

RASIKBEEL MINI ZOO

Annual Report for the year 2024-25



**Ex – Officio Director
Rasikbeel Mini Zoo
and
Divisional Forest Officer, Coochbehar Division**

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*Report of the Officer-in-charge: Dr. Asitava Chatterjee, WBFS. Ex -Officio Director,
Rasikbeel Mini Zoo & Divisional Forest Officer,
Coochbehar Division.*

- 1. History of the Zoo :** Rasikbeel Mini Zoo was established in the year of 1997 as Bochamari Deer Park on 08.06.2003. Gharial enclosure was started functioning in the same park, later on Tortoise enclosure was added in the year of 2004. On 26.12.2005 the Leopard enclosure and Aviary were started in this park. The Rasikbeel Mini Zoo is situated at the heart of the Protected Forest Blocks of Rasikbeel and Chengtimari Mouza of Nagurhat beat of Coochbehar -I Range under Coochbehar Division. Rasikbeel Mini Zoo was recognized by the Central Zoo Authority, Govt. of India, vide letter No. F No. 22 -71/2004 - CZA(457) (M) dated: 05.08.2005.
- 2. Vision :** The Rasikbeel Mini Zoo envisions a world with compassion towards wildlife and obligation towards nature. It is committed towards protection and preservation of wild animal species and strives for a peaceful co-existence of development and conservation.
- 3. Mission :** To develop amongst visitors' empathy for wild animals and motivate them to support conservation of wildlife. To act as a center for receiving ill, injured, seized and orphaned animals of Coochbehar District for temporary shelter, treatment and release the same in wild subjected to availability of suitable habitat or otherwise scientific upkeep with strict adherence to the guidelines framed for the purpose.
- 4. Objective :** As per the National Zoo Policy, 1998, in defining purposes of a zoo, stress was given on conservation breeding, conservation education and for conservation research. Accordingly, the objectivities of the Rasikbeel Mini Zoo are decided as follows:
- Conservation and Education.
 - Exhibit and display of wild animals in a naturalistic conditions.
 - Recreation and awareness for local visitors and tourist in the thematic settings of the Mini Zoo contemplating safety of animals as well as visitors.



5. About us :

SI No	Particulars	Information
Basic Information about the Zoo		
1	Name of the Zoo	Rasikbeel Mini Zoo
2	Year of Establishment	1997
3	Address of the Zoo	Post: Nagurhat, PS: Boxirhat, Dist: Cooch Behar, West Bengal.
4	State	West Bengal.
5	Telephone Number	03582 -227727
6	Fax Number	03582 -230751
7	E-mail address	cobdivn@gmail.com & dfocoo-wb@nic.in
8	Website	NIL
9	Distance from nearest	Airport: 45 km (Coochbehar & Rupsi)
		Railway Station: 10 km (Kamakhyaguri)
		Bus Stand: 0.4 km (Chengtimari)
10	Recognition Valid up to (Date)	29.12.2025
11	Category of Zoo	Mini Zoo
12	Area (in Hectares)	27.09 ha
13	Number of Visitors (2024-25)	Adult : 1,32,475 nos.
		Children : 28,686 nos.
		Total Indian : 1,61,161 nos.
		Total Foreigners: 0 nos.
		Total Visitors: 1,61,161 nos.
14	Visitors' Facilities Available in Zoo	i) Drinking water facilities ii) Urinals iii) Lawns iv) Visitors shed v) Rain shelter etc.
15	Weekly Closure Day of the Zoo	Thursday.
Management Personnel of the zoo :		
16	Name with designation of the Officer in - charge	Dr. Asitava Chatterjee, W.B.F.S. Ex - Officio Director, Rasikbeel Mini Zoo & Divisional Forest Officer, Coochbehar Division
	Name of the Veterinary Officer	No permanent Veterinary Officer
	Name of the Curator	Sri Bijan Kumar Nath, W.B.F.S. Asst. Divisional, Forest Officer, Cooch Behar Division.
	Name of the Biologist	Nil
	Name of the Education Officer	Nil
	Name of the Compounder /Lab Assistant	Dabir Hossain
Owner / Operator of the Zoo		
17	Name of the Operator	Sri Rana Rahaman, F.R. Range Officer, Coochbehar -I Range.
18	*Address of the Operator	Office of the Range Officer, Coochbehar -I Range, Near I.T.I. More, Nilkuthi Rail Ghumti, Ward No. 9 PO: Kharimala Khagribari Nilkuthi Rail Ghumti, Ward No. 9, Dist: Coochbehar
19	Contact details/Phone number of Operator	Mobile No. 89180 58993
20	E-mail address of Operator	rangecob1@gmail.com

