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ARIGNAR ANNA ZOOLOGICAL PARK

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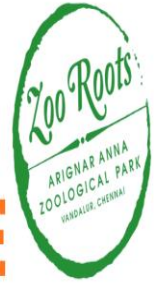


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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Arignar Anna Zoological Park for the year 2025–2026, highlighting another year of steady progress in conservation, animal welfare, infrastructure development, and public engagement.

During the year, the zoo undertook several key development initiatives aimed at strengthening both animal care and visitor facilities. Notable works included the establishment of a rat breeding centre, renovation of enclosures such as the deer safari and rescue centre, strengthening of animal habitats, expansion of fodder plots, and improvement of essential infrastructure including toilets, roads, and staff facilities. The introduction of solar power infrastructure and the procurement of biodigester systems further reflect our commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly practices. The sale of vermicompost from the zoo's solid waste management unit and seedlings from the zoo nursery under the brand name 'Zoo Roots' is another initiative in this direction.

Animal welfare continues to remain our core focus. Scientific feeding schedules, preventive healthcare, vaccination programmes, and regular monitoring ensured the optimal health and well-being of the animals. Enrichment activities were enhanced across enclosures to promote natural behaviour and improve the overall quality of life of the animals under our care. We were also able to undertake an animal exchange programme with Jambu Zoo. Through this exchange, we brought two Himalayan black bears and a pair of leopard cats to our zoo.

The zoo also strengthened its role in conservation and capacity building. Training programmes and field exposure visits were conducted for staff. This year, the Zoo Venture programme was introduced for government schools and government-run home schools.

Through zoo school programmes, outreach activities, and public engagement initiatives, we continued to connect with visitors and promote awareness of biodiversity conservation and sustainable living.

With the dedicated efforts of our staff, Arignar Anna Zoological Park continues to progress towards becoming a model zoological institution.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all stakeholders for their continued support and cooperation.

Thiru.T. Ritto Cyriac, I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests & Director

HISTORY OF ARIGNAR ANNA ZOOLOGICAL PARK



The history of Chennai Zoo (formerly known as Madras Zoo) dates back to the year 1855. This was the first Zoo to be formed in India. The idea of collection of animals and maintaining at one place was mooted in 1855 by Dr. Edward Balfour of the Madras Museum. He kept a small collection of animals near the Madras museum. The menagerie was later transferred to the Madras Corporation. The animals were housed in a Zoo over an area of 12.03 acres behind the then Moore Market Complex near Central Station for about 125

years. The Corporation Zoo was visited and appreciated by many distinguished visitors in those days. Thiru. Jawaharlal Nehru the Prime Minister of India once visited the Zoo and praised the standard of maintenance, care and effort taken by the then Curator Thiru. Ramanunjal. As the Zoo was quite cramped and did not meet the biological and behavioral needs of the animals, decision was taken to shift the zoo to an alternative site where adequate land to develop the required infrastructure for a modern zoo was available. After detailed investigation the Vandalur Reserve Forest was selected for this purpose.

This place, sprawling over an area of about 510 ha (in its initial stages), provided an environment similar to natural wilderness which helped to meet the biological and behavioral need of the animals and birds. The present area of the zoo has the requisite natural vegetation for creating the naturalistic environment at the zoo. Arignar Anna Zoological Park is one of the largest zoos in South East Asia extending over an area of 602 ha. The estimated initial cost of the project was about Rs. 7.30 crores. The zoo was opened to public during the year 1985. The existing landscape was utilized as it was and all the animals were exhibited in large open moated island type of immersive enclosure with simulated environment. The entire area was clothed with vegetation using natural and some artificial regeneration.



Arignar Anna Zoological Park is one of the modern and scientifically managed zoos of the Country. This Zoological Park is the pride of the Tamil Nadu. It has attained excellence in the Captive Breeding Programme for endangered species and also in the field of zoo education by creating awareness about the conservation of natural resources. The functions carried out in the zoo include Animal welfare, Animal husbandry, Commissary (Store), Transport, Research, Education and Awareness, Veterinary care, Horticulture, Security and Sanitation and Zoo administration. The zoo has a well-equipped zoo kitchen, zoo hospital and quarantine facility.

VISION

Strengthening the ex-situ conservation of endangered native species, imparting conservation education among the public, and optimizing animal welfare and healthcare.

MISSION

- ❖ To promote care and concern among the public towards wildlife conservation.
- ❖ To conserve the fauna of the Eastern and Western Ghats with special reference to LTM, Nilgiri Langur, Nilgiri Tahr, Gaur, and small mammals.
- ❖ To provide the animals housed in the zoo with the highest standards of housing, upkeep, and healthcare.
- ❖ To provide zoo visitors opportunities for gaining first-hand experience of wild animals.
- ❖ To carry out research on different aspects of biology, behaviour, and genetic makeup of select endangered species of wild animals and facilitate their captive breeding.
- ❖ To provide requisite housing, upkeep, and healthcare to distressed animals rescued from various illegal sources.
- ❖ To facilitate captive breeding of select species for reintroduction into their respective natural habitat

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Ex-situ conservation and propagation of the fauna of peninsular India.
- ❖ Initiate captive breeding programmes for select endangered species in accordance with protocols for rehabilitation in the wild, if necessary.
- ❖ Promote the zoo as a Centre for conservation awareness by organizing wildlife education and interpretation programmes to elicit public awareness for wildlife.
- ❖ Broaden opportunities to conduct scientific studies on fauna to enhance knowledge on animal behaviour, biology, and ecology, so as to aid in scientific management of the zoo and conservation of wildlife.
- ❖ Provide the best possible facilities for healthcare and rehabilitation of rescued animals.
- ❖ Reintroduction and restocking of select species bred in captivity in the zoo.

ABOUT ARIGNAR ANNA ZOOLOGICAL PARK

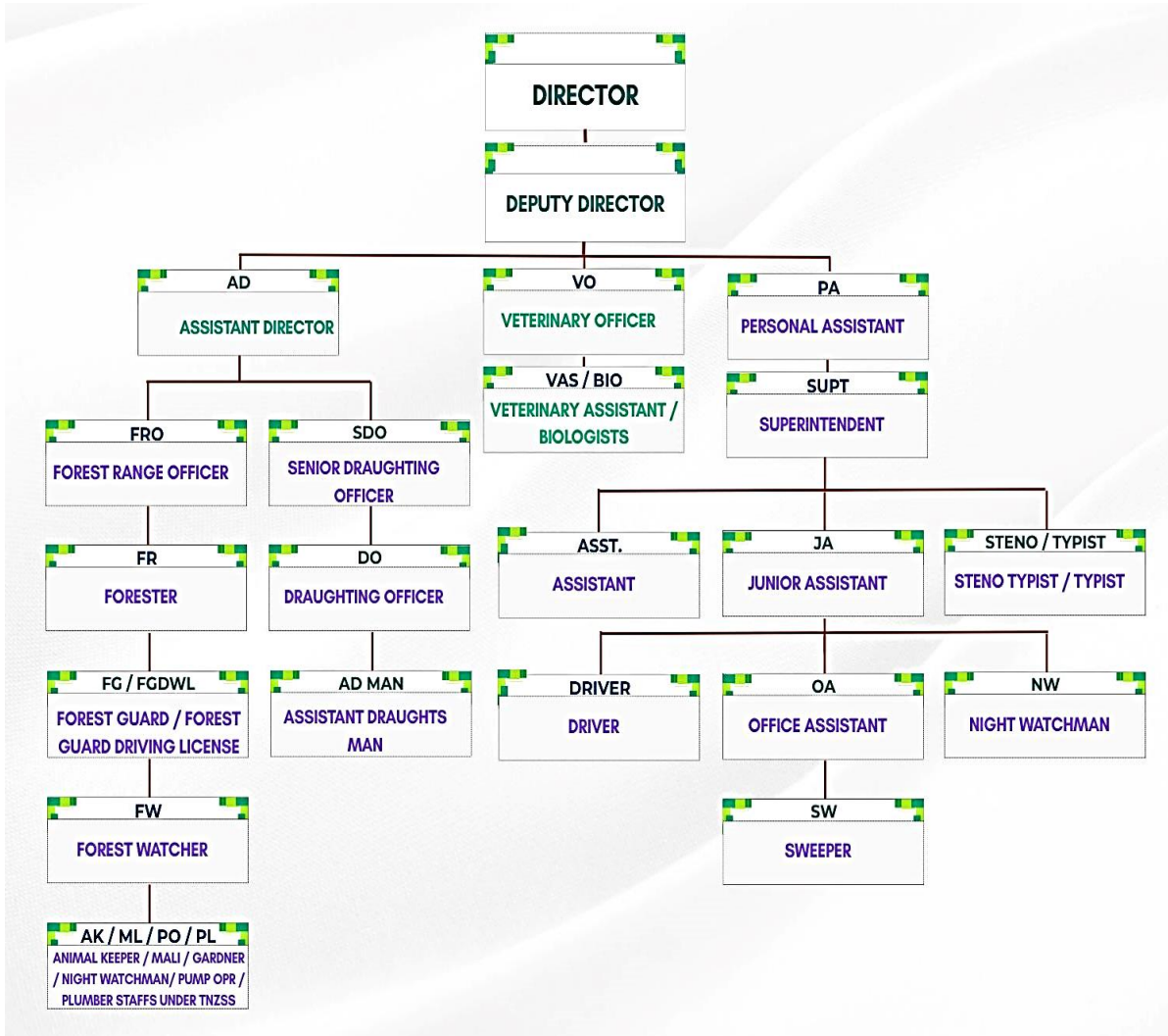
Particulars	Information
Name of the Zoo	Arignar Anna Zoological Park
Year of Establishment	Since 1855, Relocated to present location in Vandalur RF in the year 1985
Address of the Zoo	Vandalur, Chennai -48
State	Tamil Nadu
Telephone Number	044-29542301
Fax Number	044-22750741
E-mail address	Directoraaazp1@gmail.com
Website	www.aazp.in
Distance from nearest	Airport: 15 Km , Railway Station: 1 Km, Bus Stand: 100 mtrs
Recognition Valid up to	August 2023
Category of zoo	Large Zoo
Area (in Hectares)	602
No of Animal house	133 Nos
Number of Visitors (Financial Year 2021 -22)	Total Visitors:13,41,043 Adult :10, 64,038Children: 2,77,005 Indian : 13,39,929; Foreigners: 1114
Visitors' Facilities Available in Zoo	Battery operated Vehicle, Wheel Chair Facility, Bicycle & Electronic cycle facility, Cloak room, Baby feeding room, RO-Drinking Water Points , Toilets, Rest Sheds, Food Eatery Outlets, Zoo mobile app for zoo navigation with many additional features like Online ticket booking, animal adoption etc.,
Weekly Closure Day	Tuesday

Name with designation of the Officer in-charge.	Thiru. Rakesh Kumar Dogra I.F.S (till April 5 th 2025) Thiru. Ritto Cyriac I.F.S
Name of the Curator / Deputy Director	Ms. S. Senbagapriya I.F.S Thiru. Manish Meena I.F.S
Name of the Assistant Director/PRO	P.ManikandaPrabhu
Name of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	Dr. K. Sridhar Dr, Kamalanathan
Name of the Biologist	Dr. M. Sekar, Thiru. G. Kamaraj
Name of the Education Officer	Ms.P.Shankari

Operator of the Zoo

Name of the Operator	Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu
Address of the Operator	Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Phone number/Email of Operator	044-29542301, Directoraaazp1@gmail.com

ORGANIZATION CHART



HUMAN RESOURCE – MANPOWER OF THE ZOO

S. No	Name of the post	Post sanctioned	Post filled	S. No	Name of the post	Post sanctioned	Post filled
1	APCCF & Director	1	1	24	Electrician	1	0
2	Deputy Director	1	1	25	Plumber	4	1
3	Asst. Conservator of Forests	1	1	26	Forest Range Officer	5	5
4	Personal Assistant	1	1	27	Forester	6	6
5	Superintendent	2	1	28	Forest Guard	9	9
6	Assistant	6	5	29	Forest Guard (knowing driving)	5	5
7	Junior Accountant	1	1	30	Forest Watcher	2	2
8	Junior Assistant	3	3	31	Driver	14	5
9	Steno Typist Grade II	1	1	32	Mali	30	17
10	Typist	2	2	33	Night Watchman	11	2
11	Assistant Executive Engineer	1	0	34	Night Watchman (Forest Subordinate Service)	3	0
12	Junior Engineer	1	0	35	Mahout	1	0
13	Senior Draughting Officer (RD from Thanjavur Circle to this office)	1	1	36	Bungalow Watcher	1	0
14	Draughting Officer	1	1	37	Animal Keeper	45	5
15	Assistant Draughts Man	2	0	38	Sweeper cum Scavenger	32	10
16	Veterinary Officer	1	0	39	Gate Watchman	13	2
17	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	2	2	40	Feed Distribution Helper	6	0
18	Biologist	3	1	41	Pump operator	10	1
19	Live Stock Inspector	1	0	42	Asst. Agriculture Officer	1	0
20	Lab Technician	1	0	43	Gardener	4	1
21	Office Assistant	7	3	44	Electrician -II	1	0
22	Office Watchman	1	1	45	Asst. Electrician	1	0
23	Sweeper	1	1	46	Driving - Garbage Collection Worker	2	0

