



AURANGABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Sidharth Garden Zoo Aurangabad

Maharashtra

Annual Report -2024-25



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1.REPORT OF THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Aurangabad Zoological Park, Mitmita (Aurangabad), Maharashtra, India.

The City of Aurangabad, also known as the tourist capital of Maharashtra is a fairly big and fastest growing City in Marathwada region of the state of Maharashtra. Marathwada is uniquely placed in the west-central India and is bestowed with unique natural beauty. Marathwada is in rain shadow zone of Sahyadri hills and only 4% of the area is under forest cover. No major protected area (national park or wildlife sanctuary) or zoo falls within Marathwada region.

The existing Zoo in the City of Aurangabad is very small and being in heart of the City is engulfed by dense human landscape. The surrounding area is heavily crowded with little scope of expansion or improvement. It has been decided to relocate the Zoo to a bigger piece of land (54.31 hectare) in the outskirts of Aurangabad. Identified land is within Aurangabad Municipal limit on main route to major tourist destinations like Ellora Caves, Deogiri (Daulatabad) Fort, Ghrushneshwar Jyotilinga Temple, etc. New facility (Aurangabad Zoological Park) is being developed as a state of the art Zoological Park, as show window of the rich floral and faunal biodiversity of western India in general and Marathwada region in particular.

A Master Plan for planned development of the Aurangabad Zoological Park has been prepared and has already been approved by the Central Zoo Authority. The Park is being developed as a major Zoo (medium category zoo as per Central Zoo Authority's classification of zoos) and shall be housing around 500 animals of over 60 odd species. Thematic display of animals has been planned on taxonomical lines for management convenience. Major mammalian species identified for display are tiger, white tiger, Asiatic lion, leopard, jaguar, leopard cat, jungle cat, hyaena, grey wolf, wild dog, jackal, fox, civets, sloth bear, rhesus monkey, bonnet monkey, common langur, baboons, elephant, gour, neelgai, sambhar, chital, black buck, barking deer, mouse deer, whereas, ostrich, emu, pea fowl, red jungle fowl, grey jungle fowl, golden pheasant, silver pheasant, Reeves pheasant, Lady Amherst pheasant, water birds, macaws, parakeets, cockatiel, etc. shall be part of birds collection. Reptilian species like crocodiles, monitor lizard, water monitor, turtles, tortoises and snakes shall form part of the animal collection. An off-display conservation breeding center for wild dog, mouse deer, vultures and Indian pangolin shall be developed for their planned breeding for reintroduction back in the wild in future. An off-display rescue and rehabilitation center has also been established for leopards, sloth bears and other injured, unstable, deformed, old, young, orphaned wild animals from the region.

Most of the animal housings shall be in form of big open-air enclosures. Caged enclosures shall only be provided to birds. Most of the viewing shall be through glass barriers. Moated enclosures shall be avoided on lower slopes taking advantage of natural topographic drops on the site. Only 30% of the Park area has been assigned to the animals housing, whereas 54% area is being developed as green (wood land, lawns, gardens, etc), leaving 16% for the other infrastructure activities.

As mentioned earlier, conservation education is one of the major objectives of the establishment of Park, all efforts shall be made that the Zoological Park follow the best practices available to impress upon the visitors to follow the suit. Rain water harvesting, ground water recharge, solar lighting, use of LED lighting, use of e-vehicles, solid waste management of non-biodegradable waste by re-cycling, re-using and reducing (the use) and by composting of biodegradable waste shall be the mantra.

Plants nursery, vehicle parking zone, entrance Plaza (ticketing, e-ticketing, ticket vending machines, cloak room, food court), central plaza (open air theater, tribal haat, food courts, souvenir shops), veterinary hospital, nature interpretation center, zoo library shall form part of the infrastructure to be provided in the Park.

The Zoological Park is expected to receive over 10 lakh visitors annually. Public utility services like electric vehicles, rest sheds, rest rooms, drink water points, first aid, special arrangement for differently able visitors shall be provided at different locations in the Park.

Almost 90% of the construction work has already been achieved, expecting to be ready by year end. Shifting of animals from the existing Zoo shall be taken up in first quarter of 2026 after stabilization of vegetation (the site was almost devoid of any greenery) under the greening plan.

