



# ZOO NEWS



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## From the Director's desk

In 2024 we have stepped into the pre-Sesquicentennial year of Zoological Garden, Alipore. We have tried to maintain the esteemed standard of scientific zoo management and providing visitor satisfaction set over the past 150 years and have been able to cling to the top to be number one in terms of visitor number, experience and knowledge dissemination year after year. There has been no let down this year also. Looking forward to a successful and eventful year ahead leading to the 150th year of our living heritage and beloved Zoological Garden, Alipore.

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## Visitors Management

The Zoological Garden, Alipore experienced maximum footfall of visitors between 15th December, 2023 to 31st January, 2024 as usual like previous years. The Zoo Garden Authority made the following arrangements for better management of crowd and comfort and better experience for the visitors-



Various types of signage to manage the crowd during peak season.



Battery operated cart for visitors



Ticket through POS Machine



Computerized ticketing system



First Aid Counter



Police Assistance Booth



Validation of online ticket

## Footfall During The Quarter

ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE VISITOR FROM JANUARY, 2024 TO MARCH, 2024

MONTH	ADULT	MINOR	STUDENT	OTHERS	TOTAL VISITOR NUMBER
JANUARY, 2024	773604	83680	5989	2432	865705
FEBRUARY, 2024	264426	28675	7388	905	301394
MARCH, 2024	142995	11443	2246	241	156925
<b>Total Visitor</b>	<b>1181025</b>	<b>123798</b>	<b>15623</b>	<b>3578</b>	<b>1324024</b>

## Zoo Educational & Training activities:

### \* 1<sup>st</sup> January,2024: Awareness Programme

Zoological Garden organized an awareness programme with visitors to celebrate and welcome 'New Year:2024'. Interaction session with visitors and distribution of toffees was done by staff.

### \* 16<sup>th</sup> January,2024: Training Programme

Forest Guard Trainees from SFTI, Hijli visited zoo and one day training programme on 'Zoo Management' and guided visit was organized for them. 40 Nos. of trainees participated in this programme.

### \* 17<sup>th</sup> January,2024: Training Programme

Presentation on Zoo Management and guided tour at Zoological Garden, Alipore was organized for the Range Officer Trainees from Tamilnadu Forest Academy. Total 50 Nos. trainees participated in this programme.

### \* 31<sup>st</sup> January,2024: "International Zebra Day"

Zoological Garden, Alipore organized "International Zebra Day" at Alipore Zoo campus on 31st January,2024 from 11 a.m. There was a session of discussion about zebra by the Zoo Team (Director, Deputy Director, Asst. Director, Veterinary Officers, Zoo Biologist, Dietician and other staff) about Captive management of zebra. Spot quiz session regarding Zebra by Zoo Biologist and Dietician, enthusiastic visitors including children and school students participated in the programme.

### \* 2<sup>nd</sup> February,2024: "World Wetland Day"

"World Wetland Day"- celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> February,2024 in association with 'NEWS' at Zoological Garden, Alipore. There was a Poster presentation Competition for college students. 75 number of students from 2 no of university and 10 colleges were present.

### \* 10<sup>th</sup> February,2024: Training Programme

Range Officer Trainees from Karnataka Forest Academy visited zoo and one day training programme on 'Zoo Management' and guided visit was organized for them. 45 Nos. of trainees participated in this programme.

### \* 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024: Educational programme for special children

Zoological Garden, Alipore organized a guided zoo visit and quiz competition for 44nos. of differently abled children and their escorts in collaboration with 'Halo Heritage'.

### \* 10<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Training Programme

Presentation on zoo Management and guided tour at Zoological Garden, Alipore was organized for the Forest Range Officer trainees 2023-25(8<sup>th</sup> Batch) of Himachal Pradesh Forest Academy, Sundernagar as a part of their East India study tour programme .

### \* 21<sup>st</sup> March,2024: Training Programme

One day training programme on 'Disinfection Procedure and Fire Fighting' was organized for zoo staffs through Presentation and hands-on training. Total 46no. of staff participated in this programme.

### \* 22<sup>nd</sup> March,2024: Tree survey

A survey was organized to prepare a checklist of trees in Zoological Garden, Alipore campus, under the supervision of Dr. Debanshu Mallick, IFS(Retd.)

### \* 23<sup>rd</sup> March,2024: Training Programme

Zoological Garden, Alipore organized a training programme on "Modified ticketing system for enhancing visitors' experience and Management of Souvenir shop" for zoo staffs. Total 40 No. of staff were present in this programme.

### \* 25<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Free living animal survey

One day free living animal survey was conducted by 'Prakriti Samsad' and 'Team Alipore Zoo' (Night time Survey).

