

ANNUAL REPORT  
2016-2017



**Chennai Snake Park Trust**

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST

1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Shri B. Vijayaraghavan, I.A.S., (Retd.) Executive Chairman (till 20.01.2017)

Shri S. Subbarayalu, I.F.S., (Retd.) Executive Chairman (from 21.01.2017)

Dr. V. Kalaiarasan (from 27.02.2017)

Dr. M.G. Jayathangaraj

Dr. S. Paulraj, IFS (Retd.)

Mr. V. Prabhakaran, IFS (Retd.) (from 27.02.2017)

Dr.K. Senthilkumar

Dr. T. Sundaramoorthy

Wildlife Warden, Chennai

(Smt. K. Geethanjali, I.F.S.)

Addl. Director, Tourism Dept.

Officer-in-Charge,

Zoological Survey of India

Southern Regional Station

Chennai 600 028.

(Dr. K.A. Subramanian)

Head, Dept. of Zoology,

Madras University

(Dr. R. Ramanibai)

Regional Deputy Director (WLP)

Wildlife Regional Officer (SR)

Govt. of India, Chennai

(Smt. T. Uma, IFS)

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During the year 2016-2017, Mr. B. Vijayaraghavan, I.A.S. (Retd.) continued as Trustee and Executive Chairman of the Chennai Snake Park Trust till 20.01.2017. Consequent to resignation of Mr. B. Vijayaraghavan as Trustee and Executive Chairman, Mr. S.Subbrayalu, Trustee was elected as Executive Chairman from 21.01.2017 at its meeting held on 21.01.2017.

Dr.T.Sundaramoorthy was re-elected as Trustee for a further period of three years till 11.08.2019.

Mr. V.S. Raghavan, Trustee, resigned his trusteeship on 04.01.2017.

Mr. V. Prabhakaran, IFS (Retd.) and Dr.V. Kalaiarasan were elected as Trustees for a period of three years from 21.01.2017.

Mr. R. Rajarathinam continued as Director.

Dr. S.R. Ganesh appointed as Deputy Director-cum-Research Scientist with effect from 01.01.2017.

Dr.M.G. Jayathangaraj and Dr.K. Senthil Kumar continued to attend to the veterinary care of the reptiles.

**2. Reptile stock**

At the close of the year, the Snake Park had on display 20 species of Indian snakes, all three species of Indian crocodylians, two species of exotic crocodiles, three species of Indian turtles/tortoises, one slider turtle and four species of Indian lizards, making a total of 33 species. A detailed list is annexed.

### 3. Visitors to the Park

During the year, the Snake Park had 4,19,562 visitors (3,16,747 adults and 1,02,815 children) as against 4,25,210 visitors (3,30,603 adults and 94,607 children) during the previous year (2015-2016) i.e. a decrease of 1.33 %.

On 29th Apr. 2016, Dr.D.N. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, CZA visited the Park.

Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Mr.Choudary Lal Singh visited the Park on 23rd Sept. 2016.

On 20th February, 2017, PCCF (Climate Change), Andhra Pradesh visited the Park.

### 4. Entry Fees

There have been no changes in the gate fees during the year which are as follows:

Adult	: ₹ 15
Child (5 to 12 Years)	: ₹ 5
Still camera ticke	: ₹ 20
Video camera ticket	: ₹ 100
Mobile camera-phone	: Nil

### 5. Income and Expenditure

The total income for the year was ₹ 68,24,704/-. The expenditure for the year was ₹ 65,47,493/-. The audited balance sheet for the year is appended.

### 6. Cobra — Journal of the Chennai Snake Park Trust

Both the issues of the journal due in the year have been published.

### 7. Vardha cyclone

Due to cyclone on 12.12.2016, twelve trees fell down and some branches of trees also got broken. Mangalore tiled sheds and display boards were partially damaged.

Snake Park was closed for public from 13.12.2016 to 29.12.2016 (including Tuesday).