It is expected to first of its kind smart zoo in the country.

Shaikh Shahed
Director,
Siddharth Garden Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo



2. HISTORY OF THE ZOO

Aurangabad Municipal Corporation established a small zoo during the year 1984, which was named Siddhartha Garden Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo. This Zoo is located in the heart of the city near central Bus stand. The geographic location of this zoo is $19^{\circ} 52'46$ N, $75^{\circ} 18' 57$ E, previously sprawled over an area of about 14 acres. After approval of its Master Plan in 2014, Land from the Garden side has been increased to 34 acres to give adequate space to enclosures of animals housed in zoo. This was approved in General Body Meeting in AMC wide resolution no.574 and dt.18.08.2009. The main purpose of establishing this zoo was to exhibit and rescue the local animals. Initially small animals and local wild animals' species like Jackal, Wolf, Hyena, Monkey, Black Buck, Nilgai, Samber, civet cat, peacock were kept in zoo.

1990s onwards, the zoo transformed itself to preserve endangered species of animals, exhibit of wild animals, their conservation, public education and awareness. The part of this development brought in lion, the tiger, leopards, white tiger, elephant and bear to the zoo. Successive development of zoo continued under the esteemed guidance of Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi.

As a part of zoo education and awareness creation, Municipal zoo established a small 35 mm cinema theatre, called 'Vasundhara' in year 1995 for visualizing various wildlife films. Presently it is under repair and renovation. In the same year a "Snake park" was established in the zoo with due permission from Central Zoo Authority. 10 species of snakes, which include rat snake, python, Russell's viper, cobra, common krait, trinket, earth boa etc. are under display in this snake park. The snake park is a good education centre for snake lovers.

Aviary is also developed during year 1995 for Birds and Water birds having display for species like painted stork, spoonbill, Indian peacock and egret.

Alongside to above-mentioned species, presently the zoo displays 17 species of wild animals. Being a small zoo with limited area, zoo experienced certain difficulties in animal breeding programme as well as in accommodating new animal procurements. On the other

side the popularity of the zoo has increased over the years, resulting in a manifold increase in the number of visitors. To encounter these difficulties, Aurangabad zoo had decided to extend the zoo premises by incorporating space of adjoining garden for further development. The Governing body accorded permission to this decision in their meeting.

As being a zoo located centrally in city, constraints of space and pressure of locality with sound pollution and adjoining drainage line, AMC decided to relocate this zoo at Mitmita Gut No.307 on 100 acres of land 6 Km away from city allotted by Revenue Department of Govt. of Maharashtra. AMC initiated plantation on the side and initiated procedure to prepared Master Plan of Safari Park and Zoo submitted to Central Zoo Authority. As Master Plan of Safari Park and Zoo is approved by Central Zoo Authority.



3. VISION

Siddharth Garden Zoo intends to generate effective awareness among the people in creating a pro-environment lobby force for protecting endangered and native animal species along with conservation of the city's rich biodiversity to encourage future development.

4. MISSION

To develop an ideal zoo with a focus on protection and conservation of animals, education for visitors, through a proactive interpretation approach.

5.OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the management of zoos in the country is to aid and assist in conservation of wild animals and their habitat. The Zoo in conformity with the aforesaid trend shall work for conservation of the important species from Marathwada region specifically and Maharashtra state in principal. It will strive to achieve the following objectives;

- i. To undertake Captive breeding and an attractive display of common and endangered species from Marathwada and Western Ghats.
- ii. To Educate the zoo visitors on the role of modern zoos in wildlife conservation through appropriate signage, interpretive exhibits and an effective extension literature.
- iii. To conduct Research on the behavioural, biological and veterinary aspects of captive animals through regular internship batches of Veterinary College students from Parbhani and Udgir Veterinary College.
- iv. To sustain a lifetime care facility for animals.