### \* 28<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Training Programme

One day training programme on 'Bio-Security Management and Fire safety' was organized for zoo staff through presentation and hands-on training. Total 50 no. of staff participated in this programme.

### \* 29<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Training Programme

Zoological Garden, Alipore organized a training programme on 'Preparation of Compost and Vermicompost from Zoo Waste' for zoo staffs. Total 40 No. of staffs were present in this programme.

### \* 29<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Tree survey

A survey was organized to prepare a checklist of trees in Zoological Garden, Alipore campus, under the supervision of Dr. Debanshu Mallick, IFS(Retd.)



Programme on 1st January celebration



Forest Guard trainees from SFTI, Hiji



International Zebra Day Celebration



World Wetland Day



Educational programme for special children



Forest Range Officers trainees,  
Himachal Pradesh Forest Academy, Sundernagar



Biodiversity Survey



Training on 'Disinfection Procedure and Fire Fighting'



Training on 'Bio-Security Management and Fire Safety'



Training on Management of Souvenir Shop



Training on 'Modified Ticketing System for enhancing Visitors' Experience



Training on 'Preparation of Compost and Vermicompost from Zoo waste'

## Other Programmes

### \* 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 : Republic Day Celebration

The 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January in zoo premises in presence of all staffs through flag hosting by Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore.

### \* 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 : Staff Appreciation Programme

A Staff Appreciation Programme and review was organized by Zoological Garden, Alipore regarding visitors' management during season time (15<sup>th</sup> December,2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> January,2024).

### 24<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Cleanliness Drive

One day cleanliness drive was organized at Zoological Garden, Alipore by Taj Bengal, Kolkata in collaboration with Zoological Garden, Alipore. Total 40 Nos. of staff participated from two organizations.

### 28<sup>th</sup> March,2024: Technical review meeting of Zoo Directors of West Bengal

State Zoo Directors' meeting of West Bengal Zoo Authority was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March,2024 at Conference Hall in Alipore Zoo. Various technical issues were discussed in this meeting for betterment of the zoos of West Bengal.



Technical Review Meeting of Zoo Directors of West Bengal



Cleanliness Drive programme by Taj Bengal at Zoological Garden, Alipore



Celebration of Republic Day

Staff Appreciation Programme



## Veterinary Activities

Beside regular veterinary care and management following diagnostic and therapeutic measures were executed during this period.

- Successful closed method castration of 1 no Nilgai under chemical immobilization.
- X-ray and abdominal ultrasonography of a male leopard for diagnostic purpose.
- Morphometric analysis of newly arrived tapir at the zoo.
- Installation of digital X-ray machine, 5 parts automatic hematology analyzer, Automatic bio-chemistry analyzer, urine analyzer, Electrolyte analyzer at renovated zoo veterinary hospital laboratory for disease diagnosis of zoo animals.
- Zoo veterinary team visited Digha and Baguran Jalpai sea shore in Purba Medinipur District for health monitoring of Olive ridley turtles and Irawadi dolphins.
- Conducted Internship training programme of 5<sup>th</sup> Yr. BVSC&AH students of WBUAFS, Kolkata



Morphometric analysis of newly arrived Tapir (Male)



Electrolyte Analyzer



Hematological Analyzer



Digital X-ray machine



Bio-Chemistry Analyzer



Urine Analyzer



Closed method castration of a Nilgai



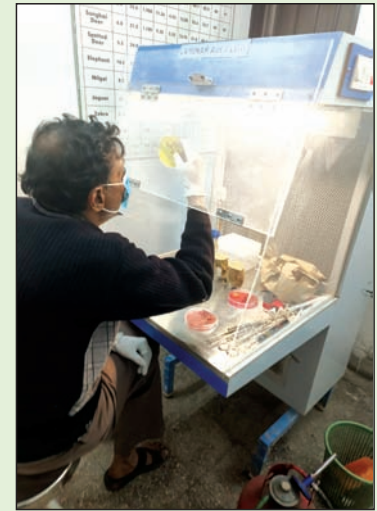
X-ray of a Leopard (Male)



USG of a Leopard (male)



Visit of Zoo Veterinary team at Digha, WB for health monitoring of aquatic fauna



Vaccination of zoo birds



Microbiological Diagnostic work



Internship training programme of Veterinary students at Zoo Veterinary Hospital

## Transfer of animals

- In the month of January 2024, one female Striped Hyena (*Hyaena hyaena*) was received from Jungalmahal Zoological Park, Jhargram.
- In the month of March 2024, Zoological Garden, Alipore sent one male and five female Indian Muntjac (*Muntiacus muntjak*), one pair of Indian Rock Python (*Python molurus*), one pair Burmese Python (*Python bivittatus*), one pair Reticulated Python (*Malayopython reticulatus*) to North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri and received one pair of Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), one male Malayan Tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) from them.