S. No	Designation	No of sanctioned post	Name of the incumbends
1	Director	1	Thiru.Rakesh Kumar Dogra I.F.S Thiru. Ritto Cyriac I.F.S
2	Deputy Director	1	Ms.S.Senbagapriya I.F.S., Thiru. Manish Meena I.F.S
3	Asst. Conservator of Forests	1	Thiru. Manikanda prabhu
4	Veterinary Officer	1	-
5	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	2	Dr.K.Sridhar Dr.Kamalanathan
6	Biologist	3/1	Dr.G.Kamaraj
7	Forest Range Officer	5	Thiru. N .Vengatesan. Thiru. S. Loganathan Ms. Pradeepa Thiru.Subash S Thiru.D.Bhaskar
8	Forester	6/6	Thiru.R. Kalaiyarasan Thiru.PU. Vasanthapriyan Thiru. A. Anilkumar Thiru.Vignesh Babu R Thiru.T.N. Dhanusanthan Thiru. Vasantharaj
9	Forest Guard	9/9	Tmt.Dharani B Tmt. Latha M Tmt.Amudha R Thiru. Udhayan G Thiru.Mahesh G Thiru.Elumalai M Tmt.Kopperundevi A Thiru.Bharathidasan R Thiru. Muniyandi M
10	Forest Guard(knowing driving)	5/5	Thiru. Chandramohan Thiru. C.Shanmugam Thiru.Mohan Raj Thiru. Gururagavan S Thiru.Palkani C

S. No	Designation	No of sanctioned post	Name of the incumbends
11	Forest Watcher	2	Thiru. Bala subramaniyam Tmt.Malathi M
12	Asst. Agriculture Officer	1	-
13	Animal Keeper	45/5	Thiru. D. Paranthaman Thiru.E.Nagooran Thiru.V. Krishnan Thiru.K. Gunasekaran Thiru. K.Bhuvaneshwaran.
14	Mali	30/17	Smt.M.Kuttiammal SmtC.Radha Thiru. Narasimhan Smt.Savithri .K Thiru.Krishnamoorthy Thiru.Padmanaban Smt.Chinnaponnu E Thiru. M.Vasanthan Tmt.Lakshmi.M Tmt.Ellammal Thiru.Vijayan C Tmt.Annammal .N Tmt. K. Suloshna Thiru.Vasanth .K Thiru.Boovaraghav Thiru.Shanmugam.V Thiru.John boss P
15	Sweeper cum Scavenger	32/10	Tmt. L. Manickalegori Tmt.N.Malliga Tmt.G.Vijayalakshmi Thiru. S.Manikandan Tmt. G.Nagammal Tmt. N. Selvamani Tmt.Susheela.S Tmt.J. Uma Tmt, R.Lalitha Tmt.M.Govindamma

S. No	Designation	No of sanctioned post	Name of the incumbends
16	Sweeper	1	Tmt.Saraswati .S
17	Gate Watchman	13/2	Thiru.K.Nandakumar Thiru M.Yesu
18	Feed Distribution Helper	6	-
19	Pump operator	10/1	Thiru. C.Sekar
20	Plumber	4	
21	Gardener	4/1	Thiru. Ramachandiran .D
22	Electrician	1	-
23	Asst. Electrician	1	Thiru. Chithirai.S
24	Driving - Garbage Collection Worker	2	-
25	Live Stock Inspector	1	-
26	Lab Technician	1	-
27	Superintendent	2/1	Thiru. Manivannan.P
28	Assistant	6/5	Thiru. Aravind Tmt.Sonia.S Thiru.Kathiravan. S Tmt.Menaka G Thiru.Subeetharan S
29	Junior Accountant	1	Thiru.Sudalaimani
30	Junior Assistant	3	Thiru. M. Anbarasan Tmt.Ramya Tmt. Sprincia C
31	Steno Typist Grade II	1	Tmt.Nanthini Mk
32	Typist	2	Tmt Ganapathy K Thiru. Prabhakaran M
33	Assistant Executive Engineer	1	-
34	Junior Engineer	1	-
35	Senior Draughting Officer (RD from Thanjavur Circle to this office)	1	Tmt. Umamaheshwari.B

S. No	Designation	No of sanctioned post	Name of the incumbends
36	Draughting Officer	1	Thiru . Thilak Raj
37	Assistant Draughts Man	2/0	
38	Driver	14/5	Thiru.G. Rajasekaran Thiru.V.S. Ramalingam Thiru. B. Rajan Thiru. M.Purushothanam Thiru.B. Pusharaj
39	Office Assistant	7	Thiru.Ramesh.S Thiru.Rajendran.S Thiru.Radha Krishnan M
40	Night Watchman	11/2	Thiru.A.Raja Thiru. P.Muthu
41	Office watchman	1	Thiru. Mohanraj S

TARIFF DETAILS

Children above 5 years and below 12 years	Rs 50.00
Adult	Rs 200.00
School Children (5-12 years) from Government Schools and Aided schools	Rs 20.00
Battery operated vehicles for adults	Rs 150.00
Battery operated vehicles for Children	Rs 50.00
Lion safari for adults	Rs 150.00
Lion safari for children	Rs 50.00
Handy Camera SLR/DSLR	Rs 350
Video camera	Rs 750.00
**Entry is free for Differently abled people& Children below 5 years of age.	

Parking charges	
Two Wheeler (motor cycle and scooter)	Rs 40.00
Three- Wheeler (AutoRickshaw)	Rs 50.00
Car and Jeep	Rs 150.00
Van, Tempo and mini bus	Rs 170.00
Bus	Rs 200.00

Zoo Timing – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Zoo Holiday – Every Tuesday

ZOO AUTHORITY OF TAMIL NADU

In accordance with the guidelines of the CZA and to facilitate supervision, control and management of AAZP for easy flow of funds for the development and better management of the zoo, the Government of Tamil Nadu approved the formation of Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu vide G.O.Ms.No.314 E & F (FR-V) Department dated: 03.12.2004.

In the 22nd GB meeting held on 06.10.2025 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The board has approved ₹ 35.29 crore towards the Annual Plan of Operation 2025-26 of which AAZP ₹28.35 crore. The board proposed to establish Zoo library integrating digital and physical resources for students, researchers and the public in AAZP, Vandalur.

ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Health advisory committee

- 1) Additional Chief Secretary to Government Environment, Climate Change and Forests Chairperson
- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Member
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden Member
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, AIWC Member
- 5) Professor and Head, Central University Laboratory, Centre for Animal Health Studies, TANUVAS. Member
- 6) Associate Professor, School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai Member
- 7) Executive Director, Chennai Snake Park Trust Member
- 8) Thiru.S.Balachandran, BNHS Member
- 9) Thiru.Sankar, SACON Director (Retd) Member
- 10) Tmt. Shruti Vinod Raj, Member Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board Member
- 11) Thiru.Saravanan, Service For wildlife and nature, (NGO) Salem Member
- 12) Thiru. Ganesh Rahunathan, Nature Conservation Foundation (NGO), Pollachi Member
- 13) Director, AAZP & Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu Member Secretary



Arignar Anna Zoological Park constitute health advisory committee under Rule 10, Sub Rule (31) of Central Zoo Authority 's guidelines for establishment and scientific management of Zoos to advise the zoo on all matter related to sanitation, hygiene, prophylactics, nutrition and management of sick animals. In this view, Arignar Anna Zoological Park vandalur has proposed to constitute Zoo health Advisory Committee with eminent wildlife experts and experience veterinarians as per the above guidelines of Central Zoo

Authority. Discussion among the committee members happens once in six months.

The committee conducts the joint meeting in case of handling emergency cases and whenever there is a need for expert suggestions needed. On 17.7.2025, health advisory meeting was conducted with the board members.

Expert Advisory Committee

- 1) Additional Chief Secretary to Government Environment, Climate Change and Forests | Chairperson
- 2) Secretary to Government, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department | Member
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) | Member
- 4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden | Member
- 5) The Member Secretary, CMDA | Member
- 6) Director, Environment, Climate Change and Forests. | Member
- 7) District Collector, Chengelpattu District | Member
- 8) The President, Vandalur Panchayat | Member
- 9) Two prominent civil society Representatives 1.Dr. Devaprasath Jeyasekharan Managing trustee, jeyasekharan medical trust, Nagarkoil 2.Tr.Balakumar Thangavelu Director, CSR, Cognizant Coimbatore | Member
- 10) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur | Member

Expert advisory committee for Zoological Parks in Tamilnadu was constituted on 23.01.2023 G.O.(D) No 16 for systematic and scientific management of zoos. The committee will advise on creation of new infrastructure and modern facilities, introduce innovative designs, improve animal diversity, promote scientific research conservation breeding, provide scientific solutions to conservation challenges, ensure transparency and improve zoo management, promote ethical treatment of animals among staff, promote sustainable zoo practices. Last meeting conducted on 16.05.2024.

Sustainable Development Committee

In 21st Governing Board meeting of Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu held on 16.11.2022 to constitute sustainable Zoo Development Committee to explore the possibility for receiving donations from persons / institutions / Companies either in India / abroad for improving the financial position for better management and development of Arignar Anna Zoological Park. Sustainable development committee was constituted on 14.11.2024.

- 1) Additional Chief Secretary to Government Environment, Climate Change and Forests Chairperson
- 2) Secretary to Government, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department Member
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Member
- 4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden Member
- 5) The Member Secretary, CMDA Member
- 6) Director, Environment, Climate Change and Forests. Member
- 7) District Collector, Chengelpattu District Member
- 8) The President, Vandalur Panchayat Member
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Managing trustee, jeyasekharan medical trust, Nagarkoil
 2. Tr.Balakumar Thangavelu
Director, CSR, Cognizant Coimbatore Member
- 10) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur

Zoo Technical Advisory Committee

Members of the technical advisory committee

In 15th Governing Board meeting of Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu technical advisory committee was constituted. The advisory committee meeting is planned to be conducted during 2026-27.

- 1) Thiru. S.Subarayalu Naidu IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Retired)
- 2) Thiru. R.Sundararaju IFS, PCCF & CWLW (Retired)
- 3) Dr.N.Krishna Kumar IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Retired)
- 4) Thiru..Ritto Cyriac IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, AAZP
- 5) Dr.S.Paulraj IFS, Conservator of Forests, (Retired)
- 6) Dr.Sreekumar HOD Wildlife science, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai
- 7) Thiru.Manish Meena IFS, Deputy Director, AAZP

CAPACITY BUILDING OF ZOO PERSONNEL

S. No	Name and designation of zoo personnel	Subject matter training	Period of training	Name of the institution where training attended
1	Thiru. S. R Chandramouli, Biologist	Intensive training program on Animal Behaviour: population management module	15.6.2025 to 20.6.2025	Bannerghatta Biological Park
2	Dr. K. Sridhar , Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	Field Course Intervention in Wild Animal Health by Wildlife Institute of India	09.02.2026 to 27.02.2026	Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan

Exposure Visit to Mysore Zoo

To enhance knowledge and foster a peer-learning experience, Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP), Vandalur organized a two-day field visit programme to Mysore Zoo.

As part of the Phase I training programme, two batches of staff members participated:

- The first batch, comprising 33 trainees, visited from 18.06.2025 to 19.06.2025.
- The second batch, comprising 32 trainees, visited from 08.07.2025 to 09.07.2025.



