

Obituary:

Mr. Adhir Kumar Das (1941-2017):

Mr. Adhir Kumar Das was the longest serving Director of Alipore Zoo in the post independence period. In 1969 he was joined as Assistant Director, followed by Deputy Director and lastly served as Director for almost 20 years (22.02.1980-31.08.2001). He was born in 31st July, 1941 in present Bangladesh (Village Deojani, Subdivision Tangail, District Moimansingh). His father was late Shri Hemanta Kumar Das and mother was late Smt. Charulata Das. He has completed B.Sc. with Zoology Hons. from Surendranath College and postgraduate from North Bengal University. During his tenure, Alipore zoo procured two Giraffe from Cologne Zoo, West Germany. It was during his tenure that these Giraffe bred successfully under his supervision and excellent management and today Alipore Zoo is in a state to exchange Giraffe for procuring other animals. During his tenure cross breeding was done between Tiger and Lion to get Tigon. Subsequently Lion and Tigon were cross bred to obtain Litigon. It was named as Cubanacan after the visit of ambassador of Cuba. Beside this Hippo, Black Panther, Puma, Tiger, Chimpanzee, Grey Kangaroo, Marmoset and many more are procured from India as well as from abroad. During his tenure successful breeding of yellow tiger along with white tiger has been made. He was elected as president of Zoo Director's Association. He was dedicated, sincere and most efficient Director ever. During his tenure Alipore Zoo has reached at its apex. He was survived by his wife and his son.



Mr. Adhir Kumar Das, with Shri Jyoti Basu the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal.



Mr. Adhir Kumar Das with Dr. Uma Shankar Dixit, the then His Excellency Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal.



This pretty cub of Lioness, lost his mother soon after birth. Getting bottle fed by Mr. Adhir Kumar Das



Sew Nandan Ram-the mate mali from lawn and garden maintainence section, expired on 21/11/17. While in 38th years of service. He survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter.

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Shri Ram Brahma Sanyal

First superintendent of Zoological Garden, Calcutta (1880-1908). Author of **A Handbook of the Management of Animals In Captivity In Lower Bengal.**

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I am glad to publish the newsletter for the first time in our zoo covering zoo news from October to December 2017. These last three months were eventful and full of new happenings.

I express my sincere thanks to Shri V.K.Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA, for his constant persuasion and encouragement to publish this newsletter. I wish the readers will enjoy this issue to the utmost.

Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS
Director

Zoological Garden, Alipore

Our Beloved New Borns of the Zoo:



Brow Antlered Deer:
In the month of October and November, a total of **four fawns** were born. **two fawns sitting.**



Painted Stork:
In the month of November and December, a total of **five juveniles** were born. **two juveniles to the right.**



Monocled Cobra:

On 15.09.2017, eggs (24 in no) of Monocled Cobra and rat snake were rescued from a factory store at Sirakole by the DFO ,24 Pargana (south) division and handed over to Zoological Garden, Alipore. Eggs were kept under artificial incubation maintaining temperature (30-35 degree celsius) & humidity (approx 80-85%). Ten eggs of Monocled Cobra were hatched on 14/10/2017. Rest were of the rat snakes eggs hatched on 03/11/2017. The hatchlings are now in the nursery .

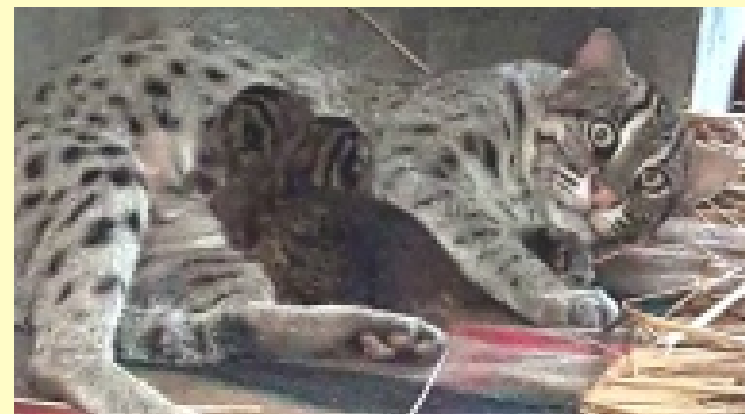


Rat Snake:

Fishing Cat: Four kittens of fishing cat-the state animal of West Bengal, were born in October 2017. After keeping the two pairs in off display area for about one year .