## Animal Adoption during January to march, 2024

SI No.	Name	Animal	Type	Duration	Amount
1.	Sri Ricky Ray & Smt. Srabanti Ray	Anaconda	Monthly	07.01.2024- 06.02.2024	1500
2.	Sri Ricky Ray & Smt. Srabanti Ray	Spotted Deer	Monthly	07.01.2024- 06.02.2024	1000
3.	Sri Sourav Chatterjee	Anaconda	Annual	08.01.2024-07.01.2025	15000
4.	Smt. Moitri Das	Rock Python	Annual	10.01.2024-09.01.2025	15000
5.	Sri Saptarshi Maulik & Smt.Sohini Sengupta	Chimpanzee	Annual	11.01.2024-10.01.2025	30000
6.	Smt. Roshni Das Bhattacharya	Iguana	Annual	14.01.2024-13.01.2025	5000
7.	Smt. Pamela Chakroborty Dutta	Normal Colour Peafowl (Male)	Annual	12.01.2024-11.01.2025	5000
8.	Smt. Suroshree Ganguly	White Swan	Monthly	15.01.2024-14.02.2024	500
9.	Smt. Veena Hingarh & Smt. Priti Chatter	Elephant	Annual	18.01.2024-17.01.2025	200000
10.	Sri Arif Ahmed	Python	Annual	19.01.2024-18.01.2025	15000
11.	Sri Saikat Mitra & Sri Sunirmal Roy Chowdhury	Chimpanzee	Annual	19.01.2024-18.01.2025	30000
12.	Sri Saptarshi Das & Smt. Puja Roy Das	Black Swan	Annual	18.01.2024-17.01.2025	10000
13.	Master Agam Mohnot	Red & Blue Macaw	Annual	20.01.2024-19.01.2025	10000
14.	Sri Debashis Gangopadhyay	Emu	Annual	27.01.2024-26.01.2025	10000
15.	Sri Ashish Kanjilal	Scarlet Macaw	Annual	13.02.2024-12.02.2025	10000
16.	Sri Anshul Jain	Chimpanzee	Annual	20.02.2024-19.02.2025	30000
17.	Sri Shambo Mukherjee	White Parakeet	Annual	21.02.2024-20.02.2025	4000
18.	Sri Shambo Mukherjee	Iguana	Annual	21.02.2024-20.02.2025	5000
19.	Smt. Monami Basu	Painted Stork	Annual	28.02.2024-27.02.2025	7000
20.	Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Eastland, District-329	Black & White ruffed Lemur	Annual	28.02.2024-27.02.2025	5000
21.	M.Sc Zoology, Calcutta University Batch:1985-87	Zebra	Annual	17.03.2024-16.03.2025	30000
22.	Smt. Upasana Dutta	Elephant	Monthly	24.04.2024-23.05.2024	20000
23.	Sri Subham Agarwal	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Annual	30.3.2024-29.03.2025	3000



## New born:

The Zoological Garden, Alipore welcomed a number of new born members to the zoo during this period.

### Conservation breeding success

- In January & February , 2024 nine nos. of baby Painted stork were born.
- One Brow-antler Deer fawn was born on 28th January, 2024.

### Success story of captive breeding

- I. Two Barking Deer fawns were observed on 4th January, 2024 and 17th January ,2024 respectively.
- II. Three Spotted Deer fawns were observed in 5th January, 2nd February and 1st March, 2024.
- III. Three Black Vulture Chick's were observed on 10th, 22nd and 24th February,2024.
- IV. One Domestic Goose was observed on 21st, two observed on 23rd and one was observed on 26th February,2024.
- V. On 28th February , 2024 one porcupette was observed.