The primary objective of the visit was to observe and learn various aspects of zoo management practices including:



- Veterinary care and animal health management
- Breeding programmes for endangered species to ensure their survival
- Wildlife conservation awareness and recreational education
- Enrichment activities and their connection to animal welfare
- Enclosure design and visitor amenities that strengthen the connection between people and nature

This initiative provided participants with valuable exposure to best practices in modern zoo management and conservation strategies



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PARTICULARS AND WORK	EXPENDITURE 2025-2026
Feed	609.12
Wages to casual laborers	539.13
Office maintenance	35.71
Improvement and Maintenance of animal houses, lawns, roads, fodder plots, Drainage, Water supply lines, Purchase of Battery-Operated Vehicles, Compound walls, Water and Electricity charges etc.	307.72
Improvement and Maintenance of visitor's amenities	32.36
Zoo school programs, Awareness & Zoo Outreach programs, Signage's, maintenance of buildings, staff amenities etc	59.50
Machinery and equipment	20.19
Maintenance of Vehicles	72.68
Medicines & Veterinary Care	28.41
Printing tickets, brochures, Entry management system, etc	15.28
Animals exchange and transportation	6.35
Capital expenditure	38.43
Total	1764.88

DETAILS OF REVENUE GENERATED DURING 2025-26

PARTICULARS	RECEIPT
Revenue from Entrance Ticket	274755520
Sale of Tender form ,scrap, waste bone & face mask	1650207
By Rent Receipt & Electricity charges (Rest House, Bicycle Zoo School, Zoo Shop, Hotel TN, MPDA, Poompugar, TANTEA, Aavin, google ads, sale of used plastic water bottle	11581198
By Misc. Receipt (Zoo School Programs, Contract Reg, Parking Fees, Research fees)	19341049
By Animal Adoption	3083520
Total	310411495



DAILY FEEDING SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

There are about 1711 animals belonging to 139 species housed in zoo. They are fed regularly as per the feed schedule prescribed by the Nutrition Department of TANUVAS. The animals are regularly monitored by Veterinary Doctors & Biologists. Based on the prevailing body condition, height, weight, and other biological parameters, the feed is provided to the animals. Quality checking for feed, animal health, feed supplement, and animal feed intake and behaviour are regularly monitored by a dedicated team of Veterinarians & Biologists. Special feed is provided to the animals during summer. The feed chart is prepared based on the energy requirement, biological variation and demand

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
1	Lion	Beef with bone	7 Kgs
		Liver	150 gms
2	Tiger Male	Diet chart	Quantity
		Beef with bone	10 Kgs
	Tiger Female	Liver	150 gms
		Beef with bone	8 Kgs
		Liver	150 gms
3	White Tiger Male		
		Beef with bone	10 Kgs

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Liver	150 gms
	Female	Beef with bone	8 Kgs
		Liver	150 gms
4	Leopard or Jaguar		
		Beef with bone	4 Kgs
		Liver	100 gms
5	Chimpanzee	Rice	250 gms
		Boiled horsegram	25 gms
		Sprouted green gram	100gms
		Bread slices	10 Nos
		Sathukudi/ Orange/Mango	5 Nos
		Guava	8 Nos
		Banana	15Nos
		Apple	5 Nos
		Papaya	500 gms
		Groundnut (w.o.s)	100 gms
		Cabbage	100 gms
		Carrot	250 gms
		Grapes	250 gm
		Greens	100 gms
		Bengal gram	50 gms
		Boiled egg	1No
		Milk	1 lit.
		Cucumber	500gms
		Sugar	50gms
		Sugarcane	0.5nos
		Seasonal fruits	
		Watermelon	2kgs
6	Elephant		
		Ragi	5 kgs
		Horse gram	2.500kg
		Jaggery	250 gms
		Salt	50 gms
		Banana	30 Nos
		Sugarcane	5 Nos.,
		Coconut	5 Nos.,
		Tender coconut	5 Nos.,
		Rice	5 kgs

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	8 kgs
7	Hippopotamus		
		Wheat bran	10 kgs
		Bengal gram	250 gms
		Salt	250 gms
		Apple	5 Nos
		Potato	500 gms
		Carrot	2 kgs
		Cabbage	1 kg
		Onion	250 gms
		Banana	10 Nos
		Greens	1 kgs
		Bread	35 slice
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	2 kgs
		Cucumber	2 kgs
8	Indian Gaur		
		Leaf bran	3 kgs
		Wheat bran	2 kgs
		Cattle feed	3 kgs
		Horse gram (Boiled)	750 gms
		Banana	8 Nos
		Bengal gram	500 gms
		Green gram sprouted	300 gms
		Salt	100 gms
		Greens	1.500 gms
		Coconut	0.5Nos.,
		Soya bean meal	1 kg
10	Sloth bear / Himalyan black bear		
		Ragi (cooked)	400 gms
		Rice gruel with black gram	300 +100 gms
		Sathukudi/orange/mango	2 Nos.,
		guava	4 Nos.,
		Tapioca/sweet potato	100 gms
		jaggery	250 gms
		banana	8 Nos

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	100 gms
		Honey	0.250 gms Except tuesday and Friday
		Milk	500 ml
		Bread slices	7 Nos.,
		Carrot	250 gms
		Boiled egg	1 No
		Cucumber	500 gms
		Water melon	2kgs
		Papaya	500gms
		Tomato	250gms
		Tender coconut	1 No
		Bengal gram	100gms
		Soyabex	100gms
11	Wild Ass		
		Wheat bran	3 kg
		Bengal gram	100 gms
		Horse gram	500 gms
		Banana	10 Nos
		Carrot	1.000 gms
		Cabbage	500 gms
		Greens	500 gms
12	Lion tailed macaque		
		Rice	25 gms
		Groundnut (without shell)	25 gms
		Banana	4nos.
		Sathukudi/Orange/ Mango	1no
		Guava	1 no.
		Bengal gram	15 gms
		Cabbage	50 gms
		Greens	100 gms
		Bread slice	4 nos.
		Boiled egg	1 No (Monday, Thursday, Saturday)
		Soyabex	20 gms
		Carrot	100 gms.
		Grapes	50 gms
		Green gram	150 gms
		Cucumber	50 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	400gms
13	Nilgri langur		
		Rice	30 gms
		Groundnut (without shell)	25 gms
		Banana	4nos.
		Sathukudi/Orange/ Mango	1no
		Guava	1 no.
		Bengal gram	15 gms
		Cabbage	100 gms
		Greens	100 gms
		Bread slice	4 nos.
		Boiled egg	1 no (Monday, Thursday, Saturda)
		Soyabex	20 gms
		Carrot	100 gms.
		Grapes	50 gms
		Green gram	50 gms
		Cucumber	50 gms
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	400gms
14	Squrriel monkey		
		Banana	4 Nos
		Sathukudi/Orange/Mango	1 no
		Guava	1 nos.
		Grapes	25 gms
		Cabbage	100 gms
		Boiled egg	1 no
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		Apple	1 no
		Carrot	100 gms
		Bread slice	4 No
		Cucumber	100 gms
15	Rhesus macaque/ Bonnet macaque		
		Rice	25 gms
		Groundnut (without shell)	25 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Banana	4nos.
		Sathukudi/Orange/ Mango	1no
		Guava	1 no.
		Bengal gram	15 gms
		Cabbage	50 gms
		Greens	100 gms
		Bread slice	4 nos.
		Boiled egg	1 no (Monday, Thursday, Saturday)
		Soyabex	20 gms
		Carrot	50 gms.
		Grapes	50 gms
		Green gram	150 gms
		Cucumber	50 gms
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	400gms
16	Hanuman langur/ Grey langur		
		Rice	30 gms
		Groundnut (without shell)	25 gms
		Banana	4nos.
		Sathukudi/Orange/ Mango	1no
		Guava	1 no.
		Bengal gram	15 gms
		Cabbage	50 gms
		Greens	100 gms
		Bread slice	4 nos.
		Boiled egg	1 no (Monday, Thursday, Saturday)
		Soyabex	20 gms
		Carrot	50 gms.
		Grapes	50 gms
		Green gram	150 gms
		cucumber	50 gms
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	400gms
17	Savannah Baboon		
		Rice	50 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Groundnut (without shell)	50 gms
		Banana	4 nos.
		Sathukudi/Orange/ Mango	2 no
		Guava	2 no
		Bengal gram	50 gms
		Cabbage	50 gms
		Greens	100 gms
		Bread slice	4 nos.
		Boiled egg	1 no (Monday, Thursday, Saturday)
		Soyabex	20 gms
		Carrot	100 gms.
		Grapes	50 gms
		Cucumber	50 gms
		Seasonal fruits	
		Water melon	400gms
18	Slender loris		
		Carrot	50 gms
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	20 gms
		Banana	1 No.
		Apple	1 No.
		Egg	1 No.
		Guava	1 No.
		Grapes	50 gms
		Bengal gram	20 gms
19	Wild Dog		
		Beef with bone	2.500 Kgs
		Liver	100 gms
20	Jackal		
		Beef with bone	1.500 Kgs
		Liver	100 gms
21	Wolf		
		Beef with bone	3 Kgs
		Liver	100 gms
22	Hyena		
		Beef with bone	3 Kgs
		Liver	100 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
23	Palm civet cat		
		Beef with bone	300 gms
		Live chicken	250 gms
		Carrot	100 gms
		banana	2nos
		Tomato	100gms
		Bread	2 slices
		Milk	0.250 lit
24	Jungle Cat		
		Beef with bone	300 gms
		liver	50 gms
		Live chicken	250 gms
		Milk	0.250 lit
25	Otter		
		Live fish	1.500kgs
26	Malabar giant squirrel / Grizzled giantsquirrel		
		Bengal gram	25 gms
		Apple	0.5 No
		Grapes	50 gms
		Bread slices	2 no
		Banana	1 no
		Carrot	25 gms
		Cabbage	25 gms
		Sathukudi/orange/mango	0.5 no
		Guava	1 no
		Coconut with shell	75 gms
		Papaya	50 gms
		Greens	50 gms
		Pine apple	25 gms
27	Porcupine		
		Carrot	100 gms
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	25 gms
		Banana	2 No.
		Egg	1 No.
		Cabbage	100 gms
		Sweet potato	100 gms
		Rice	100 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Soya bex	20 gms
28	Swamp deer		
		leaf bran	1.5 kgs
		Cattle feed	1.5 kg
		Bengal gram	250 gms
		Horse gram boiled	500 g
		Cabbage	250 g
		Carrot	1.5 kgs
		Salt	25 g
		Greens	500 g
29	Black Buck		
		Wheat Bran	500 g
		Cattle feed	500 g
		Bengal gram	50 g
		Cabbage	100 g
		Salt	10 g
		Greens	250 g
30	Hog Deer		
		Wheat Bran	500 g
		Cattle feed	500 g
		White Bengal gram	50 g
		Groundnut oil cake	50 g
		Cabbage	100 g
		Salt	10 g
		Greens	250 g
31	Spotted Deer		
		Wheat Bran	500 g
		Cattle feed	500 g
		White Bengal gram	50 g
		Groundnut oil cake	50 g
		Cabbage	100 g
		Salt	10 g
		Greens	250 g
32	Barking Deer		

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Wheat Bran	400 g
		Cattle feed	400 g
		White Bengal gram	50 g
		Groundnut oil cake	50 g
		Cabbage	100 g
		Salt	10 g
		Greens	250 g
33	Sambar Deer		
		Wheat Bran	1.5 kgs
		Cattle feed	1.5 kgs
		White Bengal gram	100 g
		Groundnut oil cake	250 g
		Cabbage	250 g
		Salt	20 g
		Greens	500 g
36	Nilgai		
		Wheat bran	1.5 kgs
		Cattle feed	1.5 kgs
		White Bengal gram	250 g
		Groundnut oil cake	250 g
		Green gram	500 g
		Carrot	1 kg
		Cabbage	250 g
		Salt	25 g
		Greens	500 g
37	Wild Boar		
		Wheat bran	1.000kgs
		Boiled rice	300 gms
		Bengal gram	100 g
		Sweet potato / Tapioca	200 g
		Potato	250 g
		Banana	4 nos
		Carrot	100 g
		Cabbage	250 g

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Salt	10 g
		Greens	100 g
38	Giraffe		
		Leaf bran (kg)	4 kgs
		Crushed Barley (kg)	1 kg
		Crushed Oats (g)	500 g
		Crushed Maize(g)	1 kg
		Carrot (kg)	3 kgs
		Banana (Nos)	70
		Onion (kg)	2.5kgs
		Apple (Nos)	10 nos
		Sweet lime / Orange (Nos)	15nos
		Guava (Nos)	6 nos
		Jaggery (g)	500 g
		Salt (g)	100 g
		Beans (kg)	3 kgs
		Black gram (g)	300gms
		Thurdhal (g)	250gms
		Bengal gram (g)	500gms
		Green gram (g)	300gms
		Greens	2.00kgs
39	Rhinoceros		
		Wheat bran	5.000kgs
		Sweet potato / Tapioca	1.000 kgs
		Potato	1.000 kgs
		Banana	45 nos
		Carrot	2.000 kgs
		Cabbage	1.000kgs
		Greens	15kgs
		Sugar cane	6nos
		Jaggery	0.500kgs
		Cucumber	2.000kgs
		Cattle feed	2.500kgs
40	Mouse deer		

