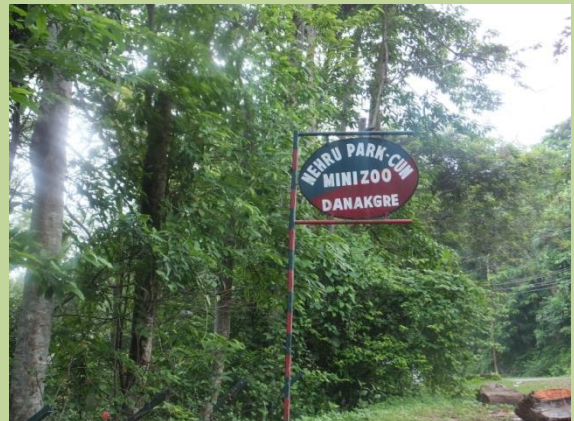


ANNUAL REPORT OF NEHRU PARK CUM MINI ZOO, DANAKGRE ,TURA FOR THE YEAR 2016-17

1.Introduction:

The Nehru Park cum Mini Zoo, Danakgre was initially started by District Administration at Tura Park. Few rescued animal were kept in the park 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. This small rescue facility gradually became the epicenter for displaced and orphan animals coming from all parts of Garo hills. Having realized the importance of a permanent holding facility particularly for those animals unfit to release in the wild due to one other reason, the department decided to upgrade the rescue centre to a Mini Zoo. But the park area was too small for a zoo; therefore during 2004 it was decided to shift the animals to the existing Nehru Park which was established by the Social Forestry Division over an area of 13.4 hectare. The zoo at the current location 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.



2. 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 scientific institution engaged in Animal Welfare, Research, Conservation, Education and Sustainability.
- Best business practice, being efficient, focused and productive, with close attention paid to planning, ecologically sound design and pollution free environmental.
- Outstanding "Value for Money" for all who visit the zoo. Providing fun, entertainment and learning.

3. Mission of the Zoo:

- To act as Rescue Centre by receiving and keeping orphaned, seized, rescued and injured wild animals.
- 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



3. 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 Range Forest Officer 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.

4. 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.

5. Staff :

Director (DFO)- 1 No.
 Range Forest Officer/ Curator – 1 No.
 Veterinary Officer – 1 No.
 Forester-I - 1 No.
 Forest Guard- 1 No.
 Animal Attendant- 1 No.
 Gateman – 1 No.
 Park Mali- 2 No.

6. 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.

7. Conservation Breeding Program:

NIL

8. Training programme conducted during 2016-17:

NIL

9. Workshop on Management of Zoo:

NIL

10. Endangered species recovery:

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

11. Research Program organized during 2016-17:

NIL

12. Exchange of Animals approved/recommended in 2016-17

NIL

13. New Animal enclosure designed/submitted to CZA in 2016-17:

NIL

14. Development Works initiated/completed in 2016-17 :

Maintenance of Animal enclosures.

15: Annual Visitor's statement in 2016-17: No record as presently entry to the Zoo is free.

16: Inventory of Animals as on 31/3/2017:

Enclosed as annexure-I



17. Death/Birth/Acquisition/Disposal report as on 31/3/2017:

Enclosed as annexure-II

18. 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.



19. 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.

20. Status of compliance w.r.t conditions conveyed by CZA vide their letter No.F.19-169/93-CZA(189)(Vol-IV)(AK)997/2017 dated 31/5/2017:

Enclosed as Annexure -III

21. Road:

There are no motorable roads inside the zoo.

Submitted

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