6 .ABOUT US

S.No.	Particulars	Information
1	Name of the Zoo	Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo
2	Year of Establishment	1984
3	Address of the Zoo	Siddharth Garden Zoo, Near Central Bus Station, Aurangabad-431001
4	State	Maharashtra
5	Telephone Number	0240-2331956
6	Fax Number	0240-331213
7	E-mail address	<u>aurangabadzoo@gmail.com</u>
8	Website	<u>www.aurangabadmahapalika.org</u>
9	Distance from nearest	Airport: - 10 Km
		Railway Station - 2 Km
		Bus Stand – 0.5 Km
10	Recognition Valid upto (Date)	15/11/2023
11	Category of zoo	Small
12	Area (in Hectares)	14 acre
13	Number of Visitors (Financial Year)	5,40,112 (2024 - 2025)
14	Weekly Closure Day of the Zoo	Tuesday
Management Personnel of the zoo		
15	Name with designation of the Officer in-charge	Shri.ShaikhShahed Director, AMC Zoo Municipal Corporation Aurangabad
	Name of the Veterinary Officer	Dr.Neeti singh
Owner / Operator of the Zoo		
16	*Name of the Operator	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad
17	Address of the Operator	Town Hall, Aurangabad.
18	Contact details/Phone number of Operator	0240-2331213
19	E-mail address of Operator	commissioner@aurangabadmahapalika.org

* Rule 2(m) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

“Zoo Operator” means the person who has ultimate control over the affairs of the zoos provided that _____

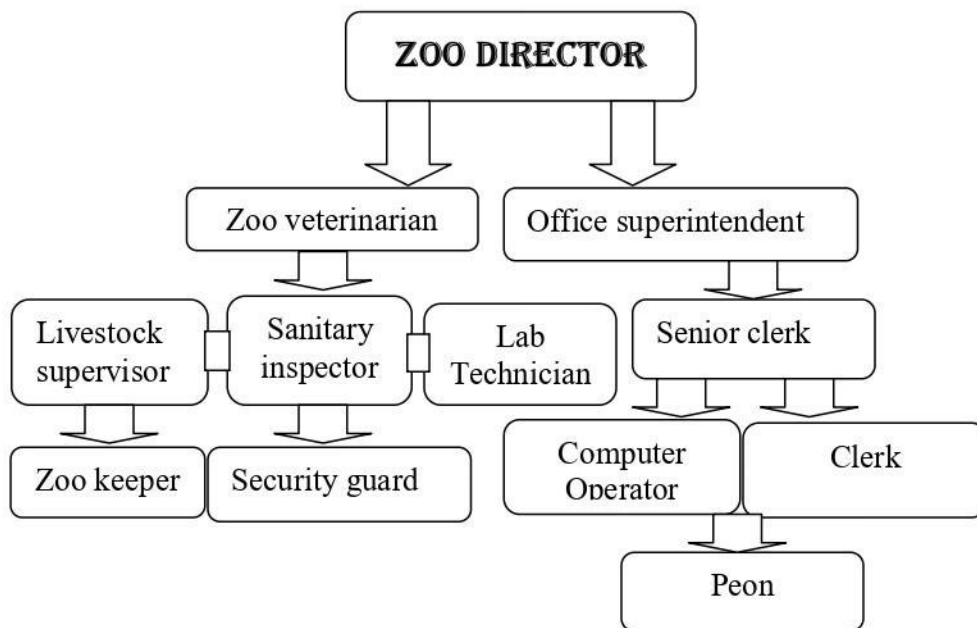
I. in the case of a firm or other association of individuals, any one of the individual partners or members thereof; or

- II. in the case of a company, any director, manager, secretary or other officer, who is in-charge of and responsible to the company for the affairs of the zoo; or
- III. In case of zoo owned or controlled by the Central Government or any State Government or Union Territory Administration or any Trust or Society funded by the Central Government or a State Government or a Union Territory Administration, the Secretary of the concerned Department of that Government, or as the case may be the Union Territory Administration, shall be deemed to be the Zoo Operator.