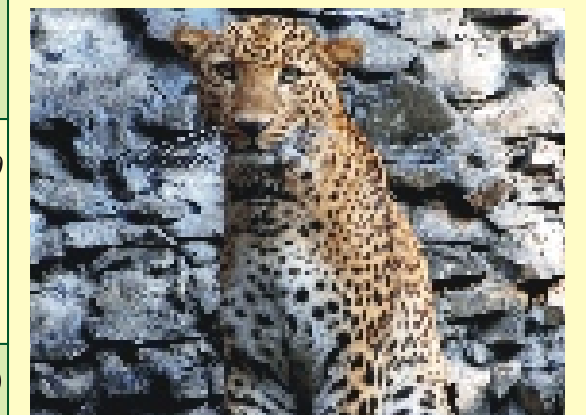
First mother with kittens:



Second mother with kittens:

Animal adoption scheme for the session 2017-18 (Month October, November, December):

Adopted by	Animal Adopted	Date	Period	Amount (in figures)
Pyaridevi Chabiraj Steels pvt. Ltd.	Peafowl	27.10.17	27.10.2017 to 26.10.2018	15,000.00
Abhijit Bannerjee	Bear Pritha	10.11.17	10.11.2017 to 09.11.2018	40,000.00
S. U. Rahaman	Tiger-3 nos, Lion- 2 nos, Leopard - 1no	20.12.17	20.12.2017 to 19.12.2018	11,00,000.00
Total Amount				11,55,000.00



Retirement

Md. Jamaluddin, Animal Supervisor from animal section B got retired on 30/11/2017. He had earned good will for his dedication and commitment towards his job. He was felicitated by the Alipore zoo authority officials on 26/12/2017. He served at the zoo over 38 years.



Visitor footfall:

Year	No of visitors		Revenue realized
	Adult	Children	
2017			
October	164888	17700	5123640
November	155851	17453	4850060
December	825023	99460	25745290

School and college visit:

School/college	students
Total colleges-9	329
Total schools-157	11560



Penalties for violating laws:

Violation of Sec 38(J), under the wildlife (protection) act 1972 as amended up to date.

MONTH	DATE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	REASON
November	05-11-2017	500	Throwing stone towards crocodile.
	05-11-2017	500	Throwing stone towards crocodile.
	08-11-2017	500	Throwing banana towards monkey.
	19-11-2017	500	Throwing food towards deer.
December	08-12-2017	500	Throwing food towards elephant.
	21-12-2017	500	Throwing food towards elephant.
	26-12-2017	500	Throwing stone towards crocodile.
	26-12-2017	500	Throwing stone towards tiger.
	31-12-2017	500	Throwing stone towards chimpanzee.
	31-12-2017	300	Throwing stone towards bear.



Footfall on 25th December, 2017-93,000+.



Visit by the eminent actor and Lok Sabha MP Shri Deepak Adhikari (DEV) on 18/12/2017.



Medical camp facility was arranged for the visitors in need. Up to **December** the total first aid facility provided to **675** no of visitors.



Arrival of New Guests:

Gifts:

Two pairs of **Eastern Grey Kangaroo** were received on 24/10/2017, from Kanazawa Zoological Garden, City of Yokohama, Kanazawa Japan. These were gifted by Hon'ble Mayor, Fuziko Hayashi, City of Yokohama.