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Banana	2nos
		Apple	1no
		Cucumber	130gms
		Beans	125gms
		Sweet potato	125gms
		Green Gram	125gms
		Bengal gram	125gms
41	Flying Scurriel		
		Bengal gram	25 gms
		Apple	0.5 No
		Grapes	50 gms
		Bread slices	2 no
		Banana	2 nos
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	25 gms
		Carrot	25 gms
		Cabbage	25 gms
		Sathukudi/orange/mango	0.5 no
		Guava	1 no
		Coconut with shell	75 gms
		Papaya	50 gms
		Greens	50 gms
		Pine apple	25 gms
42	Indian fox		
		Beef with bone	750gms
43	Demoiselle Crane	Live fish	0.200
44	Painted Stork		0.500
45	Adjutant Stork	Live fish	0.500
46	Sarus Crane	Live fish	0.500
47	White Stork	Live fish	0.500
48	White ibis	Live fish	0.200
49	Cattle Egret	Live fish	0.200
50	Little Egret	Live fish	0.200
51	Night Heron	Live fish	0.200
52	Grey Heron	Live fish	0.200
53	Pond Heron	Live fish	0.200
54	Spoon Bill	Live fish	0.200
55	Rosy Pelican	Live fish	1.000
56	Grey Pelican	Live fish	1.000

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
57	White Bellied sea eagle / Serpent eagle	Live fish	0.500
		Beef with Bone	0.500kgs
58	Cormorants	Live fish	0.200
59	Darter	Live fish	0.200
60	Open Bill Stork	Live fish	0.500
61	Glossy Ibis	Live fish	0.200
62	Sea gull brown headed	Live fish	0.200
63	Vulture	Live fish	0.500
		Live fish	0.500
64	Common Indian Kite	Beef with Bone	1.000kgs
		Live fish	200gms
66	Marsh Crocodile	Beef with Bone	3.500kgs
		Live fish	0.250
67	Gharial Crocodile	Beef with Bone	500gms
		Live fish	1.000
68	Salt Water Crocodile	Beef with Bone	4.000kgs
		Live fish	1.000
69	Spectacled Caiman / Dwarf caiman/ African dwarf	Beef with Bone	750gms
		Live fish	1.000
70	Morolet Crocodile	Beef with Bone	750gms
		Live fish	0.250
71	Nile Crocodile (2+1))	Beef with Bone	750gms
		Live fish	1.000
72	Siamese Crocodile	Beef with Bone	750gms
		Live fish	0.250
73	Turtles Flap shell turtle/pond Turtle	Beef with Bone	3.900kgs
74	Star tortoise	Carrot (g)	10gms
		Beans (g)	10gms
		Tomato (g)	10gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Lady's finger	10gms
		Greens (g)	20gms
		pumkin	10gms
75	DOVE		
		shellgrit	20gms
		bengal gram	20gms
		mixed grains	25gms
76	Budgerigars		
		shellgrit	10gms
		bengal gram	5gms
		green gram	5gms
		thinai	10gms
77	Flamingo		
		thinai	300gms
		mixed grains	100gms
78	Macaw		
		Bread slice	1 No
		Green banana	2 Nos
		Bengal Gram	25 gms
		Apple	0.5 No
		Sathukudi / Orange /	1 No
		Guava	1 No.
		Ground nut (w.o.s.)	50 gms
		Chilly fruit	5 gms
		Garlic	10 gms
		Cucumber	50 gms
		Greens	20 gms
		Banana	2nos
		coconut	0.2nos
		Beans	20gms
		sunflower seed	20gms
79	Cockatoos		
		Apple	½ No
		Sathukudi/ Orange Mango	1 no
		Guava	1 Nos.,
		Tomato	50 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Groundnut (w.o.s)	50 gms
		Sweet Potato	50 gms
		Bread Slice	1 No
		Egg (Boiled)	1 No
		Green Banana	1 No
		Carrot	50 gms
		Sunflower seeds	10 gms
		Banana	1no
		Greens	20 gms
		Beans	20gms
		Chilly fruit	5 gms
80	African Grey Parakeet / Eclectus Parrot		
		Bread Slice	1/2 No
		Apple	0.25 No
		Sathukudi / orange /	0.25no
		Guava	0.25no
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	20 gms
		Garlic	5 gms
		Green Gram	10 gms
		Sun flower seeds	10 gms
		Greens	10 gms
		Chilly fruit	5 gms
		carrot	25gms
		banana	0.5nos
		papaya	25gms
		Grapes	20gms
		beans	10gms
81	Cocktails		
		Green Grams	10 gms
		Mixed Grains	10 gms
		Thinai	10 gms
		White Bengal gram	10 gms
		Greens	10 gms
		Onion	10 gms
		Shell Grit	4 gms
82	Black swan		
		Cabbage	25 gms
		Wheat	50 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Paddy	50 gms
		White Bengal Gram	25 gms
		Carrot	25 gms
		Greens	10 gms
83	Greygoose		
		Paddy	50 gms
		White Bengal Gram	25 gms
		Carrot	25 gms
		Cabbage	25 gms
		Greens	10 gms
		Cucumber	100 gms
		Bred	1slice
		Wheat	50 gms
84	Conure		
		Bread Slice	1/2 No
		Apple	0.25 No
		Sathukudi / orange /	0.25no
		Guava	0.25no
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	20 gms
		Garlic	5 gms
		Green Gram	10 gms
		Sun flower seeds	10 gms
		Greens	10 gms
		Chilly fruit	5 gms
		carrot	25gms
		banana	0.5nos
		papaya	25gms
		Grapes	20gms
		beans	10gms
85	Parakeet sps		
		Bread Slice	1/2 No
		Apple	0.25 No
		Sathukudi / orange /	0.25no
		Guava	0.25no
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	20 gms
		Garlic	5 gms
		Green Gram	10 gms
		Sun flower seeds	10 gms
		Greens	10 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Chilly fruit	5 gms
		carrot	10 gms
		banana	0.5nos
		beans	10gms
		Shellgrit	20 gms
		Bengal gram	20 gms
		mixed grains	10gms
86	Love Birds		
		Apple	25 gms
		Banana	0.5 Nos
		Onion	10 gms
		Greens	10 gms
87	Peafowl		
	Indian Peafowl	Cabbage	50 gms
	White Peafowl	Mixed Grains	25 gms
		Paddy	150 gms
		White Bengal Gram	50 gms
		Greens	100 gms
		Garlic	10 gms
		onion	30gms
		Ground nut (w.o.s)	50 gms
		Green grams	25 gms
		Shellgrit	20 gms
		broiler feed	200gms
88	Pheasant		
	Silver Pheasant		
	Golden Pheasant		
		Bengal Gram	15 gms
		Mixed Grains	25 gms
		Onion	30 gms
		Greens	50 gms
		Shell grit	20 gms
		Sunflower seeds	10 gms
		Green gram	25 gms
		Broiler feed	150gms
89	Ring necked Pheasant		
		Onion	30 gms

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Greens	50 gms
		Sunflower seeds	10 gms
		Green gram	25 gms
90	Demoiselle crane		
		Mixed Grain	75 gms
		Shell Grit	20 gms
		Thinai	25 gms
91	Cassowary		
		Guava	10 nos
		milk	400ml
		Papaya	500 gms
		Rice (cooked)	500 gms
		Tomato	250 gms
		Pine apple	500 gms
		Green banana	5 nos
		Maize(Soaked& Boiled)	250 gms
		Wheat	500 gms
92	EMU		
		Green gram	250 gms
		Wheat (Soaked)	250 gms
		Rice (cooked)	250 gms
		milk	400ml
		Tomato	100 gms
		Green banana	3 nos
		Maize	250 gms
93	RHEA		
		Carrot	200gms
		cabbage	200gms
		Greens	1Kgs
94	Ostrich		
		Greens	1.500kgs
		Bengal Gram	500gms
		Ostrich layer Feed	1.600kgs

S.No.	Animal	Diet chart	Quantity
		Green gram(Sprouted)	3kgs
95	Owl		
		Beef with bone	200gms
96	Shikra		
		live chicks	1no
		Beef with bone	50 gms
97	Rock python		
		Live chicken(MonthlyTwice)	2kgs
98	Reticulated Python		
		Live Quail (MonthlyTwice)	4nos
99	Iguana		
		Carrot	250 gms
		Cabbage	250 gms
		Tomato	250 gms
		Greens	250 gms
		Beans	250 gms
100	Indian Cobra	live chicks(Weekly once)	4
101	Rat snake	live chicks(Weekly once)	3
102	Russel's Viper	live chicks(Weekly once)	4
103	Sand Boa	live chicks(Weekly once)	3
104	Ball Python	live chicks(Weekly once)	3
105	Water Monitar Lizard	live chicks(Weekly once)	4
106	Jungle cat	live chicks(Weekly once)	3
107	Palm Civet cat	live chicks(Weekly once)	3
108	Monitor Lizard	live chicks(Weekly once)	1
109	Anaconda	live chicks(Weekly once)	5

VACCINATION SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

FELIDS			
ANIMALS	VACCINES	BOOSTER	REMARKS
Royal Bengal Tiger (including White Tigers)	IRT, FPV,FCV,RABIES	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Lion	IRT, FPV,FCV,RABIES,CDV	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Leopard	IRT, FPV,FCV,RABIES	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
CANIDS			
ANIMALS	VACCINES	BOOSTER	REMARKS
Striped hyena	DHLPPi ,RABIES	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Wild dog	DHLPPi ,RABIES	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Jackal	DHLPPi ,RABIES	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Wolf	DHLPPi ,RABIES	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
HERBIVORES			
ANIMALS	VACCINES	BOOSTER	REMARKS
Elephants	HS,ANTHRAX , TETANUS,FMD	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Indian Gaur	FMD, BQ, HS	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Zebra	TETANUS	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Giraffe	TETANUS	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Wild ass	TETANUS	Annual	Vaccination given as per the schedule
Nilgai	FMD, BQ, HS	Annual,Pre Monsoon	Vaccination given as per the schedule

The Zoo Veterinary Hospital follows a strategic deworming protocol tailored to each species, considering enclosure type, environment, animal density, rotation schedule, housing, immune status, and species variation. Deworming is carried out based on egg count evaluation per field as per AAZP's scheduled plan.

DISINFECTION SCHEDULE

S. No	Species de-wormed	2025										2026		
		Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
1	Bears	***			***				***			***		
2	Lion (Zoo & Rescue)	***			***				***			***		
3	Panther & Jaguar			***			***			***				***
4	Tiger (Zoo& Rescue)		***			***			***			***		
5	Hippopotamus			***			***			***				
6	Elephant			***			***			***				***
7	Indian Gaur	***			***				***			***		
8	Deer, Otter		***			***			***			***		
9	Crocodiles, Tortoises			***			***			***				***
10	Monkeys	***			***				***			***		
11	Jackal		***			***			***			***		
12	Terrestrial birds, Aquatic birds		***			***			***			***		
13	Ostrich, birds of prey		***			***			***			***		
14	Nocturnal animals	***			***				***			***		
15	Snakes	***			***				***			***		
16	Wild dog	***			***				***			***		
17	Wild boar	***			***				***			***		
18	Wild ass		***			***			***			***		
19	Zebra, Giraffe	***			***				***			***		
20	Hyena			***			***			***			***	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Regular Preventive disinfection (Kohrsolin)
- Specific disinfection for Bactericidal and Fungal infection, Vaccination covered virus, Vaccination uncovered virus, for Tuberculosis.
- In house spray- Proper cleaning of exhibits/ housing areas
- Cleaning of feed/ water troughs
- Application of turmeric powder inside (floor and walls) and around enclosures.
- Providing adequate disinfection with 1% Potassium permanganate for dips and rinses.
- Removal of left-over feed in the exhibit
- Disinfection of vehicles used inside the zoo, especially vehicles having everyday access to the feed store (feed / beef/ fish supply vehicle/ tractors)
- Cleaning and disinfection of equipment with 1% Potassium permanganate before and after use.
- Rodent control by proofing / physical barriers



MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- For specific disinfection
- Spraying of Butox / Clinar inside enclosures
- Applying calcium carbonate during onset of rainy season in the enclosures (mud / swamp area) as a disinfection protocol

QUATERLY SCHEDULE

- Clearing of weeds / vegetation
- Scraping of top soil substrate.
- Testing the pH of the water in avian enclosures (marine) recycling/ refilling if found acidic.