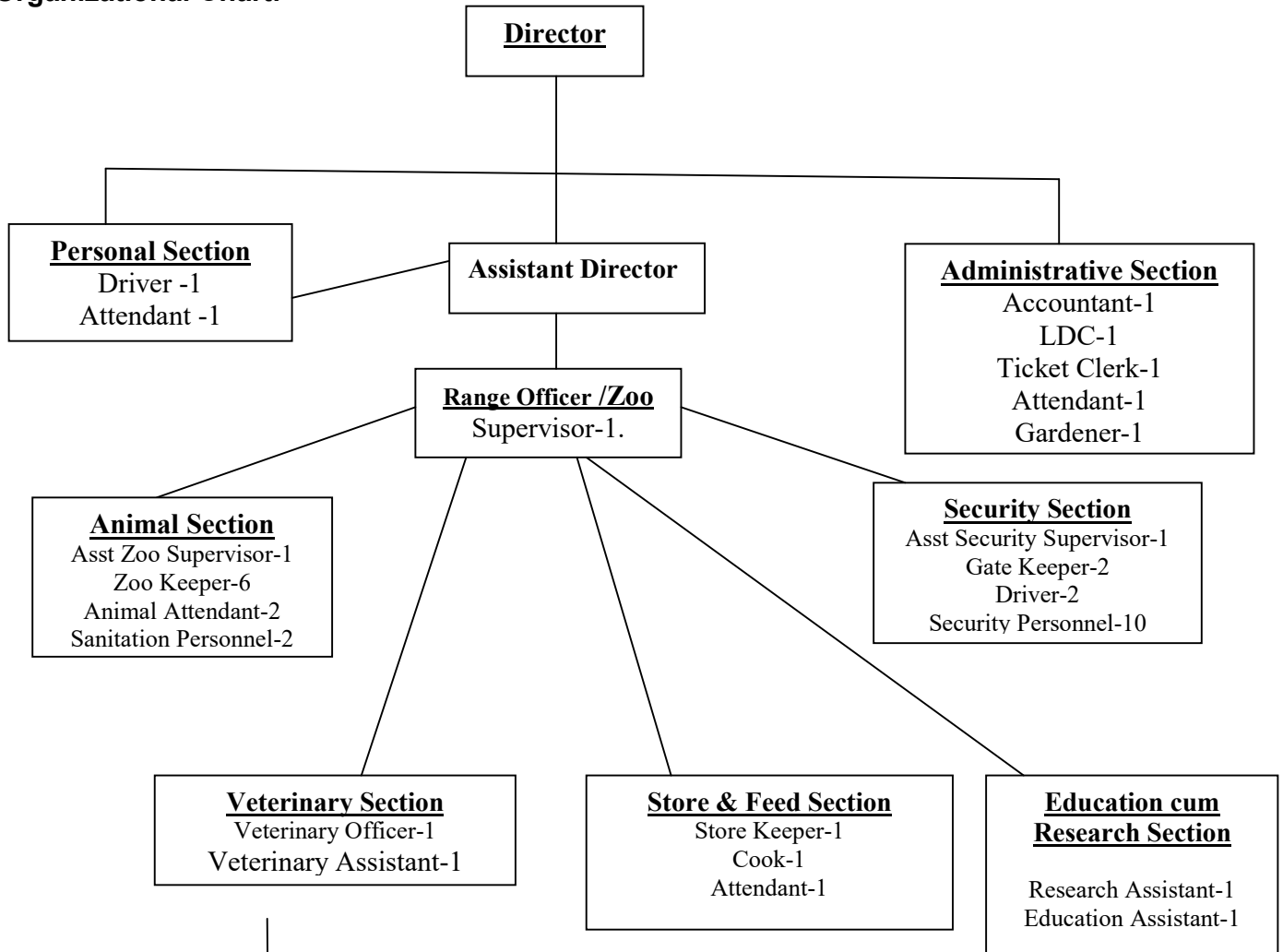
* Rule 2(m) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

“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.