Rescue and Rehabilitation of the abandoned Elephant calf:

- For better up keeping and health care, a rescued elephant calf was translocated from the Nayagram range of Kharagpur Division to Alipore Zoo on 23/09/2017 in a very poor condition. The approx age of the calf was four months.
- After continuous twenty four hours of care and surveillance for about the supervisors and zookeepers, the distressed calf has improved a lot from its ailment. Three doctors of the zoo also worked hard for his healthcare. Now the calf is doing fine and expected to get translocated to Jaldapara as early as possible.



Exchange Programme:

One pair of Lion, one pair of Jaguar and three pairs of Mouse deer were brought from Nehru Zoological Garden, Hyderabad to Zoological Garden, Alipore under an animal exchange plan, in exchange of 1 pair of Salt Water Crocodile and one pair of Giraffe from Zoological Garden, Alipore to Nehru Zoological Garden, Hyderabad.



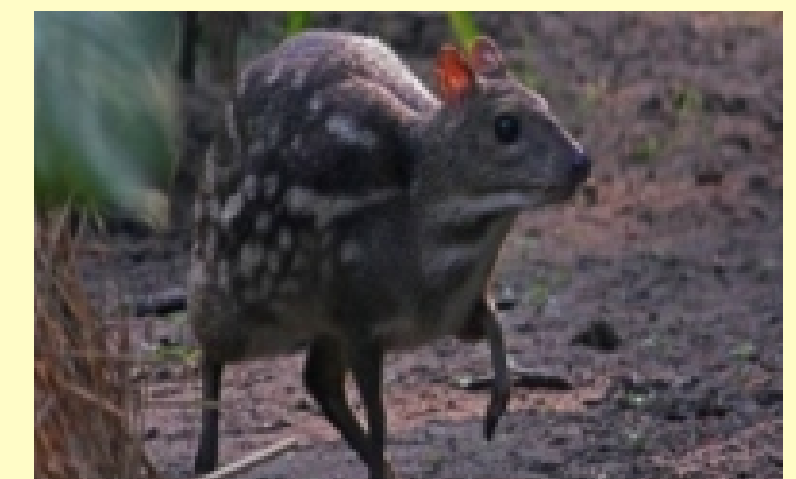
Lion:



Lioness:



Jaguar:



Mouse Deer:

Zoo educational activities:

International zookeepers' day:

International zookeepers day was celebrated on 04/10/2017 to promote awareness and encourage the zookeepers. The day went eventful with procession, felicitation. Interactive session and prize distribution. Best supervisors and zookeepers were felicitated for their overall performance. Out of two ranges, south range and north range, South range headed by Rajender Ram had bagged the first prize for their excellent year round activities.



Inauguration by paying homage to Shri Ram Brahma Sanyal, first superintendent of Zoological Garden, Alipore.



Procession with banners, placards etc.



Raising awareness and procession.



Supervisor Rajender Ram receiving prize.



South Range with winners trophy.



North Range with runners up trophy.



Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Urban development and Municipal affairs Govt of WB inaugurating the jaguar enclosure.



Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Urban development and Municipal affairs Govt of WB inaugurating the leopard enclosure.



Shri Binay Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Forests Govt of WB inaugurating the kangaroo enclosure.



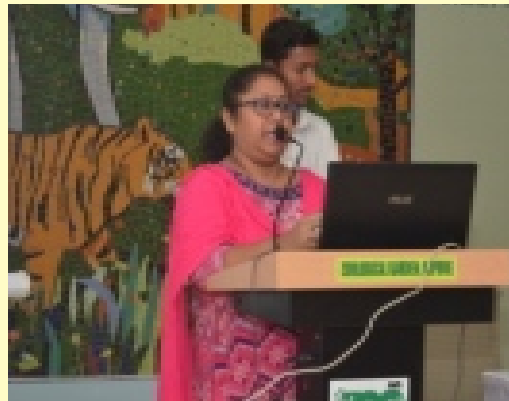
Shri Chandan Sinha, I.A.S, Principal Secretary, Forests, Govt of WB and Shri Narendra Kumar Pandey, IFS, PCCF, HOFF, WB inaugurating the fountains.