ANNUAL SCHEDULE

- Fumigation
- White washing
- Painting
- Change of sand/ Fumigation of old sand substrate

HEALTH CHECK –UP OF EMPLOYEES FOR DISEASE

S. NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	DATE OF HEALTH CHECK UP	FINDING OF HEALTH CHECK - UP
1	Health Check up	Zoo staff	10.07.2025	No major finding
2	Health Check up	Zoo staff	04.03.2026	No major finding

DEVELOPMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT IN THE ZOO (2025 -2026)

1	Establishment of Rat breeding centre
2	Constructions of four new toilets
3	Construction of differently abled toilets -2 nos near point calimere aviary and Reptile house
4	Renovation of deer safari
5	Purchase of BOV for the use of differently abled person
6	Desilting and strengthening of percolation pond in Range III
7	Installation of new thatched sheds
8	Construction of new wild boar shelter
9	Renovation of otteri lake
10	Creation of partition in deer enclosures
11	Renovation of rescue centre
12	Wall strengthening at Sambar deer enclosure
13	Renovation of butterfly park
14	Renovation of Director office
15	Stone art painting at various locations
16	Rodent proofing in mouse deer enclosure
17	Renovation of staff quarters
18	Renovation of guest house
19	Renovation of safari road
20	Renovation of feed store
21	Extension of fodder plot 5 acres near otteri lake and near hippo fodder plot
22	Procurement of biodigestor
23	Creation of solar power plant above the feed store
24	Line marking for vehicle parking
25	Construction of two new toilets near safari boarding point and addl parking

Enrichment activities undertaken in enclosures:

To ensure well being of animals a series of enrichment activities were undertaken in the enclosures of carnivores, herbivores and birds. Provision for swings, ladders, wooden platforms, perching places, providing food at heights encouraging animals to explore are a few to mention.



Mass Cleanliness Drive:

Arignar Anna Zoological Park organised a cleanliness drive on 19.08.2025 aiming to remove plastic and other waste within the campus. Around 300 zoo staff and 50 volunteers actively participated in the cleanliness drive. Bulk of the organic waste collected was set aside for composting into organic manure. Recyclable plastic items such as bottles and caps were also segregated for recycling. This collective effort stands as a commendable step towards maintaining a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable zoo environment.



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Zoo Venture: Expanding Learning Horizons for Government School Students

Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, continues to strengthen its role in zoo education through impactful Zoo School programmes. As part of its commitment to promoting conservation education among government school students, the zoo has recently revised entry fees to Rs 20 for all government school students and teachers, a significant reduction from the earlier rates (Rs 90 for adults and Rs 50 for children)



To further support inclusive education, the zoo launched the Zoo Venture Programme in July 2025, exclusively for Government and Government-aided Home Care Schools. Held every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., this free initiative accommodates up to 50 students per batch and includes:

- Interactive learning on animal behavior and ecological roles
- Expert-led sessions by zoo Biologists, and Educator
- Guided tours to enhance real-time field experience
- Documentary screenings on wildlife and conservation

Along with refreshments and educational material to the participants.

Schools can register online at <https://aazp.in/zoo-venture/> with an approval letter from the principal.

Since launch, 2000 students across forty batches have participated, with overwhelmingly positive feedback on the learning experience and exposure to wildlife conservation.

The Zoo School, Arignar Anna Zoological Park continue to be a valuable platform that nurturing a generation that is more aware and sensitive toward nature and its conservation.



Zoo Ambassador Programme

To the make the summer vacation engaging the park is organising zoo ambassador for school and college students. In this programme students get exposed to various classes of animal kingdom through field-based learning sessions through the zoo experts. The participants are provided with programme kit. On completion of the programme, students will be titled as zoo ambassador of Vandalur zoo with a certificate, badge and passport which comprises of 10 free visits.



Zoo orientation programme for Visiting Schools

Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) conducts a brief Zoo Orientation Programme for visiting school students. The programme, lasting about 15–20 minutes, provides an overview of the zoo, its functions, and various activities carried out within the park.

During the session, students are introduced to the importance of wildlife conservation, the role of zoos in protecting endangered species, and the need for preserving biodiversity. The programme aims to create awareness and instill a sense of responsibility towards nature and wildlife among young visitors. Students are also being appreciated for their knowledge on wildlife a pop up quiz are being asked an awarded them with medals.

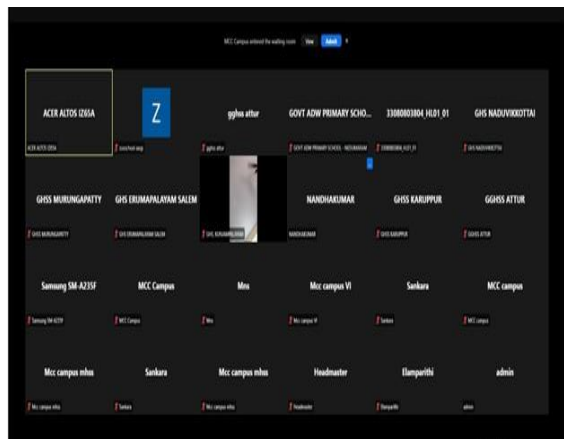


Zoo Outreach

Zoo outreach programmes are regularly conducted for distant schools and colleges with the aim of extending wildlife education beyond the zoo premises. A total of around 120 outreach programmes have been carried out through both online and offline modes.

These programmes focus on creating awareness about wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and the role of zoos in protecting endangered species. Interactive sessions, presentations, and educational activities are organized to engage students and enhance their understanding of environmental issues.

The initiative has helped in reaching a wider audience, particularly students who are unable to visit the zoo, thereby promoting conservation awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature and wildlife.



WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATION 2024

Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) successfully organized Wildlife Week celebrations with a series of engaging events and contests conducted throughout the week. The programme was designed to promote awareness on wildlife conservation and encourage public participation.

A wide range of activities were held in both online and offline modes, including drawing, essay writing, poster making, storytelling, and awareness sessions, catering to different age groups.

The response from the public was highly encouraging, with more than 3,000 participants actively taking part in the various events conducted during the entire Wildlife Week.

The celebration effectively enhanced awareness about wildlife conservation and fostered a sense of responsibility towards protecting biodiversity among the participants



Forest Range Officers trainees field visit:

Forest Range officers trainees from the kundal forest academy, Maharashtra undertook their field visit in Arignar Anna Zoological Park on 27.01.2026. They were introduced to various aspects of zoo management.



International Tiger Day

In connection with International Tiger Day, AAZP organised an online drawing contest for school students. Contest was based on conservation theme. Eighty students participated in the programme. Cash prize and certificate were distributed to the winners.



International Wetland day awareness programme:

In Connection with International Wetlands Day Arignar Anna Zoological Park conducted a field session for students, highlighting the benefits of wetlands and their vital role in biodiversity conservation. The students engaged in role-play activities and gathered information from books, which enhanced their understanding of wetland biodiversity and emphasized the importance of protecting these ecosystems.

International Vulture awareness day

During the month, Arignar Anna Zoological Park actively commemorated significant wildlife awareness days, including International Vulture Awareness Day on 4th September. To mark the occasion, awareness sessions were organized for zoo visitors near vulture enclosure. During the interactive sessions, visitors were briefed about the behavioural characteristics, feeding patterns, ecological significance, and conservation challenges faced by vultures. More than 150 visitors, including students and families, actively participated in the sessions.



Rhino awareness day

On the occasion of World Rhino Day, observed on 22nd September, Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) organized an awareness programme to educate visitors. Visitors were informed about the behavioral traits, feeding habits, ecological importance, and the serious conservation threats faced by rhinos in the wild, such as poaching and habitat loss. The session aimed to inspire visitors to support wildlife conservation efforts and adopt sustainable, wildlife-friendly practices. The event saw active participation from over 150 visitors, including school students, nature enthusiasts, and families.



Elephant Feeding display to visitors:

At Arignar Anna Zoological Park, a new facility has been created for visitors to see elephants being fed at 4PM everyday. This has aroused much interest among the visitors.



Visit of Director, Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna

Director of Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park and his team comprising Deputy Director and Veterinarian visited the zoo on 27.11.2025. To discuss on exchange proposal in process between both the zoos. Visiting team has expressed their willingness to give a giraffe to our zoo.



Establishment of Rat breeding centre - A Step towards sustainable animal care

Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) has strengthened its sustainable zoo management by establishing a Rat Breeding Unit alongside its existing mealworm, superworm, and roaches rearing units. This initiative ensures a steady supply of protein-rich live feed for zoo animals while reducing costs and dependence on external sources.



Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) requires around 241 rats every week to meet the dietary needs of its diverse collection of snakes, lizards, and raptors. The zoo is home to 16 species of snakes, 4 species of owls, and 5 species of vultures, all of which rely on rats as a vital part of their nutrition.

AAZP procured its supply of rats from the recognised Irula Cooperative Society, However, with the increasing demand and the need for a steady, reliable source, the zoo has taken a forward-looking step by establishing its own Rat Breeding Centre. The facility currently houses 360 breeding pairs, which are already breeding successfully and steadily contributing to the zoo's feed requirements.

Reptiles such as snakes and lizards generally prefer live feed, and the size and age of the rats provided vary according to the species.

- Pinkies – for beauty snakes, green vine snakes
- 7-day-old rats – for juvenile anacondas
- 10-day-old rats – for boas and water snakes
- 2-week-old rats – for pythons, owls, and vultures
- 3-week-old rats – for rat snakes, vipers, kraits, cobras, and monitor lizards

This initiative represents more than just a feed supply solution—it is a significant stride towards sustainable animal care practices. By developing an in-house breeding facility, AAZP has reduced dependence on external suppliers while ensuring that its reptiles and raptors receive a consistent, nutritious, and welfare-oriented food supply. The Rat Breeding Unit thus stands as a testimony to the zoo’s commitment to animal welfare, innovative management, and long-term conservation goals.



Grievance meetings:

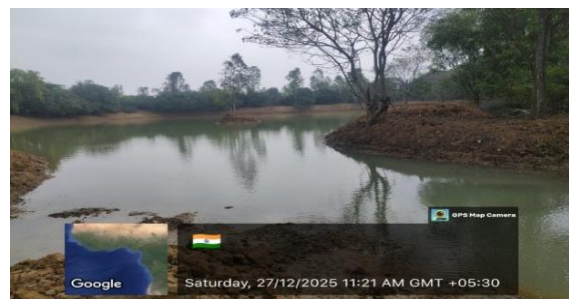
AAZP has initiated the practice of conducting weekly grievance meetings, providing workers an opportunity to share their problems, concerns, and positive feedback with the respective Forest Range Officers. The objective of these meetings is to encourage open communication and create a better, more supportive workplace environment.



CSR INITIATIVES

ICICI Foundation

ICICI Foundation has supported the zoo through several key initiatives, including the installation of an organic biodigester with a capacity of 1000 kg, and the desilting and deepening of the percolation pond located near the LTM breeding centre and veterinary hospital. The Foundation has also provided a forklift and crane to facilitate safe animal translocation, along with essential cages for animal transport and quarantine equipment for the veterinary hospital. Additionally, green seeds were sown at various locations within the premises; however, the success rate of germination has been observed to be low.



Sulabh international under the sponsorship of SunTV network, has constructed four new toilet, two nos of special toilets for differently abled persons. The locations includes near the exit gate, near the lion moat, near bird area and near the bear junction. Differently abled toilets are provided near snake and point calimere aviary.



Visit of Hon'ble Forest Minister



The Hon'ble Minister of Forests & Khadi, Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R. S. Rajakannappan, visited AAZP and interacted with 15 mahouts and cavadies who successfully completed elephant care training at the Thailand Elephant Conservation Centre, Lampang, held from 17th to 21st June 2025.

The Minister highlighted that this training will greatly benefit the work at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) and Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) elephant camps. He noted that this was the second government-led training initiative in Thailand, aimed at enhancing the skills of mahouts and cavadies while ensuring the health and well-being of camp elephants.



SEASONAL SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR ANIMALS

Arignar Anna Zoological Park follows unique and innovative summer management plan for all mammals, birds and reptiles. All the animals were provided with sufficient shade and adequate water. Shade net were provided at required places to beat the penetration of direct sunlight in the zoo.

Mega herbivorous animals like Rhinoceros, Elephant, Hippopotamus, Giraffe, Zebra were provided with water showers / with sprinklers. Manchon grass thatched sheds were also provided well in advance of summer in all enclosures. Elephants in the zoo have been given shower and allowed to wallow in the pond twice every day to provide relief from heat. Special dietary arrangements have been made for primates, bears and elephants to cool them off. All deer enclosures have been provided with new thatched sheds.