6. Organizational Chart:



7. Human Resources : Manpower of the Zoo *

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Posts	Names of the incumbent
1	Ex-Officio Director & Divisional Forest Officer	1	Dr. Asitava Chatterjee, WBFS.
2	Curator & Asst. Divisional Forest Officer	1	Sri Bijan Kumar Nath, WBFS.
3	Zoo Operator & Range Officer	1	Sri Rana Rahaman, FR.
4	Zoo Supervisor	1	Sri Sribas Sarkar, Ex-FR
5	Asst. Zoo Supervisor & Beat Officer	1	Sri Tapan Narjinary, DR/Fr.
6	Lower Division Clerk (LDC)	1	Aminul Islam
6	Zoo Keeper	1	Sri Dipankar Sarkar.
7	Veterinary Assistant.	1	Dabir Hossain
8	Ticket Clerk	1	Arindam Pandit
9	Gate Keeper	1	Manik Adhikary
10	Animal Attendant	2	Parimal Rava Mustak Ali
11	Garden Attendant	1	Nibaran Barman
12	Sanitary Attendant	1	Ruma Harijan
13	Security Personnel	3	Manoj Barman Dulu Orawn Biswajit Barman



8. Capacity Building of zoo personnel during 2024-25:-

Sl.No.	Name and designation of the zoo personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the Training attended
1	Dabir Hossain, Veterinary Assistant	Work Shop on Avian Care and Captive Breeding	3 days (20.09.2024 to 22.09.2024)	Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamsedpur, Jharkhand
2	Sri Dipankar Sarkar, Zoo Keeper	Capacity Building Programme	3 days (06.12.2024 to 08.12.2024)	North Bengal Wild Animal Park, Siliguri, West Bengal.



9. Zoo Advisory Committee – NIL

- a. Date of constitution :
- b. Members :
- c. Dates on which Meetings held during the year :

10. Health Advisory Committee – NIL

- a. Date of constitution:
- b. Members :
- c. Dates on which Meetings held during the year :

11. Statement of income and expenditure of the Zoo 2024-25:

Revenue - Rs. 36,43,735.00
 Expenditure - Rs: 2,12,25,133.00

12. Daily feed Schedule of animals:

Sl. No	Species	Feed item	Quantity		Day of fasting
			Winter	Summer	
1	Leopard	Beef	2.250 kg	2.250 kg	Monday
2	Common Peafowl	Wheat ,Rice, Gram, Coarn, Onion, Garlic, Apple, Potato, Carrot	250 gm/ day	250 gm/ day	Nil
3	Golden Pheasant	Wheat ,Rice, Gram, Coarn, Onion, Garlic, Apple, Potato, Carrot	200 gm/ day	200 gm/ day	Nil
4	Python	Undressed chicken	500 to 600 gms per week	500 to 600 gms per week	Nil
5	Gharial	Fish	1 kg	1 kg	Nil
	Baby Gharial	Fish(Live Juvenile)	150 gm	150 gm	
6	Spotted Deer	Gram, Coarn, Hheat Bran, Molaccess, Minarel Micture, Black Salt, Maize, Soybean, Black salt & Green Fodder.	775 gms	775 gms	Nil

7	Macaw	Gram, Maize, Fruit, Nut, Walnut, Sunflower seed, Sugarcane., Boiled Egg	200 gms	200 gms	Nil
8	Silver Pheasant	Wheat ,Rice, Gram, Coarn, Onion, Garlic, Apple, Potato, Carrot, Boiled Egg	200 gm/ day	200 gm/ day	Nil
9	Red Jungle Fowl	Wheat ,Rice, Gram, Coarn, Onion, Garlic, Apple, Potato, Carrot, Boiled Egg	200 gm/ day	200 gm/ day	Nil
10	Fishing Cat	Live fish	750 gm	750 gm	Nil
11	Rose Ringed Parakeet	Fruit, Vegetable, Pea Nut, Sunflower Seeds, Grampalse, Maize	75 gm	75 gm/day	Nil
12	Sun Conure	Fruit, Vegetable, Pea Nut, Sunflower Seeds, Grampalse, Maize	75 gm	75 gm/day	Nil
13	Common Hill Myna	Chhana Satu, Grapes, Badana	75 gm	75gm/day	Nil
14	Alexandrine Parakeet	Fruit, Vegetable, Pea Nut, Sunflower Seeds, Grampalse, Maize	75 gm	75 gm/day	Nil
15	Cockatiel	Mix seed, Kusum dana, Fruit, Pea Nut	50 gm	50 gm/day	Nil
16	Red Breasted Parakeet	Fruit, Vegetable, Pea Nut, Sunflower Seeds, Grampalse, Maize	75 gm	75 gm/day	Nil
17	Common Peafowl	Fruit, Vegetable, Pea Nut, Sunflower Seeds, Grampalse, Maize	75 gm	75 gm/day	Nil
18	Porcupine	Potato, Gabbage, Grampalse	250 gm	250gm/day	Nil