SIDDAHARTH GRADEN ZOO – Zoo Management Training to the Veterinarian Students



7.ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



8. HUMAN RESOURCES

Manpower of the Zoo*

Sr.No.	Designation	Number of Sanctioned Posts	Names of the incumbent
1	Zoo Director	1	Shri.ShaikhShahed
2	Zoo Veterinarian	1 (Proposed in Staffing Pattern of Corporation)	Dr.Neetisingh (Contract Basis)
3	Zoo Biologist	1 (Proposed in Staffing Pattern of Corporation)	-
4	Live Stock Supervisor	1	Shri. Sanjay Nandan
5	Lab-technician	1 (Proposed in Staffing Pattern of Corporation)	Shri.Abdulrazzak Qureshi (Contract Basis)
6	Computer Operator	1	Shri.RohitDeshmane
	Keeper	34	34

9. CAPACITY BUILDING OF ZOO PERSONNEL

Sr.No.	Name and designation of the zoo personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the Training attended
-	-	-	-	-

10. ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

a. Date of constitution - Animal Lovers Association constituted in August -2010

Members

1. Shri. MansingPatil - President
2. Shri. DilipYardi-Member
3. Shri. ShyamDande-Member
4. Shri. Vilas Jadhav-Member
5. Shri. N. M. Paygavhan-Member
6. Shri. Madhukar Vaidya-Member
7. Zoo Director-Member Secretary

11. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE -

1. Saurabh Joshi, Deputy commissioner
2. P.D. Zod Animal Husbandry Officer
3. Dr.Niti Singh. Zoo Veterinarian
4. Dr B.S Naikwade, Advisor
5. Sri shaikh Shahed ,Zoo director

Dates on which Meetings held during the year – 5 December 2021.

12.STATEMENT OF INCOMEANDEXPENDITURE

Income	-	Rs. 3,14,31,430
Expenditure	-	Rs.80,99,938/- (Feeding of Animals)
		Rs.50,00,000/- (Zoo Maintenance& Repair)

13. DAILY FEED SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

Sr.No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity		Day of fasting
			Winter	Summer	
1	Tiger	Beef	13 kg	12 kg	Tuesday
2	Leopard	Beef	5 kg	4 kg	Tuesday
3	Jackal	Beef	1 kg	1 kg	Tuesday
4	Civet Cat	Beef	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	Tuesday
		Banana	2 No	2 No	
5	Crocodile	Beef	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	Tuesday
		Fish	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	
6	Nilgai	Dry fodder	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	
		Green Grass	6 kg	6 kg	
		Cattle Feed	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	
7	Sambar	Dry fodder	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	
		Green Grass	6 kg	6 kg	
		Cattle Feed	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	
8	Black Buck	Dry fodder	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	
		Green Grass	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	
		Cattle Feed	0.6 kg	0.6 kg	
9	Chital	Dry fodder	0.5 kg	0.5 kg	
		Green Grass	6 kg	6 kg	
		Cattle Feed	1 kg	1 kg	
10	Monkey	Mix Fruit	1 kg	1 kg	
		Banana			
		Tomato			
		Cucumber			
		Ground Nut	100 gm	100 gm	
11	Peacock	Poultry Feed	300 gm	300 gm	
		Ground Nut	100 gm	100 gm	
		Tomato	200 gm	200 gm	
12	Star Tortoise	Tomato	100 gm	100 gm	
		Green	100 gm	100 gm	
		Coriender			
13	Porcupine	Potato	1 kg		
		Bringle			
		Flower cob			
14	Water Birds (19)	Fish	7 kg		

14. VACCINATION SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

Sr.No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine and dosage/ quantity used	Periodicity	Remarks
1	Carnivores		Feline Rhinotracheitis-calici-panleukopenia vaccine	11.03.2025	

15. DE-WORMING SCHEDULE OF ANIMALS

Sr.No.	Species	Drug used	Month
1	Carnivores	Panacure 1.5 gm bolus Hitek bolus – 80 mg Kilworm 1.5 gm bolus	April-2024 August -2024 Dec-2024
2	Herbivores	Hitek bolus – 80 mg Kilworm 1.5 gm bolus	August -2024 Dec-2024

16. DISINFECTION SCHEDULE

Sr.No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Phenyl Class A, Grade 3, Type Normal, RWC-minute 5, SAC-2.5	Carnivores	Everyday phenyl spraying on enclosures side	Daily
2	Bleaching powder Grade:1	Carnivores Herbivores	Every Tuesday all water tanks in enclosures cleaning with bleaching powder	Weekly

17. HEALTH CHECK-UP OF EMPLOYEES FOR ZONOTIC DISEASES

Sr.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check up	Findings of Health Check up
1	General Health Check up	Medical Officer, AMC Aurangabad	07 Dec.2024	No Zonotic disease found



18. DEVELOPMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT IN THE ZOO DURING THE YEAR
Maintenance & Repair Works including repair of Animal cages.

19. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES DURING THE YEAR -
Education and Awareness program Organized in Zoo for Veterinary College Students



20. IMPORTANT EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS –



Food quality checkup by Zoo Advisory Committee.



21. SEASONAL SPECIAL ARRANGMENTS FOR UPKEEP OF ANIMALS -
 Sprinklers in enclosures of Black Buck and Spotted Deer, Coolers in Tiger and Leopard enclosures and climbers in snake.

22. RESEARCH WORK CARRIED OUT AND PUBLICATIONS -

23. CONSERVATION BREEDING PROGRAMME OF THE ZOO -

Chital – Feb - 2025 – 1 Female

24. ANIMAL ACQUISITION / TRANSFER / EXCHANGE DURING THE YEAR -

A.	Animals arriving in the Zoo				
	H.NO.	Species	Number (M:F)	From which Zoo	Date of arrival in the zoo
	-	-	-	-	-
B.	Animals going from the zoo				
	H.NO.	Species	Number (M:F)	Going to which Zoo	Date of deposition from the zoo
	-	-	-	-	-

25. RESCUE AND REHABILITATION OF WILD ANIMALS CARRIED OUT BY THE ZOO –

Sr.No.	Date of Rescue	Species with number of animals rescued with their sex (M: F:U:T)	Received from	Date of Submission of Report to the CWLW / CZA	Action taken	
					Date and Place of rehabilitation in their habitat	Reasons for housing in the zoo, if not released in their habitat
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

26. ANNUAL INVENTORY OF ANIMALS –

Siddharth Garden Zoo
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation (M.S.)
INVENTORY FORM 2024-2025.
SCH-1 & SCH-2 (WILD LIFE PROTECTION ACT.)F.NO.21-03/2001 SM

Sr. No.	Species	Stock as on 01/4/2024				2024-2025												Stock as on 31/3/2025			
						Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death						
		M	F	U	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	U	T			
1	Black Buck (Antelope Cervicapra)	19	18	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	13	16	08	-	24
2	Common Palm Civet (Paradoxurus hermaphroditus)	01	00	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	01	00	--	01
3	Jackal (Canis aureus)	03	02	--	05	--	--	--	-	-	-	--	-	-	3	-	3	00	02	--	02
4	Leopard (Panthera Pardus)	00	01	--	01	-	-	-	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	-	00	01	--	01
5	Macaque rhesus (Macca mulatta)	03	03	--	06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	03	--	06
6	Tiger (White) (Panthera tigris)	03	02	--	05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	02	--	05
7	Indian Porcupine (Hystrix indica)	03	06	--	9	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	--	-	2	2	03	04	--	07	
	Total Mammals	32	32	--	64	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	--	6	12	18	26	20	--	46	
1	Crocodile (CrocodyusPalustris)	1	00	03	04	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	--	-	--	-	1	00	03	04	
2	Star tortoise	--	--	39	39	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	--	-	--	-	--	--	39	39	
	Total Reptiles	1	-	42	43	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	--	-	--	-	1	-	42	43	
	Total Animals	33	32	42	107	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	--	6	12	18	27	20	42	89	

Siddharth Garden Zoo
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation (M.S.)
INVENTORY FORM 2024-25
SCH-1 & SCH-2 (WILD LIFE PROTECTION ACT.)
F.NO.21-03/2001 SM