For most of the bird enclosures gunny bags were tied on top and side of the enclosures and sprayed with cool water during hot hours of the day, this reduced the temperature inside the enclosure drastically. Sprinkling of water has been arranged in enclosures housing ostrich, terrestrial birds, and in the walk-through aviary. Shade net were provided at required places to beat the penetration of direct sunlight, in the enclosures namely Exotic birds, Water and terrestrial bird aviary.

Carnivores were provided with frozen meat while primates and bears were given fruits frozen in ice cubes. Cervids in the zoo and in safari were provided with extra shade, water and special feeds. Shade nets cutting off sunlight, have been provided for white tiger and panther enclosures. In spite of high temperature, there was good sighting of butterflies in the butterfly park. Proposed summer management done at the park by providing foggers, misters, and by providing adequate shade to the host and nectar plants.

The reptiles come under severe stress during summer. In order to improve their comfort level, heat relief measures are undertaken. Serpentarium has been provided with mud mounds and mud pots in multiple tiers to ensure differential temperature for facilitating their different physiological functions.

RESEARCH WORK CARRIED OUT

S.No	Name & Department	Research	Period
1.	Dr.D.Sankar Ganesh, Vellore Institute of Technology	Kairomone identification form captive felids to develop formulations for rodent pest management	Nov 2024 to Nov 2026
2.	AIWC (R,T&E) MoFF Scheme 2024-25	Evaluation of stress hormone in selected captive wild animals/faecal samples at regular intervals from different captive carnivores & herbivores at AAZP	One year January 2025 to January 2026
3.	Ms.Aparna, Research Scholar & Dr.M.Nagarajan, Associate Professor, Department of Genomic Science, Central University of Kerala	To carry out study on "Molecular Characterization of Indian Wild and Domestic Dog with the collection of fecal sample from Indian Wild dog Dhole, Indian Wolf, Indian Jackal in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur.	March 2025 to February 2026
4.	Dr. S. Abinaya M.Sc student, Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Orathanadu. Thanjavur.	Forensic Anatomy of hair in domestic and wild mammals such as Indian Gaur, Asiatic Elephant, Spotted deer, Wild dog and wild cat	August 2025 to February 2026
5.	Mr. P. Masswin Joal, Ph.D., Scholar, Dr. Ambedkar Govt., Arts College, Vyasarpadi	A comparison of wild & captive: A non-invasive genome iodation & dynamics, parasitology study in Royal Bengal Tiger (Panthera Tigris)	One year September 2025 to September 2026
6.	Dr. Mohanned Rameez K, PG Diploma, Scholar, Department of WLS, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai	"Evaluation of anthelmintic efficacy of fenbendazole in captive Indian Rock Python with collection of fecal from captive Indian Rock Python	6 months April 2025 to October 2025
7.	Dr. S. Parthiban, Professor & Head, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Madras Veterinary College	Swap monitoring if antimicrobial resistance cheats (SMART) in Animal Human interface areas : one health approach	Sep 2025 to Aug 2026
8.	Ms. Purna Sharma, Ph.D., Scholar (Wildlife Science)	An Assessment of Welfare measures for Elephants in Indian Zoo.	Dec 2025 to May 2026
9.	Thiru. Manish Meena, Ph.D., Scholar, IITM	Analysing Energy & Carbon balance in urban Forest area in & around, Chennai	Two years February 2026 to February 2028
10	Ms. Nayana Prasanna, Post Graduate Student of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Nesting dynamics of colonial waterbirds in Tamil Nadu UAV driven efficacy assessment & nest site selection strategies	6 months February 2026 to August 2026

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

Sl. No.	Name of the Researcher	Description of the study	Period of Study
1	Dr. Sreekumar, Prof & Head Dept of WLS, MVC	123 Students of 4 th year B.V.Sc& A.H Student (Batch 2020-21) – Course work in VMD – Department of Veterinary Medicine (4+1) Unit 4 (Zoo & Wild Animal Medicine)	06.04.2025
2	Dr. Sreekumar, Prof & Head Dept of WLS, MVC	10 Students of Post Graduate Diploma in Wildlife Animal Diseases Management (PGDWADM, 24-25) – as part of contact classes	12.07.2025
3	The Dean, Veterinary College & Research Institute, Salem – 636 112.	37 undergraduate Student as part of curriculum veterinary medicine (4+1) fourth professional year B.V.SC & A.H (2021-22)	30.03.2026
4	Dr. Sreekumar, Prof & Head Dept of WLS, MVC	National training program on “Current practices in diagnostic imaging endoscopy & clinical Interventional procedure” faculty members of SVAU & ICAR participated	31.01.2026
5	Dr. Sreekumar, Prof & Head Dept of WLS, MVC	126 Students, each batch of 7 of veterinary student 2020-21	10.10.2025 to 07.04.2026 (Period of 10 days)
6	Dr. Sreekumar, Prof & Head Dept of WLS, MVC	10 Students of PG Diploma in Wildlife Animal Diseases Management	12.07.2025
7	The Dean, Veterinary College & Research Institute, Salem – 636 112.	38 Undergraduate of fourth professional year as part of curriculum Veterinary Medicine	12.06.2025
8	Dr. Sreekumar, Prof & Head Dept of WLS, MVC	20 Nos of Scientists Assistant Professor visited as exposure visit	08.02.2025

CONSERVATION BREEDING PROGRAMME OF THE ZOO

Arignar Anna Zoological Park has been designated as a conservation breeding centre for Nilgiri Langur, Lion Tailed Macaque and Nilgiritahr. The conservation breeding centre for Lion tailed macaque was established with the support of Central Zoo Authority

CONSERVATION BREEDING

The Conservation Breeding Programme is a science of conserving a species by preventing imminent population collapse in the wild due to a large number of eliminative pressures (i.e. habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, industrialization, poaching, illegal trade and climate change etc.). The aim of the Conservation Breeding Programme is to conserve the genetic diversity of the species and restock or reintroduce the species to re-establish self sustaining population in its natural wild habitat. The zoo plays major role in helping conserving a species through ex-situ conservation breeding programme. The individuals of a species are maintained in off exhibit areas under different selection pressure.

Arignar Anna Zoological Park is a coordinating zoo in conservation breeding of Lion Tailed Macaque, Nilgiri langur and Nilgiri tahr. The Zoo has two half exhibit dry moated enclosures away from visitors area by promoting natural simulated environment. The Zoo currently has a population of 21 nos of Lion tailed macaque and 21 nos Nilgiri langur

The ever-increasing threats to natural ecosystems have caused several habitats to be degraded and thereby species to become severely threatened with extinction. Faced with this extinction crisis, the ex-situ conservation of threatened species is a viable alternative to conserve these species. Zoos today function not only as venues for exhibition of animals and educating of the visiting public but also as centers of conservation and research.

ANIMAL ACQUISITION/TRANSFER/EXCHANGE

Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur has a well-established animal collection plan. The Zoo has viable collection of endemic and endangered species representing India and other countries. This has been made possible mostly by exchange programme with other Zoos. The Park has the distinction of having one of the largest animal as well as species collection in the country.

For any exchange programme to succeed, the animal should be behaviorally compatible with the new environment and should also successfully breed. Inbreeding among zoo population is an important problem, which results in depression of genetic vigor. Hence new blood lines are required to be regularly introduced to maintain the genetic vigor of the species. Animal exchange is a standard practice wherein the surplus and single sexed animals are exchanged between the zoos to balance their sex ratios as well as to sustain the population in the Zoo. Considering the above, animal exchange programmes were carried out at Arignar Anna Zoological Park with other Indian Zoos

ACQUISITION DETAILS OF ANIMALS BETWEEN 01-04-2023 TO 31-03-2024 AT AAZP

MAMMALS:

Sl. No	Name of the species	Scientific Name	Date	Sex	Place
1	Leopard cat	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	4.11.2023	1:1	Jambu Zoo, Jammu
2	Himalayan Black Bear	<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>	18.11.2023	1:1	Jambu Zoo, Jammu

DISPOSAL DETAIL OF THE ANIMALS FROM 01-04-2025 TO 31-03-2026 AT AAZP

MAMMALS

Sl. No	Name of the species	Scientific Name	Date	Sex	Place	Remarks
1	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	18.11.23	1:1	Jambu Zoo, Jammu	-

RESCUE AND REHABILITATION OF WILD ANIMALS

RESCUE CENTRE

MONTH	MAMMALS	BIRDS	REPTILES
April	2	1	-
May	-	2	-
June	1	-	1
July	-	-	-
August	-	1	-
Sept	-	2	-
Oct	1	1	-
Nov	2	2	-
Dec	1	-	-
Jan	1	-	-
Feb	1	1	-
Mar	-	-	-
TOTAL			

A Rescue Centre was established in Arignar Anna Zoological Park in the year 2000 under 100% financial assistance provided by the Central Zoo Authority to accommodate 40 Lions and 20



Tigers, in the wake of the ban imposed on exhibition in circus. Lions and Tigers displayed by various Circus companies were seized and kept in the Rescue Centre. For the upkeep and maintenance of the rescued lions and tigers, 100% financial assistance is given by the Central Zoo Authority every year. At present, 1 Lion housed in the rescue center

RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

Extremely sick animals, orphaned and neonatal animals are taken into in-patient animal ward. These animals are attended throughout the day; their treatment, feeding and nutrition is taken care of at zoo veterinary hospital. After the completion of treatment protocols and when the animal is fit to be released, they are sent back to their respective enclosures. Rescued animals from regions around the zoo come to the Zoo Veterinary Hospital for emergency treatment.

Confiscated animals from the Headquarters and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau are received and maintained in the hospital transit animal facilities till the time they are released back.

The possession of wildlife or wildlife related articles is an offence as per Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Thus Wildlife trade is illegal and stringent actions are being taken against the offenders. Joint endeavors of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Wildlife Crime control bureau, Advance Institute for Wildlife Conservation and Arignar Anna Zoological Park have rescued many indigenous and exotic animals from illegal wildlife trade. Jackal, geckos, rose ringed parakeet, siamong gibbon, Indian roof turtle, palm civet cat, Bengal tiger were rescued and rehabilitated in AAZP during this financial year 2025-2026

Arignar Anna Zoological Park plays a vital role in rehabilitation of rescued wildlife. Rescued animals are provided a proper shelter simulating their natural habitat. Proper space and enrichments are given to exotic animals.

VETERINARY CARE

MONTH	MAMMALS	BIRDS	REPTILES
April	24	3	5
May	32	4	1
June	78	3	5
July	29	16	2
August	27	10	4
Sept	22	4	1
Oct	30	6	-
Nov	39	3	7
Dec	26	2	6
Jan	12	14	6
Feb	27	1	4
Mar	43	2	8
TOTAL	389	68	49

Management of an Upper Eyelid Tear in an Asiatic Dhole (*Cuonalpinus*)

The Asiatic dhole (*Cuonalpinus*), commonly known as the “whistling dog” or “red dog,” is an endangered canid native to Asia. Socially complex and highly cooperative, dholes often experience intrapack aggression, particularly during estrus. Such conflicts can occasionally result in traumatic injuries requiring veterinary intervention. An adult female dhole presented with a tear in the upper right eyelid, sustained during infighting within the pack during estrus. The injury was characterized by lacerated tissue requiring surgical repair.

Chemical restraint was employed to safely handle the animal. The tear tissue was sutured to restore eyelid integrity. Parenteral antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs were administered immediately post procedure. A course of oral antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medication was continued to prevent infection and reduce inflammation. The wound healed successfully, with complete apposition of the tear tissue achieved uneventfully after three weeks.



a. Dhole with tear in the upper eyelid



b. Sutured wound



c. After complete healing

Management of an extensive excavating neck wound in a Northern Grey Langur (*Semnopithecus entellus*)

Northern grey langurs (*Semnopithecus entellus*) are highly social, troop-living primates and are prone to infighting during territorial disputes, establishment and maintenance of dominance hierarchies, competition for food and mates and due to certain external stressors under captive conditions. Such aggressive encounters can result in varying degrees of injury, which could be fatal. Post-surgical wound management in non-human primates poses a significant challenge, as these animals frequently interfere with sutures, leading to wound dehiscence and subsequent tissue ablations.

An adult male Grey langur was reported with an extensive neck wound following an infighting incident. Initially, the animal was isolated in a night cell and assessed remotely. The wound appeared excavating in nature, involving the cervical region with exposure of major blood vessels, airway structures, oesophagus and cervical musculature, thereby posing a serious risk to the animal's survival. Considering the potential risks associated with handling stress, anaesthesia, anaerobic infection, abscess formation, suture tensioning and the animal's tendency to disrupt sutures, the wound was left open without surgical closure and managed by healing through secondary intention. The treatment protocol consisted of parenteral long-acting antibiotics, anti-inflammatory and antiparasitic medications administered under physical restraint in a squeeze cage during the initial phase, followed by a course of oral antibiotics. The wound was lavaged daily with povidone iodine diluted in normal saline to reduce microbial load and facilitate healing. Over a period of one month of intensive care, the animal showed progressive wound contraction and epithelialization, resulting in complete healing. The animal recovered uneventfully and is in the process of socialization with the troop.