13. Vaccination Schedule of animals:

SI.No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine and dosage/quantity used	Periodicity	Remarks
1	Leopard	Combined FCV, FRV & FPV vaccine.	Feligen CRP	Once in a year	
2	Fishing Cat	Combined FCV, FRV & FPV vaccine.	Feligen CRP	Once in a year	



14. De-worming Schedule of animals :

Sl.No.	Species	Drug used	Month
1	Leopard	Tab Eazypet	6 monthly
2	Spotted Deer	Bol Felbandezole	6 monthly
3	Fishing Cat	Tab Eazypet	6 monthly
4	All Birds	Syrp. Piperzine	6 monthly

15. Disinfection Schedule:

Sl. No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Spotted Deer	Open enclosure	Top soil 2.50 cm removed yearly	Yearly
2	Leopard	Open enclosure	Feeding cell disinfected by Kharsulin, flame blowing	Top soil of Open enclosure removed yearly
3	Fishing Cat	Open enclosure	Feeding cell disinfected by Kharsulin, flame blowing	Top soil of Open enclosure removed yearly

16. Health Check-up of employees for zoonotic diseases:

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check up	Findings of Health Check up
1	Sri Dipankar Sarkar	Zoo Keeper	26.04.2024	Good condition
2	Dabir Hossain	Veterinary Assistant	26.04.2024	=do=
3	Sri Parimal Rava	Animal Attendant	26.04.2024	=do=
4	Mustak Ali	=do=	26.04.2024	=do=
5	Sri Nibaran Barman	Garden Attendant	26.04.2024	=do=
6	Smt Ruma Harizan	Sanitary Attendant	26.04.2024	=do=
7	Sri Dulu Orawn	Security Personnel	26.04.2024	=do=
8	Sri Manoj Barman	=do=	26.04.2024	=do=
9	Sri Tushar Kanti Das	=do=	26.04.2024	=do=
10	Sri Arindam Pandit	Ticket Seller	26.04.2024	=do=
11	Sri Manik Adhikary	Gate Keeper	26.04.2024	=do=

17. Development Works carried out in the zoo during the year 2024-25: Construction of Chain link Fencing for Boundary of the Zoo, Basking area for gharials, barbed wire fencing, waste bins, temporary stand-off barrier, water hyacinth removal from the adjacent area of Zoo, maintenance of rest shed , washroom, and drinking water facilities for visitors etc. Ongoing works include two aviaries of native and exotic birds.



18. Education and Awareness programmes during the year 2024-25: Observed World Environment Day, Wildlife Day, Awareness Program organized for School children and NCC cadets, Cleanliness Programme etc.

19. Important Events and happenings: Nil

20. Seasonal special arrangement for upkeep of animals 2024-25: Rice straw for Python during winter for hibernation, provided sand for Gharials for basking and egg Laying.

21. Research Work carried out and publications 2024-25: NIL

22. Conservation Breeding Programme of the Zoo 2024-25:- NIL

23 . Animal acquisition/transfer/exchange during the year 2024-25:

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

24. Rescue and Rehabilitation of wild animals carried out by the Zoo : 2024-25:

Sl. 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
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



25 . Annual Inventory of animals 2024-25 :

26 . Form – II

[See Rule 11(1)]
Inventory Report for the Year: 2024-25.