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST

- I To maintain and display a captive collection of snakes and other reptiles as a means of eliciting public interest in them and prompting the public to empathize with them;
- ii to promote knowledge among the public on reptiles and amphibians and dispel the widespread erroneous beliefs about snakes in particular and, to this end, conduct awareness programmes targeting school children primarily and bring out low-priced publications with technical, semi-technical and popular content;
- iii to aid and assist research on reptiles and amphibians including the conduct of surveys to assess their status and distribution;
- iv to undertake captive breeding of endangered species of reptiles; and
- v to canvass public support for the protection and conservation of reptiles and amphibians.

REPTILE SPECIES ON DISPLAY AT THE CHENNAI SNAKE PARK

(As on 31<sup>st</sup> March.2017)

1. Indian rock python	<i>Python molurus</i>
2. Reticulated python	<i>Python reticulatus</i>
3. Common sand boa	<i>Gongylophis conicus</i>
4. Red sand boa	<i>Eryx johnii</i>
5. Whitaker's boa	<i>Eryx whitakeri</i>
6. Common trinket snake	<i>Coelognathus helena helena</i>
7. Indian rat snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>
8. Common kukri snake	<i>Oligodon arnensis</i>
9. Common bronzeback Tree snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>
10. Common wolf snake	<i>Lycodon aulicus</i>
11. Checkered keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>
12. Striped keelback	<i>Amphiesma stolatum</i>
13. Olive keelback	<i>Atretium schistosum</i>
14. Common cat snake	<i>Boiga trigonata</i>
15. Common vine snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>
16. Dog-faced water snake	<i>Cerberus rynchops</i>
17. Common krait	<i>Bungarus caeruleus</i>
18. Spectacled cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>
19. Russell's viper	<i>Daboia russelii</i>
20. Saw-scaled viper	<i>Echis carinatus</i>
21. Marsh crocodile	<i>Crocodylus paluster</i>
22. Saltwater crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>
23. Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>
24. Nile crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
25. Siamese crocodile	<i>Crocodylus siamensis</i>
26. Indian black turtle	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i>
27. Star tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>
28. Indian flapshell turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
29. Slider turtle	<i>Pseudemys scripta</i>
30. Spotted rock gecko	<i>Hemidactylus maculatus</i>
31. Rock lizard	<i>Psammophilus blanfordanus</i>
32. South Asian chamaeleon	<i>Chamaeleo zeylanicus</i>
33. Bengal monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>

**8. Herpetological Survey in Eastern Ghats**

S.R. Ganesh, Research Scientist conducted field work in Erode and Krishnagiri dist. of Tamilnadu and also in Central Easter Ghats in Andhra Pradesh till Dec. 2016.

**9. Talk**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 the Dy. Director-cum-Research Scientist conducted a herpetology programme to 19 IFS trainees from Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun and an accompanying Scientist.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 a team of 11 army officers (Retd.) visited the Park. The D.D.-cum-Research Scientist gave a guided tour.

**10. Workshop**

On 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Research Scientist conducted some modules of the Scientific Training on Reptile Management (STORM) workshop headed by Mr.Gowrishankar. Similar workshops were conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016 and 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**11. Awareness programme**

On an invitation received from Coimbatore Forestry College, an education programme was conducted by the Dy. Director-cum-Research Scientist to 38 ACF trainees and an officer on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

On a request from SRS English school, Bangalore, the Dy. Director-cum-Research Scientist conducted an awareness programme to 65 Higher Secondary School students on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, 23 M.Sc. wildlife biology students and 3 staff from Ooty Govt. Arts college attended an education programme conducted by the Dy. Director-cum-Research Scientist.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 46 B.Sc. & M.Sc. zoology students and 4 staff from A.V.C College attended an education programme conducted by the Dy. Director-cum-Research Scientist.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the Research Scientist delivered a talk on captive husbandry of snakes and other reptiles to 28 M.V.Sc. students and one accompanying staff from Madras Veterinary College.

## 12. Donation

On 30.03.2017. a donation of ₹ 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) was received from Mr. Ashok Kumar, Director, Kaleesuwari Refinery Pvt. Ltd., Chennai.

## Acknowledgements

The Chennai Snake Park Trust is grateful to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu in the Environment and Forest Department, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu, the Central Zoo Authority of India and the Madras Veterinary College for the support received.