## Retirement/ Transfer /Addition to our family

- Dr. Manabi Paul joined as Research Assistant on 1st January,2024
- Smt. Riya Ghosh Joined as Veterinary Assistant on 1st January,2024
- Sri Debranjnan Das joined as Assistant Zoo supervisor on 7th January,2024
- Sri Dewa Ram, Mazdoor Grade-I retired on 31st January,2024
- Sri Prithwis Ghosh, WBFS joined on 26th February,2024(Forenoon) and took over the charge of Assistant Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore on 29th February,2024
- Sri Partha Debnath, WBFS, Assistant Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore was transferred and handed over the charge on 29th February, 2024
- Sk. Maniruddin joined as Forest Range Officer on 12th March,2024

## 100 years back



Zoological Garden, Calcutta, 20th Century

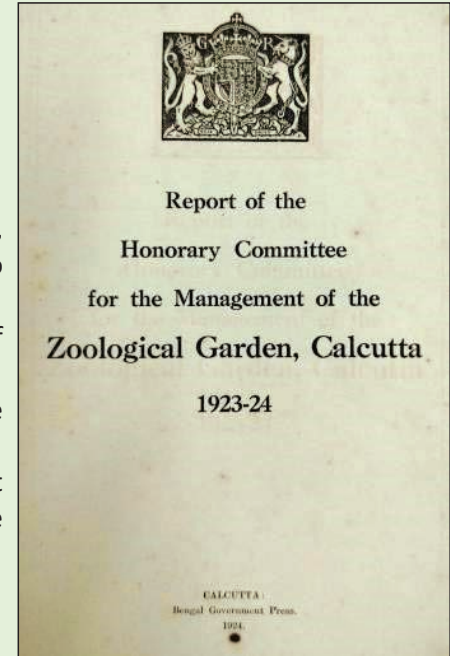
## From the Report of the Zoological Garden, Alipore, Management Committee 1923-24

In the year 1923-1924, the Committee of the Management of the Zoological Garden, was supervised by the

- 1) Hon'ble President, Mr. Justice P.L. Buckland,
- 2) Hon'ble Vice-President, Sir Bijay Chand Mahtab, and
- 3) Superintendent, Rai Bijay Krishna Basu Bahadur.

Not only the elite-class people but ordinary visitors too including school children, stopped by the Garden throughout the year and enjoyed the easy view of diverse animals and birds.

- i. Usually, the Garden received an average footfall of 2404 visitors daily, except for special occasions like the "Fancy Fair" when it outstretched to 10,260 people.
- ii. On Tuesday afternoons, the 90th Punjabi Regiment Band play (free of charge) added an extra amusement to the Garden.
- iii. Monthly, one Monday was announced as a "free day" when the entry fee remained fully waived.
- iv. The entry fee being only Seven paise per head, the Annual report portrays that "the financial condition of the Garden is on the whole satisfactory". Part of this profit was reinvested for the Garden upgrade.



### New addition to the garden:

- a. In 1924, a new entrance gate was constructed on the Orphanage Road, keeping the tram line nearby and thus making it more convenient for the zoo entry.
- b. A new Carnivora house was also constructed to house large felids in the Garden. This enclosure was modernized by keeping an open-air arena simulating their natural foraging ground, whereas the closed dens were restructured with grillage windows and wooden platforms to maximize ventilation.
- c. A night-watch was appointed for the first time to secure the entire Garden area throughout the day-night sessions.

### The first exhibition of Chimpanzee:

For the first time, in the year 1923-1924, the Garden received a Chimpanzee from the Zoological Society of Scotland.



*"The most important addition to the collection during the year was a Chimpanzee sent by the Zoological Society of Scotland. This species has never before been exhibited and is a great attraction to visitors"*

### (Ref: Report of Hony. Committee for Management, 1923:24) Overcoming an Epidemic :

In 1923, the cattle plague, "Rinderpest" broke out among Gayals. The epidemic was successfully controlled by the co-operative efforts being made by the officers and staff of the Bengal Veterinary College, and the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

## 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 : Inauguration of various enclosures by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal



Hon'ble CM, WB, Smt. Mamata Bandyopadhyay inaugurated 5 no. of projects of Zoological Garden, Alipore through virtual mode. The following dignitaries attended the programme from Zoological Garden, Alipore premises-

1. Shri Aroop Biswas, Minister of Sports, Power, Housing and Youth Affairs.,
2. Smt. Mala Roy, Hon'ble MP Kolkata (South)
3. Smt. Birbaha Hansda, MOS Forest (IC)
4. Smt. Debalina Biswas, Councilor, Ward No-74, Borough-9
5. Shri Vivek Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest
6. Shri Niraj Singhal, PCCF (Head of the Forest Force), West Bengal
7. Shri Debal Roy, PCCF(Wildlife)and CWLW, West Bengal
8. Shri Saurabh Chawdhuri, MS, WBZA and other dignitaries and officers were also present.

### The following projects were inaugurated:

1. New Conference Room and Training facilities
2. Expansion of Zebra night Shelter and enclosure area
3. Renovation of Chimpanzee enclosure
4. Quarantine suspended cages in Rescue Centre for birds
5. Renovation of Veterinary Hospital, Installation of CCTV System, Postmortem room and hospital gate.

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