Part – A

Endangered Species*

Sl No	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening stock as on 1.04.2023				Births			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing stock as on 31.03.2024			
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
1	Common Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6
2	Common Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
3	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	3	2	0	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	7	0	11	
4	Python	<i>Python morulus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
5	Gharial	<i>Gavialis Gangeticus</i>	2	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	44	55	
6	Fishing Cat	<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
7	Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
8	Yellow Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus flavescens</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	

*Animals under Schedule I and Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

Part – B

Other than Endangered Species:

Sl No	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening stock as on 1.04.2022				Births			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing stock as on 31.03.2023			
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
1	Golden Pheasant	<i>Chrysoloph pictus</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
2	Silver Pheasant	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	
3	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	4	5	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	
4	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	57	150	35	242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	153	34	247	
5	Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
6	Sun conure Sun Parakeet	<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	

7	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
8	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
9	Indian Crested Pouter	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

27. Mortality of animals 2024-25:

SI No	Species	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death	Reason of Death as per the Post-mortem report
1	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	M	19.11.2024	Due to cardiac arrest & respiratory failure followed by intestinal ischemia and severe peritonitis that is suggestive of intestinal volvulus or intussusceptions .
2	Spotted deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	F	19.10.2024	Due to fighting injury leading to shock and cardio-respiratory failure



28. Compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority:

SL No	Norm No. under RZR, 2009	Condition Stipulated on 04.06.2022 (Guidelines for the establishment and the management of zoos on Forest land)	Status with regard to compliance of the conditions
1	10.1 (5&9)	Zoo does not house domestic livestock, but many are found moving in the premises. Unless the periphery is provided with wall/fence (2 m in height), the same cannot be regulated	Perimeters have been fenced with chain-link and barbed wire fencing. The matter is complied.
2	10.1(9)	Zoo should prevent the entry and movement domestic livestock within the Zoo premises.	Same has been complied with.
3	10.1(7)	The waste water has to be treated to prevent polluting underground aquifer and the wet land in the zoos and outside. The drain moving away from leopard enclosure is not covered. It should be covered. If Zoo cannot install the sewage treatment plant, the waste water should be discharged to local municipality waste water drain.	As the zoo is located in the rural area proper municipal drainage system is not available. However, the waste water is prevented to enter into valuable wetland habitat. The drain moving away from Leopard enclosure has been covered accordingly
4	10.2(2)	The Supervisor is available 24x7 for any action the post of Veterinarian and Biologist in the Zoo are proposed to be created. This must be done early including the filling up the posts.	One Zoo Supervisor and one veterinary assistant is available with the zoo on 24 x 7 days. More over as per Order of the director of AH & VS, WB, Their regular visit is going on if and when required
5	10.4(6)	Two dry wooden logs to be fixed vertically in Python enclosure	The same has been complied with.
6	10.4(9)	Deer enclosure should be provided with standoff barrier, duly planted with hedge plants.	The same has been complied with
7	10.5(1)	Leopards and Golden Pheasant are not maintained in socially viable groups. Only two female leopards are in enclosure. At least males from different genetic source (like from South Bengal) must be acquired for the Zoo. Similarly golden pheasant should also be paired.	At present there is no Golden Pheasant in the zoo. Three male leopard have been inducted from Jangal Mahal Zoological Park . Presently this zoo have 11 leopard (4:7:0).
8	10.5(5)	Drainage carrying waste water in some enclosures especially near leopard enclosure is not covered. It should be covered.	The drainage of the Leopard enclosure is covered
9	10.6(1)	Zoo has only some very basic facilities in the treatment room. Equipments like Surgical Instrument, Post Mortem Set and Microscope are required to be procured.	The same instrument etc. have been procured.

10	10.9(4)	The zoo is preparing of acquire Golden Pheasant (Female) and Leopard (Male), One Fishing cat (Female), One Female Python (Burmese)	At present there is no Golden Pheasant in the zoo. Three male leopard has been inducted from Jangal Mahal Zoological Park. One male and one female Fishing cat has been acquired from Garchumuk Mini Zoo, Hawrah, two female Python has been rescued from campus
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29. List of free living wild animals within the zoo premises.

- a) Mammals : Civet cat, Porcupine, wild rabbit, Jungle cat etc.
- b) Birds : Lesser whistling duck, Common teal, Ferruginous pochard Gadwall, Red crested pochard, Cattle egret, Little cormorant, Great cormorant, Indian shag, Herons, Asian open bill, Lesser Adjutant, Northern lapwing, Pheasant tailed jacana, Grey Headed lapwing, Common sand piper, Little ringed plover & King fisher etc.
- Reptiles : Python, Monitor Lizard etc.




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