Excavating wound on the neck of Grey langur



Langur with scar on its neck after complete healing

Release of Indian Star tortoise



Indian star tortoises with temporary markings on release

The Indian star tortoise (*Geochelone elegans*) is a threatened species native to India and Sri Lanka. It has been found in a variety of habitats including rainy deciduous forests, dry grasslands and semi-desert regions. In September 2024, confiscated and rescued Indian star tortoises were received from Chennai International Airport and handed over by the Chennai Forest Headquarters Range. As they were confiscated, stressed animals were stabilized at the transit area of Arignar Anna Zoological Park. During the stabilization period, they were closely monitored for health conditions and feeding behavior. Some animals became lethargic and subsequently died. All animals were administered parenteral fluids, multivitamins and prophylactic antibiotics. During rehabilitation, minerals and vitamins supplements were administered primarily to support overall health and promote strong shell growth through diet. Plants such as prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia spp.*), Coatbuttons (*Tridax procumbens*), Hibiscus and Veldt grape (*Cissus quadrangularis*) were provided to the tortoises to mimic their natural diet within the enclosure. Following successful rehabilitation, required permissions were acquired as per the existing rules and regulations, to release into suitable natural habitat. Animals were released with temporary markings in the Pulikundram forest range, which had multiple water bodies and suitable vegetation such as Prickly pear cactus, Coatbuttons, veldt grape, conkerberry (*Carisa spinarum*) and Puncture Vine (*Tribulus terrestris*) which are plant species available in the forest.

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Jan-2026)				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		
28.	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
29.	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
30.	Common Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Total Aves	30		82	100	340	522	0	0	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	82	100	343	525		
Mammalia																								
1.	# Blackbuck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	11	15	0	26	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	16	2	29
2.	Chital/ Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	24	26	9	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	26	8	58	
3.	Indian Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>	1	5	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	7	
4.	Indian Bison, Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	11	15	19	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	10	13	19	42		
5.	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	8	18	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	16	0	24		
6.	Indian Jackal	<i>Canis aureus indicus</i>	8	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	9		
7.	Indian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus pallipes</i>	7	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	11		
8.	Asiatic Wild Dog, Dhole, Indian Wild Dog, Red Dog	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	4	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	7		
9.	Indian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
10.	Indian Wild Ass	<i>Equus hemionus khur</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		
11.	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	4	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	7		
12.	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4		
13.	Indian Crested Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	1	2	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	11		
14.	Gray Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3		
15.	Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		
16.	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	19	14	72	105	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	14	75	108		
17.	Bonnet Macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>	16	2	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	0	18		
18.	Lion-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca silenus</i>	3	4	14	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	14	21		
19.	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		
20.	Indian Chevrotain, Mouse Deer	<i>Moschiola indica</i>	6	8	6	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	6	20		
21.	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3		
22.	Tiger (leucistic/White)	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	2	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	0	8		
23.	Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	6	9	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	0	15		
24.	# Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	0	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	6		
25.	Leopard Cat	<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		
26.	Malayan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		
27.	Malabar Giant Squirrel (Indian Giant Squirrel)	<i>Ratufa indica</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock (01-Jan-2026)				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		
28.	Indian Rhinoceros (Greater One-horned Rhino)	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	
29.	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i>	6	17	3	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	17	3	26	
30.	# Sambar Deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	10	39	66	115	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	70	17	137	
31.	Bengal Hanuman langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	4	5	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	1	10	
32.	Nilgiri Langur	<i>Semnopithecus johnii</i>	8	10	3	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	3	21	
33.	Ghats Grey langur	<i>Semnopithecus thersites</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
34.	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	3	1	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	9	13	
35.	Himalayan Black Bear	<i>Ursus thibetanus laniger</i>	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	
36.	Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
37.	Fox Common	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Total Mammalia	37		174	226	216	616	0	0	30	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	6	4	215	254	171	640		
Reptilia																								
1.	Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	19	49	8	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	17	47	7	71
2.	Saltwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
3.	Russell's Viper	<i>Daboia russelii</i>	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	
4.	Red Sand Boa	<i>Eryx johnii</i>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
5.	Whitaker's Boa	<i>Eryx whitakeri</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
6.	Checkered Keelback	<i>Fowlea piscator</i>	1	2	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	10	
7.	Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>	3	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	
8.	Indian Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	0	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	18	18	
9.	Black Pond Turtle, Black Spotted Turtle, Hamilton's Terrapin, Spotted Pond Turtle	<i>Geoclemys hamiltonii</i>	0	0	32	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	32	
10.	Indian flapshell turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	
11.	Reticulated Python	<i>Malayopython reticulatus</i>	0	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	8	
12.	Tricarinate Hill Turtle	<i>Melanochelys tricarinata</i>	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
13.	Spectacled Cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	
14.	King Cobra	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	
15.	Assam Roof Turtle	<i>Pangshura sylhensis</i>	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2		
16.	Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	
17.	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	
18.	Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	

S.No	Animal	Scientific Name	Sex	Date
19	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:00:01	01.10.2025
20	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	00:00:02	26.10.2025
21	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:00:02	29.10.2025
22	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:00:01	19.11.2025
23	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:00:01	20.11.2025

Birds				
S.No	Animal	Scientific Name	Sex	Date
1	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:02	02.01.2026
2	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	05.01.2026
3	Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	00:00:01	05.01.2026
4	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:01	10.01.2026
5	Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	00:00:01	12.01.2026
6	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	15.01.2026
7	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:02	27.01.2026
8	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:01	02.02.2026
9	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	05.02.2026
10	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	16.02.2026
11	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:01	25.02.2026
12	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:01	05.03.2026
13	Parakeet Alexandrine	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	00:00:01	08.03.2026
14	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:01	17.03.2026
15	Blue and Gold Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	00:00:01	22.03.2026
16	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:01	28.03.2026
17	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	28.03.2026
18	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	00:00:12	05.06.2025
19	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	00:00:08	06.06.2025
20	Peafowl White	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	00:00:02	06.06.2025
21	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:03	08.06.2025
22	Peafowl White	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	00:00:05	08.06.2025
23	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:03	22.08.2025
24	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:02	29.08.2025
25	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:02	07.09.2025
26	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	00:00:03	27.09.2025
27	Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	00:00:02	06.10.2025

Reptiles

Nil

DEATH DETAILS DURING 2025-2026

DEATH DETAILS OF THE ANIMALS BETWEEN 01-04-2025 TO 31-03-2026 AT AAZP

Mammals				
S.No	Animal	Scientific Name	Sex	Date
1	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	01:00:00	13.04.2025
2	Nilgiri Langur	<i>Semnopithecus johnii</i>	00:01:00	17.04.2025
3	Mouse Deer	<i>Moschiola indica</i>	00:01:01	29.06.2025
4	Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	01:00:00	25.09.2025
5	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	01:00:00	18.10.2025
6	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:01:00	31.10.2025
7	Indian Gaur (Calf)	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:01:00	03.11.2025
8	Nilgiri Langur	<i>Semnopithecus johnii</i>	01:00:00	19.11.2025
9	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	00:00:01	04.01.2026
10	Nilgai Deer	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	00:01:00	04.01.2026
11	Barking Deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	01:00:00	08.01.2026
12	Gibbon Monkey	<i>Hylobates spp.</i>	01:00:00	11.01.2026
13	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	00:01:00	13.01.2026
14	Sambar Deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	00:01:00	16.01.2026
15	White Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	00:01:00	19.01.2026
16	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	01:00:00	20.01.2026
17	Nilgai Deer	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	00:01:00	21.01.2026
18	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	01:00:00	15.02.2026
19	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	01:00:00	16.02.2026
20	Mouse Deer	<i>Moschiola indica</i>	01:00:00	16.02.2026
21	Blackbuck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	01:00:00	06.03.2026
22	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	00:00:01	08.03.2026
23	Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	00:01:00	15.03.2026

Birds				
S.No	Animal	Scientific Name	Sex	Date
1	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax spp.</i>	00:00:01	04.04.2025
2	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	00:00:01	11.04.2025
3	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	00:00:01	12.04.2025
4	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>	01:00:00	28.04.2025
5	Fischer's Lovebird	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	00:00:01	12.05.2025
6	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	00:00:02	17.05.2025
7	Java Sparrow	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	00:00:01	21.05.2025
8	White Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	00:00:01	04.06.2025
9	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	00:00:01	11.06.2025
10	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	00:00:01	15.06.2025
11	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	16.06.2025
12	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	00:00:01	17.06.2025
13	Harlequin Macaw	<i>Ara spp.</i>	00:00:01	19.06.2025
14	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	28.06.2025
15	Diamond Dove	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	00:00:01	29.06.2025
16	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	00:01:00	03.07.2025
17	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	03.07.2025
18	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	05.07.2025
19	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	00:00:01	18.07.2025
20	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	19.07.2025
21	Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>	00:00:01	25.07.2025
22	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	01.08.2025
23	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	06.08.2025
24	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	09.08.2025
25	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	18.08.2025
26	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	00:00:01	18.08.2025
27	Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>	00:00:01	19.08.2025
28	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	22.08.2025
29	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	25.08.2025
30	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	29.08.2025
31	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:02	01.09.2025
32	Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	00:00:01	12.09.2025
33	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:02	24.09.2025
34	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>	00:00:01	25.09.2025
35	Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	00:00:01	02.10.2025

Birds				
S.No	Animal	Scientific Name	Sex	Date
36	Green-cheeked Conure	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	00:00:01	18.10.2025
37	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	22.10.2025
38	Java Sparrow	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	00:00:01	24.10.2025
39	White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	00:00:01	26.11.2025
40	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	27.11.2025
41	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	01.12.2025
42	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	00:00:01	03.12.2025
43	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	03.12.2025
44	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	00:00:01	10.12.2025
45	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	19.12.2025
46	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	31.12.2025
47	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	04.01.2026
48	Lutino Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	28.01.2026
49	Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	01:00:00	21.01.2026
50	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	00:00:01	04.02.2026
51	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	00:00:01	15.02.2026
52	Lutino Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	16.02.2026
53	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	00:00:01	18.02.2026
54	Diamond Dove	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	00:00:01	22.03.2026
55	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	00:00:01	25.03.2026
56	Cockatiel Grey	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	00:00:01	25.03.2026
57	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	00:00:01	30.03.2026
58	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	00:01:00	31.03.2026

Reptiles				
S.No	Animal	Scientific Name	Sex	Date
1	Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	00:00:01	02.03.2026
2	Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	00:00:01	04.03.2026
3	Saw-scaled Viper	<i>Echis carinatus</i>	00:00:01	05.03.2026
4	Russell's Viper	<i>Daboia russelii</i>	00:00:01	06.03.2026
5	Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	00:00:01	27.03.2026

COMPLIANCE OF CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY CZA

Sl. No.	Norms No under RZR, 2009	Conditions stipulated	Time period to comply	Since when pending	Remarks
1.	10.1(2)	Chain link fence inside open moat should be removed.	Six months	31.12.2020	Removed except enclosure partition.
2.	10.1(2) & 10.1(4)	The nocturnal animal house is in a stage of neglect. It requires total renovation and scientific method of display meeting the needs of nocturnal animals.	One year	31.12.2020	Renovation completed with glass front, active airflow system and complete structural renovation of day kraal including species specific enrichment have been carried out.
3.	10.1(7)	The Zoo Kitchen is using firewood to cook zoo food. It requires total modernization.	One year	31.12.2020	Firewood replaced with LPG stove.
4.	10.1(9) & 10.5(4)	A number of stray cats are noticed within the premises of the Zoo. Since they can be a potential danger of transmitting diseases, steps should be taken to remove them.	Six months	31.12.2020	Controlled and have been monitored.
5.	10.1(9)	Domestic animals like grey Geese and White Dove are displayed in the zoo. They should be removed from the Zoo as prohibited under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Three Months	31.12.2020	Removed.
6.	10.3(3) & 10.4(8)	Construction of new enclosures has taken place to house Bengal Tiger, Mouse Deer, King Cobra, Anaconda etc. Creation of infrastructure in the Zoo should be according the Master Plan and prior approval of drawing should be obtained from the CZA.	Six months.	31.12.2020	Proposal for approval of new enclosures constructed has been submitted to the Central Zoo Authority vide this office ref. no. D1/884/2020, dated. 21.02.2020, 19.05.2022 and 27.07.2022.
7.	10.4(2)	Night houses in enclosures housing LTM, Nilgiri Langur, Lion Safari Park should be renovated to the standards prescribed by the CZA.	One year	31.12.2020	Regarding Nilgiri Langur enclosure work initiated and in-progress