S. N.	Species	Stock as on 01/4/2024				2024 -2025												Stock as on 31/3/2025			
						Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death						
		M	F	U	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	U	T			
1	Peacock(Pavo cristatus)	1	2	-	03	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	03	
2	Emu (Dromaius novacholladae)	02	01	-	03	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	02	01	-	03	
3	Water birds	04	3	18	25	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	02	02	18	22	
	Total Birds	07	06	18	31	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	2	1	3	05	05	18	28	
1	Samber (Cervus unicolor)	19	27	--	46	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	19	27	--	46	
2	Sopotted deer (Axis axis)	04	04	--	08	-	01	01	--	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	04	05	--	09	
3	Nilgai (Blue bull)	02	04	--	06	--	-	-	--	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	02	04	--	06	
4	Tiger (Pantheratigris)	02	06	--	08	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	1	1	02	05	--	07	
	Total Mammals	27	41	--	68	-	01	01	--	-	--	--	-	1	1	27	42	--	69		
	Tortoise	03	03	--	06	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	03	03	--	06	
1	Snake	--	--	99	99	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	--	--	99	99	
2	Total Reptiles	03	03	99	105	--	--	--	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	03	03	99	105	
	Total Animals	37	50	117	204	-	01	01	--	-	--	--	-	2	2	4	35	49	117	201	

27. MORTALITY OF ANIMALS -

DETAILS OF DEATH

F.No.21-03/2001

2024-2025

Siddharth Garden Zoo

Aurangabad Municipal Corporation (M.S.)

Quarter ending 2024 - 2025

S.N.	Species	Date of Death	Sex	Cause of Death
01	Black Buck	08.04.2024	Female	Pneumonia
02	Tiger	15.04.2024	Female	Senile age
03	Black Buck	23.04.2024	Female	Pneumonia
04	Black Buck	03.05.2024	Female	Pneumonia
05	Black Buck	11.05.2024	Female	Pneumonia
06	Spoon bill	17.05.2024	Male	Sunstroke
07	Black Buck	26.05.2024	Female	Pneumonia
08	Spoon bill	16.06.2024	Female	Sunstroke
09	Spoon bill	17.06.2024	Male	Sunstroke
10	Black Buck	14.06.2024	Female	Pneumonia
11	Black Buck	24.06.2024	Female	Pneumonia
12	Black Buck	06.07.2024	Male	Animal gone into Shock due to fighting
13	Jackal	13.08.2024	Male	Bacterial Infection and GI track Infection
14	Porcupine	15.08.2024	Female	Infection in stomach
15	Black Buck	25.08.2024	Male	Animal gone into Shock due to fighting
16	Black Buck	02.09.2024	Female	Senility
17	Black Buck	14.09.2024	Female	Senility
18	Black Buck	23.09.2024	Male	Liver & kidney failure
19	Jackal	22.10.2024	Male	kidney failure
20	Black Buck	29.10.2024	Female	pneumonia
21	Porcupine	28.11.2024	Female	Gastro enteritis
22	Jackal	06.02.2025	Male	Liver disfunction

28. STATUS OF THE COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY THE CENTRAL ZOO AUTHORITY -

Sr. No	Norm No. under RZR, 2009	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply	Since when pending	Status with regard to compliance of the conditions
Attached separate annexure - A					

29. LIST OF FREE LIVING WILD ANIMALS WITHIN THE ZOO PREMISES. -

List of Fauna of Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo

a. Mammals

1. Three striped palm squirrel (*Funambulus palmadrum*)
2. Common grey Mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsii*)
3. Indian palm civet (*Paradoxurus hermiphroditus*)
4. Common langur (*Presbytis entellus*)

b. Birds

1. **Peacock** (*Pavocristatus*)
2. **Parrot** (*Psittaciformes*)
3. **Pheasant** (*Phasianuscolchicus*)
4. **Owl** (*Strigiformaers*)
5. **Jungle myna** (*Acridotheresfuscus*)
6. **Egret** (*Ardea alba*)
7. **Small blue king fisher** (*Alcedocoerulescens*)
8. **House crow** (*CorvusSplendens*)

c. Reptiles

1. **Common lizard** (*Hemidactylusfrenatus*) Lab technician
2. **Rat snake** (*Elapheobsoleta*)
3. **Indian cobra** (*Najanaja*)
4. **Russell's viper** (*Daboiarusselli*)



Director

Siddharth Garden AMC Zoo,
Aurangabad.