES VISIT





A WEEK INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME FOR FINAL YEAR B.SC.,
STUDENTS OF FORESTY COLLEGE, PONNAMPET



CAPIVITY MANAGEMENT AND ITS IMPORTANTS PROGRAMME FOR FINAL YEAR B.SC.,
STUDENTS OF FORESTY COLLEGE, SIRIS.



LITRARY COMPETITIONS





Mysuru zoo Library is on its way to perform its duty as an outstanding information resource center, caring to ever growing an uncompromising information and intellectual requirement of the user like students, faculty of different institute and research group. The library holds the collection of books particularly related to wildlife, environment, animals, fishes, birds, mammals. Act and Rules of wildlife, encyclopedia and general books on wildlife.

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Library also encourages the use of library for reference. Individual and organization can use the library regularly by procuring Library Card, for which user are required to pay Rupees. 50/- (Annually) along with two stamp size photograph to collect the library ticket. This process allows them to use the library for reference only on daily basis.

FUNCTIONING OF SECURITY WING

Zoo is bounded by strong compound with barbed wire fence on the wall top. It is being maintained where weak and damaged portions. Individual holding rooms and enclosures of each and every animal/bird/reptile inside the zoo premises are also provided with protective walls and moats as per requirement. A professional and efficient security arrangement is must for about 3 million visitors in Mysore Zoo. The security staff includes a security officer, 7 supervisors, 3 armed guards and 14 guards drawn from the ex-servicemen along with 47 private security personnel including 10 lady guards engaged on a contract basis. The main aim of the security staff is to safeguard the zoo animals, buildings, property and its staff from both internal and external elements by constant patrolling the area at all times day and night on 24 hours basis. These personnel jointly look after the security of the Zoo, Karanji Lake and Kuragahalli rescue and rehabilitation centre.

Security personnel in shifts. They are being deployed throughout the day all along boundary of the zoo and also a sensitive areas inside zoo and entrance. Two ex-servicemen with gun are also being deployed at night. CCTV has been installed for important places like animal houses, stores, maintenance, ticket counter etc. Fire extinguishers, search lights, crisis management equipment's, first aid kit, etc., are in use from the view point of pre-cautionary measures for safety of animals, visitors and also staff.





The security personnel are working with dedication and they are assisting the visitors from the entry to the exit. The polythene covers, plastic water bottles and similar items brought by the visitors will be screened at the entrance gate itself by the lady security personnel. They are always on vigil in preventing vandalisms like crossing of barricades, smoking, animal teasing, animal feeding and such other activities by the visitors. The visitors will be guided suitably and erring visitors will be identified and facts reported to the security officer for taking suitable action. During the year 2015 a sum of Rupees. 18,200/- was collected as fine from 60 visitors for their involvement in vandalism activities. Wireless network is very much helpful for the security personnel in discharging their work efficiently. This aspect was regularly monitored by the Security Officer and his supervisory staff.

The security personnel are also discharging their routine works like recording of incoming and outgoing articles/person at the gates after ensuring necessary permission was given by the competent authorities for movement of such items. The security staff with effective communication network and constant patrolling the area on foot or on bicycle achieving good results.

Adopt Us



ANIMAL ADOPTION



After launching of the animal adoption scheme during 2001-2002, there is great response from the visitors, animal lovers, institutions, for adopting zoo animals. Though it was humble beginning, it is picking up gradually. Under the animal adoption scheme, one has to donate the annual feeding cost of the animal selected to adopt an animal.

The zoo has made alround progress, and remarkable improvements. To promote animal adoption scheme to mobilize additional revenue, and to involve people in conservation efforts. It is happy to note that visitors after gaining good impression about the cleanliness, health condition of the animals, education activities, are coming forward to adopt zoo animals voluntarily. The Income Tax Authorities have extended Income Tax Rebate under 80G of Income Tax Act for the contributions made by individuals, institutions under Animals Adoption Scheme. Many foreign visitors are also found in the list of adoption, who have adopted animals during their visit.



**The details of animals adopted for the year from
April - 2015 to March - 2016**

No. of Specimen	No. of Species	No. of Adopters	Amount Received
390 Specimen	87 Species	338 Adopters	Rs. 34,83,772/-

**SOME OF THE MAJOR ADOPTIONS (RS.35,000/- ABOVE)
RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS**

Sl.No.	Name and Address of the Adopter	Name of the Species	Amount in Rs.
01	Sri K.Sachidananda Murthy & Ramadevi, Bengaluru	Jaguar	35,000
02	M/s.Legacy Global Projects Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru	Tiger	1,00,000
03	Sri Anil Kumble, Indian Cricketer, Bengaluru	Giraffe & Lion	1,30,000
04	Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran(P) Limited, Note Mudran Nagar Mysuru	Tiger, Lion & 2Nos Giraffe	4,00,000
05	KSIC Ltd, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru	Giraffe & Elephant	2,75,000
06	Sri Prashanth S. Iyengar, C/o.Late B.K.S Iyengar, Pune	Tiger (2Nos)	2,00,000
07	JSS Mutth, Mysuru	One day Feeding Cost	1,00,000
08	Kumar Organic Product Limited, Bengaluru	Tiger (Manya)	1,00,000
09	MAC Group CNC India Tools and Services (P) Ltd, Bengaluru	Tiger	50000
10	Sushil Jindal, Hubli Tigers, Karnataka Premier League Team, Hubli	Tiger	1,00,000
11	Kumar Organic Product Limited, Bengaluru	Tiger "Shaurya"	1,00,000
12	Syndicate Bank, Mysuru	Tiger & Giraffe	2,00,000
13	Kanika Rana, Bengaluru	Baby Giraffe	50,000
14	M A Vedavalli, Bengaluru	Elephant (Madesha)	75,000
15	Anvase Exim Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru	Indian Leopard	35,000
16	MAC Group CNC India Tools and Services (P) Ltd., Bengaluru	Tiger	50,000
TOTAL		22 ANIMALS	20,00,000



VIP VISIT



DR. LABSANG SANGAY
Tibetan Prime Ministry



SRI. PRATHAP SHIMA,
Member of Parliament, Mysuru and Kodagu
Govt. of India



SH. THAKUR SINGH BHARMOURI
Minister of Forests & Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh



M.K. SOMASHEKAR,
Member of Legislative Assembly,
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ANIMAL INVENTORY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015-16

PARTICULARS	SPECIES	SPECIMENS
Mammals	51	556
Birds	80	789
Reptiles	24	87
TOTAL	155	1432







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