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8.	10.4(2)	The open moat displaying the hybrid lion has been sub divided into three/four small chain link fenced units for displaying individual lions. It does not meet the minimum dimension prescribed by the CZA and presents an unsightly sight. To be restored to its original size as per norms.	One year	31.12.2020	The Zoo is in the process of acquiring Asiatic Lions through an animal exchange programme with Sakkarbaug Zoo. Upon acquisition, the animals will be kept under observation and their compatibility will be assessed. Based on the behavioural assessment, the animals will be gradually introduced to each other, and the partition will be removed in a phased manner.
9.	10.4(2) & 10.4(3)	The Lion Safari houses hybrid lions and holding kraals 3 or 4 nos. are constructed just in front of the night house and animals caged are kept for display to visitors. The very purpose of Lion Safari with large open area for display of animals is defeated. This should be removed and lions left free (uncaged) in safari park for display. Further, the fencing in the upper portion of the Safari towards the hillock (ridge) is not checked daily for safety and there is no mechanism to ensure it. This should be done without fail.	One year	31.12.2020	Measures will be taken to cover the night shelters from the safari side. Lions are in the process of socialization. Soon after the socialization, animals will be left along with the other lions in the safari. Patrolling passage has been made along the fencing and perambulated frequently.
10.	10.4(3)	In the Deer Safari Park, there is a single door for entry and exit with no double door locking system. It should be modified with double door locking system.	Six months.	31.12.2020	Double door locking system is completed
11.	10.4(5)	Common mongoose is displayed in an enclosure which is against instructions of the CZA. It should be removed.	Six Months.	31.12.2020	Species removed from display.
12.	10.4(9)	Stand-off barrier above 75 cms height and on top fixed with chain link fence. Unsightly and not reduced so far.	Six Months.	31.12.2020, 23.09.2016, 24.06.2013.	Carried out to prevent vandalism and entry of visitors into the moat.

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3. Upkeep and healthcare of animals					
13.	10.5(2)	The zoo is procuring beef from the market. It should be ensured that the supplier has municipal license.	Six Months.	31.12.2020	Meat for animal feed is procured exclusively from Government-registered slaughterhouses and is regularly inspected by Veterinarians, Forest Rangers, and Biologists.
14.	10.5(3)	The cold storage / deep freezer in the zoo feed store is non-functional. A new one to be procured and put to use.	One year	31.12.2020	New cold Storage / deep freezer is installed and functional.
15.	10.5(4)	Daily report prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority should be maintained.	One month.	31.12.2020	Done.
16.	10.6(6)	The Zoo Should take steps to enter into MOU with the TANUVAS or any other eminent institution working in the field of Wild animal health care to fulfill objectives specified under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Six months	31.12.2020 and 23.09.2016	MoU between AAZP and TANUVAS was executed on 03.02.2023 to ensure proper veterinary care of wild animals in captivity with a regular regimen of care and monitoring of health.
17.	10.9(4)	The Zoo is housing single white stork, Demoiselle crane, Indian eagle owl, adjutant stork, vulture. Mates should be acquired with requisite permission or the animals shifted to other zoos for pairing purpose.	Six months	31.12.2020, 23.09.2016, 24.06.2013.	Pair for Indian Eagle owl is obtained. Efforts have been taken to acquire pair for white stoke and vulture.
18	10.9(6)	The species conservation program of LTM, Nilgiri Langur and Gaur are being carried out in the zoo. While the breeding is excellent, the planned breeding of the species by ensuring that the genetic diversity is maintained is not implemented. Further, the subsequent process of identification of site for release, soft release planning is not done so far. This requirement should be fulfilled.	One year	31.12.2020	LTM have bred 76 young ones in the span of 30 years. With regard to planned breeding and maintenance of genetic diversity, steps are being initiated to strengthen the founder stock. Efforts are underway to acquire two male Lion-tailed Macaque individuals from Thiruvananthapuram Zoo and Thrissur Zoo through an Animal Exchange Programme, as proposed vide reference No. 6291/2024/WL1, to avoid inbreeding and enhance genetic variability. In addition, measures have also been initiated for sourcing Lion-tailed Macaque individuals from the wild, with due approvals, vide reference No. WL1/1712/2025, in accordance with statutory provisions.

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19.	10.9(9)	The Zoo houses surplus Rhesus – 40, Peafowl white – 27, Tiger (Normal and White) – 28, Marsh Crocodile – 117, Reticulated Python – 43, Indian Rock Python – 28, Night Heron – 530, Egret – 112, Sambar Deer – 90 (as per annual report). Immediate Population control measures should be taken to curtail breeding and the excess stock to be disposed as per rules.	One year	31.12.2020	Excess animals are being exchanged with other zoological parks under the Animal Exchange Programme. Species having suitable natural habitat within and around the zoo premises are being released into appropriate habitats. Aquatic birds and pythons have been released strictly in accordance with the guidelines of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA, after obtaining due approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW). Further, vasectomy is being carried out in Rhesus Macaques as a population control measure to regulate and manage their breeding
20	10.9(12)	Hybrid African Lions kept in the Zoo are breeding. Should vasectomise all the males, phase out and separate from pure Asiatic Lions. It should be ensured that no hybridization of species or races of same species takes place in the zoo.	Immediately	31.12.2020	At Arignar Anna Zoological Park, no hybridization of species or races of same species take place. Measures to acquire pure Asiatic Lion from Sakkarabaug zoo is in progress through animal exchange program via reference no: CZA computer no 180846.
21.	10.12(2)	The Zoo is housing King Cobra and the anti-venom for the same should be procured and kept in the zoo.	Six months	31.12.2020, and 24.06.2013.	Anti-venom for Indian King Cobra is not available in India and abroad. For other venomous snakes, Poly-valent anti-venom is available in the zoo.

FREE RANGING WILD ANIMALS IN THE ZOO PREMISES

Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur is home to many free ranging wild animals. The following free ranging wild animals are seen inside the open areas of the Zoological Park.

Mammals- Spotted Deer, Mongoose, Black naped hare, Porcupine, Palm civet, Jackal, Jungle cat, Small Indian civet cat and small Rodents

Birds- Painted stork, Grey heron, Night heron, Pond heron, Little egret, Intermediate egret, Cattle egret, Cormorant, Spoon bill, Grey pelican, White ibis, Open billed stork, Pariah kite, Brahminy kite, Red vented bulbul, Red whiskered bulbul, Black drongo, Racket tailed drongo, Indian treepie, Coucal, flame back Woodpecker, Asian koel, Spotted dove, Paradise flycatcher, Chestnut headed bee-eater, Magpie robin, Wagtail, Indian robin, Babbler, Red wattle lapwing, White eye, Common mynah, Palm swift, Hoopoe, Sunbird,

Reptiles- Rat snake, Spectacled cobra, Green vine snake, Copper back tree snake, Trinket, kukri, Olive keel back, Checkered keel back, Russell's viper, Saw scaled viper, Common krait, Monitor lizard, Garden lizard, Gecko, Star tortoise, Indian pond terrapin.

ANIMAL ADOPTION DURING 2025-2026

Arignar Anna Zoological Park is one of the premier wildlife conservation centers in the country. To create love, affection, compassion and kindness among the public towards animals, the animal adoption programme was launched in AAZP. Animal adoption gives the adopter an opportunity to become a conservationist. It supports the highest standard of care for the animals in the zoo towards conservation. The animals in the zoo are the representatives of their counterparts in the wild. The adoption amount is spent on the animal feed and enclosure maintenance.

Benefits for the Animal Adopters:

The Adopted amount is exempted under 80G of the Income Tax Act. Besides an official Certificate of animal adoption, adopter will get complimentary benefits as per the Adopter category. The animal adopter's name will also be displayed in front of the animal enclosure. For further assistance visit www.aazp.in/animal-adoption

During the financial year 2025–2026, more than 1,000 individuals participated in the adoption program. The most commonly adopted species was the Indian cobra. A total adoption amount of Rs. 30,83,520 was received during this period.

Pongal celebration in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur

Pongal celebrations:

Arignar Anna Zoological Park was a major hub for this year Pongal festivities. The park welcomed an impressive crowd of around 75,000 visitors during Pongal days. Zoo management, in coordination with the relevant line departments, has made extensive arrangements to ensure the comfort and convenience of all visitors.



BIRDS CENSUS:

Arignar Anna Zoological Park conducted a synchronized bird census covering both wetland and terrestrial birds, including species active during both day and night. The wetland bird census was held on the month of January 2026 with Otteri Lake serving as an ideal site due to its rich biodiversity and suitable wetland habitat. The



The terrestrial bird census took place on Feb 14 & 15 2026 with surveys conducted along four mapped routes to ensure comprehensive coverage across the zoo. For the bird census, both the direct and point count methods were employed to record the presence and abundance of bird species along the designated routes.

POSTINGS, TRANSFERS, TRAINING, RETIREMENT**NEW POSTINGS AT AAZP**

S.No	Name	Designation	Date of joining	Remarks
1	P. Ramya	Junior Assistant	26.05.2025	Direct

TRANSFERS

S.No	Name	Designation	Date of Relieving	Remarks
2	A.Kopperundevi	Forest Guard	05.06.2025	Direct
3	S. Gururaghavan	FGDL	05.06.2025	Direct
4	C. Palkani	FGDL	05.06.2025	Direct
5	C. Sprinciya	Junior Assistant	21.07.2025	Direct
6	S. Subeetharan	Assistant	24.09.2025	Direct
7	N.B. Thanusanthan	Forester	06.10.2025	Direct

TRANSFER

S.No	Name	Designation	Date of Joining	Remarks
1	K. Ayyanan	Driver	31.01.2026	Transferred to STR circle, Sivagangai Division, Asanur
2	K. Jeeva	Assistant	08.08.2025	Transferred to Chief Conservator of Forests, Villupuram circle
3	A. Saravanan	Forest Range Officer	12.06.2025	Transferred to WLW, Chennai
4	S. Umasankar	Assistant		Transferred to STR circle,
5	K. Yasodha	Junior Assistant	19.07.2025	Transferred to WLW, Chennai
6	Dhanasekaran	Forest Range Officer	15.07.2025	Transferred to Research circle, SFRI, Chennai
7	Subash	Forest Range Officer	12.06.2025	Transferred from DFO, Sivagangai Division
8	Narasimman	Forest Range Officer	31.07.2025	Transferred to WLW, Chennai
9	Sudalaimani	Assistant	05.01.2026	Transferred to DD, STR
10	M. Malathi	Forest Watcher	07.01.2026	Transferred from WLW, Hosur
11	Amutha	Forest Guard	12.03.2025	Transferred from WLW, Chennai

PROMOTIONS

S.No	Name	Designation	Date of Joining	Remarks
1	S. Balaji	Junior Assistant	26.05.2025	Assistant Promotion
2	G. Aravinth	Forest Guard	12.03.2026	Forester Promotion
3	Baskar	Forest Range Officer	13.08.2025	Forester Promotion
4	Thilakraj	DO	03.07.2025	JDO Promotion
5	Ramesh	Forest Watcher	04.08.2025	Forest Guard Promotion
6	Vignesh Babu	Forester	30.05.2025	Forester Promotion
7	Kathiravan	Assistant	05.06.2025	Junior Assistant Promotion

RETIREMENT

S.No	Name	Designation	Date of Retirement	
1	P. Santhi	Superintendent	30.04.2025	
2	M Sekar	Biologist	31.07.2025	
3	Rajendaran K	Plumber	30.04.2025	
4	Srinivasan V	Animal Keeper	31.05.2025	
5	Palani G	Animal Keeper	31.05.2025	
6	GOPAL E	Animal Keeper	31.05.2025	
7	Chithirai S	Assistant Electrician	30.06.2025	
8	Ravi B	Gate Watchman	30.06.2025	
9	Kumar A	Gate Watchman	30.06.2025	
10	Mallika V	Mali	30.06.2025	
11	Samyanathan M	Feed Distribution Helper	30.06.2025	
12	Sambath K	Animal Keeper	30.06.2025	
13	Devaki P	Animal Keeper	30.06.2025	
14	Ekambaram V	Animal Keeper	30.06.2025	
15	Palani N	Animal Keeper	30.06.2025	
16	Ramamoorthi	Gate Watchman	28.02.2026	

Death

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Date of Death	Remarks
2025-26				
1	A. Dhayalan	Gate Watchman	02.10.2025	
2	K. Sadhasivam	Mali	22.12.2025	