(S. Subbarayalu)  
Executive Chairman  
(for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees)

CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST  
Raj Bhavan Post, Sardar Patel Road, Chennai - 600022  
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS ON 31st MARCH, 2017

PARTICULARS	DEP RATE	WDV AS ON 01.04.2016	ADDITIONS		DELETION	TOTAL	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	WDV AS ON 31.03.2017
			>180 DAYS	<180 DAYS				
Animal Enclosures & Others	10%	4582735	0	0	0	4582735	458274	4124462
Furniture & Fittings	10%	1275440	0	0	0	1275440	127544	1147896
Computer	60%	3250	0	0	0	3250	1950	1300
Generator	15%	212288	0	0	0	212288	31843	180445
Office Equipments	15%	747343	0	0	0	747343	112101	635242
Vehicles	15%	381039	0	0	0	381039	57156	323883
TOTAL		7202095	0	0	0	7202095	788868	6413227



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017

31.03.2016 (Rs)	TO	31.03.2017 (Rs)	31.03.2016 (Rs)	BY	31.03.2017 (Rs)
319733	Opening Stock Of Books	378131	5432080	Gate Collection	5265280
4042133	Salaries,Wages & Welfare Expenses	4304681	188860	Camera Collection	121140
4675	Trust Meeting expenses	3815	2586	Cobra Subscription	4276
216752	Purchase of Feeds	234122	100394	Sale of pictures,post cards, stickers & books	37146
205584	Park Maintenance	173339	947156	Interest From Fixed Deposits	874694
42635	Vehicle Maintenance	48976	378131	Closing Stock Of Books	321863
43801	Insurance	29351	21335	Donation	79702
52285	Printing & Stationery	33224	160495	Interest on IT Refund	4198
165300	Purchase & Printing Of books for Sale	12240		Miscellaneous Receipts	116605
19469	Electricity Charges	162761			
240	Rent Paid To Forest Department	240			
14268	Telephone Charges	14167			
11500	Audit Fees (Including Service Tax)	11500			
4417	Books & Periodicals	12092			
241837	EPF contribution	254606			
19011	EPF Administrative Charges	18569			
1573	Interest On Staff Deposit	1580			
80738	Provision For Gratuity	28893			
23531	Miscellaneous Expenses	16497			
12769	Complimentary books	2115			
2698	Advertisement	0			
2693	Environment Education Programme	0			
7198	Income tax of earlier years	17926			
845671	Depreciation	788668			
651288	To Excess of Income Over Expenditure	277211			
7231037		6824704	7070542		6824704

PLACE: CHENNAI  
DATE: 26.06.2017

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE  
FOR ESSVEEYAR  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
FRN 0008085  
K SEKAR  
PARTNER  
MEMBERSHIP NO.028562



EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN  
CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST  
RAJSHAYAN POST  
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Trustees,  
Chennai Snake Park Trust ,  
Chennai – 22

Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chennai Snake Park Trust , which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31 , 2017 , and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended , and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (Notes to Accounts).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances . An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Chartered Accountants



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**Opinion**

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (a) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at March 31,2017; and
- (b) In the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended as on that date.

Place: Chennai

Date: 26.06.2017

For **ESSVEEYAR**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
Reg. No. 000808S

*K. Sekar*  
K. Sekar  
Partner  
Membership No. 028562



CHENNAI SNAKE PARK TRUST  
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2017

		(in Rs.)		(in Rs.)	
31.03.2016	31.03.2017	31.03.2016	31.03.2017	31.03.2016	31.03.2017
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Fixed Assets ( as per annexure)</b>	
<b>Trust Fund:</b>					
16049736 Opening Balance	16701024	7202995			6413227
Add: Transfer Of Grant From Central Zoo Authority	277211				
651288 Add: Excess Of Income over Expenditure	16978236	378130.69			321863
16701024		10127			0
		35848			12500
		7277			7277
<b>Current Liabilities &amp; Provisions :</b>					
197669 Outstanding Liabilities	297545				664784
1707878 Provision For Gratuity	1344793				11051251
20000 Staff Security Deposit	20000				130131
					0
					0
					39541
<b>18626571.22</b>	<b>18640574</b>	<b>18626571</b>			<b>18640574</b>

(in Rs.)

PLACE: CHENNAI  
DATE: 26.06.2017

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE  
FOR **ESSVEEYAR**  
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