Newly inaugurated water fountain.



Principal Secretary, Forests along with senior forest officials.



Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata-addressing the students.



Faculty from the Sylhet Agricultural University addressing the students.



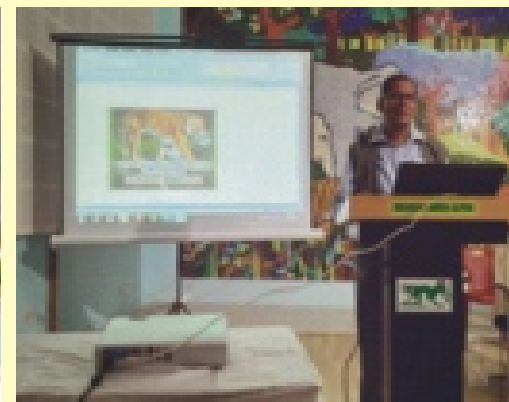
Dr. Chayan Bhattacharya, VRRRI, Asst. Director, A.R.D., Pathological cum Diagnostic Laboratory Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata-Delivering lecture.



Dr. Shivaji Bhattacharya, Asst. Director, A.R.D. and Veterinary Officer, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata-Delivering lecture.



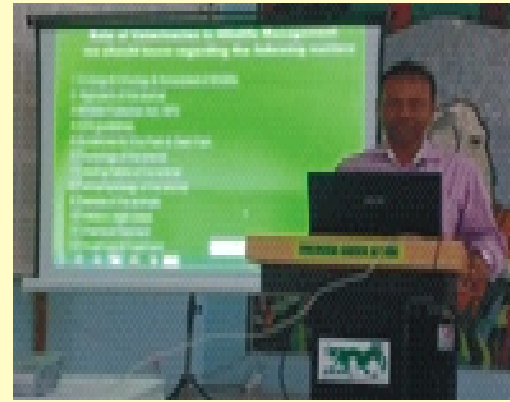
Dr. Tapan Kumar Sadhukhan, Joint Director, A.R.D., Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals (R&T), Kolkata-Delivering lecture.



Dr. Dayanarayan Banerjee, Former Veterinary Officer, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata-Delivering lecture.



Miss. Tania Chatterjee, Zoo Biologist, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata-Delivering lecture.



Dr. Proloy Mondal, Asst. Director, A.R.D., Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals (R&T), Kolkata-Delivering lecture.



Guided Zoo Visit

Wild life week celebration as zoo festival from 14th to 18th November:

In order to promote awareness on wildlife and impart a joyful learning experience to the young minds, wildlife week celebration programme was observed in the month of November as zoo festival (14th to 18th November, 2017) within the zoo premises, involving school and college students.

It was the brainchild of **Shri V.K.Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA**. Under his guidance we had organized a series of workshops and competitions on wildlife related topics.

Total schools participated: 75, Total college participated: 26, Total students participated: 975 It is to be noted that eminent delegates, officials and wildlife enthusiast from all walks of life also came forward to take part in the grand festival and motivate the young learners. The festival was inaugurated on 14/11/2017 by **Shri Binay Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister, Forests, Govt Of WB** and gracious presence of **Shri Chandan Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forests, Govt Of WB, Shri Narendra Kumar Pandey, IFS, PCCF & HOFF WB, Shri Siddhartha Barari, IFS, PCCF General WB, Shri V.K.Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA, Smt. Alka Yadav, artist, Smt. Debalina Biswas, Councillor ward no 74, and other senior forest officials and Hon'ble guests**. In the following days we had the privilege to welcome guests - **Shri J.T. Mathews, IFS, PCCF, Research, Monitoring & Development WB, Mr. Samindra Nath Majumdar, Prof of Govt Art College and Mr. Bimal Kundu, Sculptonist, Ms. Debashree Roy, Hon'ble MLA, Govt of WB, animal lover and animal rights activist, Ms. Moupia Nandi, senior journalist in 24 ghanta, Shri Saktiranjan Banerjee Lt. Col (Retd), Shri Sumit Sen-wildlife photographer**. On the day of closing ceremony we welcomed **Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister Urban Development and Municipal Affairs in the Government of West Bengal and Shri Sabyasachi Chakraborty, eminent actor (Feluda) and wildlife enthusiast**. Cheques, trophies and certificates were awarded to the winners for each category.:

Total cheques issued: First prize- 5000/- 20nos, Second prizes- 3000/- 22 nos, Third prize- 2000/- 20 nos



Inauguration of the zoo festival by Shri Binay Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister, Forests, Govt of WB.



Lighting the lamps by Shri Chandan Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forests, Govt of WB.



Lighting the lamps by Shri Narendra Kumar Pandey, IFS, PCCF & HOFF, WB.



Lighting the lamps by Shri Siddhartha Barari, IFS, PCCF General, WB.



Workshop on painting 14.11.2017



Prize distribution by Shri V.K.Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA

Inauguration of new enclosures and fountains on 14th December, 2017:

- The new enclosures for the **jaguar, leopard, kangaroo, mouse deer and lion** were inaugurated for the visitors by **Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Urban development and Municipal affairs Govt of West Bengal & Shri Binay Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Forests, Govt of West Bengal**.
- Four nos of fountains were inaugurated by **Shri Chandan Sinha, I.A.S, Principal Secretary, Forests, Govt Of West Bengal and Shri Narendra Kumar Pandey, IFS, PCCF, HOFF, West Bengal**.

Clay modeling on 15/11/2017:



Workshop cum competition



Judgement session-Smt Alka Yadav with other judges-to the left Mr. Samindra Nath Majumdar, Prof Govt Art College and to the right, Mr Bimal Kundu, Sculptonist.



Prize distribution-Shri J.T Mathews, IFS, PCCF, Research, Monitoring & Development awarding cheque.

Quiz competition on 16/11/2017:



Quiz teams in the final round,-Shri V.K Yadav, Member Secretary and the Deputy Director conducting the quiz session



Shri V.K Yadav, Member Secretary, WBZA conducting the quiz.



Ms. Debashree Roy, animal lover and Animal Rights activist awarding prizes to the winning team in the Bengali category.

Extempore competition on 17/11/2017:



Extempore speech delivered by the participating student



Judgement session with three eminent judges Smt Alka Yadav, Ms Moupia Nandi, senior journalist in 24 ghanta, Shri Saktiranjana Banerjee Lt. Col (Retd), Shri Sumit Sen-wildlife photographer.



Winners and runners up students with their winning prizes.

Craft competition on 18/11/2017:



Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge Urban Development and Municipal Affairs in the Government of West Bengal, with other dignitaries on the last day of zoo festival.



Mask Making Competition.



Shri Sabyasachi Chakraborty, eminent actor (Feluda) and wildlife enthusiast with the T-shirt designers.



Rangoli Session.



Origami workshop and competition.



Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore awarding prize to a winner in the clay modeling category.

Short Training for DVM Intern Students, Sylhet Agricultural University, Bangladesh, organized by Alipore Zoological Garden:

Around 56 DVM intern students from Sylhet Agricultural University, Bangladesh took part in the training programme on **Management and Treatment of Wildlife** from 28/11/2017 to 30/11/2017. The faculties present from the said university were Prof. Dr.Sultan Ahmed, Sylhet Agricultural University, Dr.Md. Mahfijur Rahaman, Associate Professor, Sylhet Agricultural University. In addition to delivering lectures, an interactive session was conducted by the veterinary officers of ARD, Alipore zoo & Zoobiologist Tania Chatterjee.



Opening day with the dignitaries



A.K. Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore addressing the students



Shri V.K.Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA addressing the students