

Attractions of the Zoo:



'Babu'-the Chimpanzee



Moluccan Cockatoo



'Katha & Koli'-the pair of Aldabra Giant Tortoise



Chinese Silver Pheasant

ATTRACTIONS

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NEWSLETTER, ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE, APRIL' 2020 TO MARCH' 2021

From The Director's Desk:

In the year 2020-2021, the world faced an unforeseen situation for the Covid-19 pandemic. The Zoo as well as the schools and colleges were closed for a major part of the year for this and organising events at the zoo premises was not possible. This edition of the zoo newsletter covers the events that occurred in the zoo during this pandemic situation. We hope that this will bring joy to everyone.

Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS
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DIRECTOR'S DESK

ADWAITA

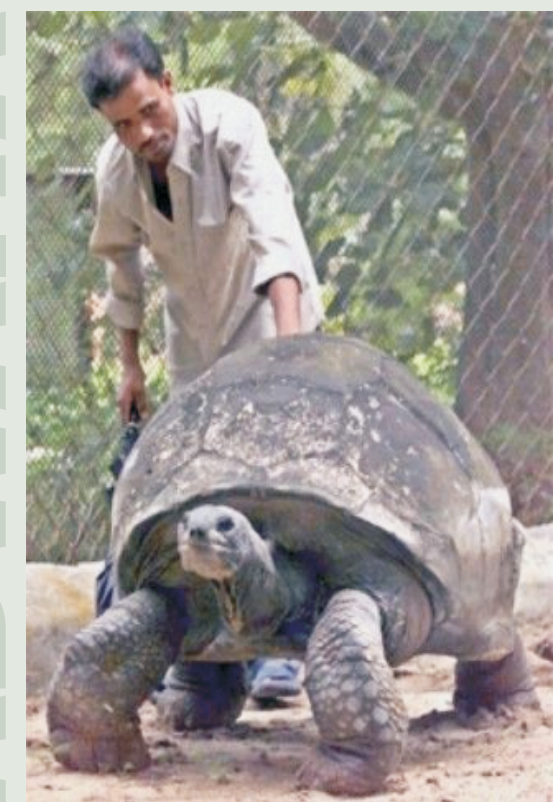
Adwaita means 'one and only' in Sanskrit. He was a male Aldabra Giant Tortoise that lived in Zoological Garden, Alipore and one of the world's longest living animals. Adwaita was one of four tortoises that were brought to India by British sailors from the Seychelle islands as a gift for Lord Robert Clive of the East India Company. It was said that, this gift was given to him after the Battle of Plassey which ensured the British Rule in India. Later, when Alipore Zoo was being formed, Adwaita was transferred to the zoo from the menagerie at Barrackpore by Carl Louis Schwendler in 1876. Adwaita lived in the zoo since then and died in the year 2006 at an age of more than 250 years.

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NEWS CONTENT

ADWAITA





NEW BORN

New Born:

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

- 11 yellow anacondas were born at Zoological Garden, Alipore in July, 2020 under the careful observation of the keepers. This was the first incident of Anaconda birth at Alipore Zoo.
- A Common Marmoset birth was observed on 10th October, 2020.
- In November, 2020 and in February 2021, a total number of four fawns were born in the Brow Antlered Deer Family
- A pair of Wild Dog pups was born in the zoo on 22nd December, 2020. The babies were initially rejected by the mother and our team of expert veterinarians and keepers hand reared them.
- A female zebra foal was born on 26.03.2021 under the careful supervision of the Zoo Keepers and Veterinary Doctors of the Zoo.



Yellow Anaconda Babies



Common Marmoset Mother with Baby



Wild Dog Pups



Zebra Foul with Mother



A Brow Antlered Deer Fawn

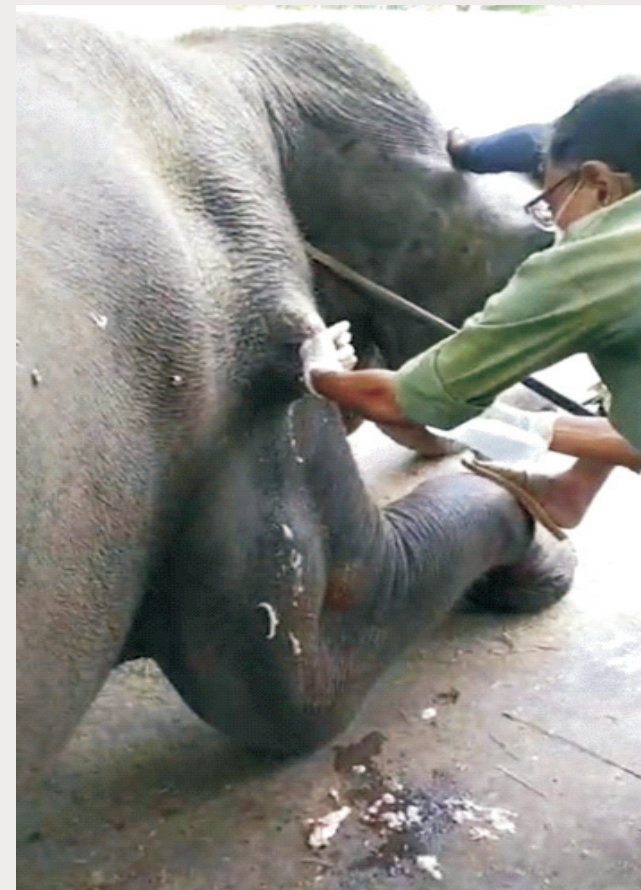
Veterinary Activities:



Sambar Deer after partial limb amputation



USG in a female Jungle Cat for detection of uterine abnormality



Abscess management in a captive Elephant



Hand rearing of wild dog puppies rejected by their mother



Cloacal prolapse management in a Salt Water Crocodile

Retirement:

Smt Champa Debi, Mazdoor Grade I, retired from her work on 30.06.2020 after serving the zoo for more than 30 years.

Sri Subhash Ch.Dey, Animal Supervisor, retired from his duties on 31.12. 2020 after serving the zoo for more than forty years. He joined Zoological Garden, Alipore as a keeper on 09.08.1979 and served the zoo successfully since then.

VETERINARY ACTIVITIES



School & College visits:

School and College visits were closed during this period due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Adoption:

As the zoo was closed due to Covid 19 pandemic situation during a major part of the year, the number of adoption was very less in this year.

ADOPTED BY	ANIMAL ADOPTED	DATE	PERIOD	AMOUNT (IN FIGURES)
Saptarshi Maulik	Chimpanzee (Babu)	02.01.2021	02.01.2021 to 01.01.2022	50000.00
Devhuti Mody	Giraffe (male)	06.02.2021	06.02.2021 to 05.02.2022	100000.00
Rotary Club of Zone 8, RID-3291, R.C.DUMDUM, R.C. CALCUTTA, R.C. GANGE HERITAGE, R.C KOSSIPORE	Fishing Cat	17.03.2021	17.03.21 to 16.03.22	30000.00

ADOPTION

Veterinary Activities:

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

- Surgical management of compound fracture of left forelimb of a sambar deer due to compound fracture.
- Ultrasonography and surgical excision of a chronic abscess in a Burmese python.
- Surgical management of abscess in a captive elephant.
- Hand rearing of wild dog puppies rejected by their mother.
- Ultrasonography of a jungle cat for detection of uterine disorder.
- Surgical management of cloacal prolapse in a salt water crocodile.



USG and removal of abscess in a Burmese Python

VETERINARY ACTIVITIES



Zoo Education & Training activities:

Inauguration of Zoo App:



The Zoo App was inaugurated by Shri Rajiv Bandopadhyay, Hon'ble MIC, Department of forests, Government of West Bengal, Shri Rabikant Sinha, PCCF (Hoff) and Shri Vinod Kr. Yadav, Addl. PCCF on 22nd April, 2020. The app named E-zoo kolkata can be downloaded from the Play Store. The following events were observed on the day.

1. Opening of Zoo app viz., E-zoo kolkata
2. Upgradation of Zoo website
3. Declaration of new born animals in the 12 zoos in West Bengal during Lockdown period

Vanmahotsab:

A tree plantation programme with the Officials and Staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore was organized on 14th July, 2020 on the occasion of Vanmahotsab. A total of 50 saplings were planted all over the zoo on the day.



Zoo Officials and Staff at the Vanmahotsab at ZGA



Sri Asis Kr. Smanta, IFS, Director, ZGA, Planting a sapling at the Zoo Ground

Online Competition on International Tiger Day (29th July, 2020), World Lion Day (10th August, 2020), World Elephant Day (12th August, 2020):

Three online competitions were organised for the above mentioned days for school and college students. Overall around 2000 entries were received for the competitions. After initial screening, the shortlisted entries were sent to the respected judges for final judgement. According to the decision of the judges, 1st, 2nd and 3rd position holders were awarded certificates and prize money and 7 consolation prizes were given in each of the groups.

World Elephant Day 2020
12TH AUGUST

Online participation details:
Group I (upto Class V) Make a slogan mask, wear and send photographs
Group II (Class VI-VIII) Drawing (A4 paper) on 'I am Elefant'
Group III (Class IX-XII) Cartoon drawing (A4 paper) on 'Meet-Elephant Interact'
Group IV (UG/PG student) Essay on 'Ele as a on-site elephant conservation tool'
• Language - English or Bangla
• Word limit: 300 words
• Send in PDF format, font size minimum 12
• Clearly mention in name, institution, contact number in last page

Entry Closes on 15th August 2020

Winners will be awarded Certificates & Prizes

Submit your entries to zoofestival.kolkatazoo@gmail.com
(Enquiry (10am - 5pm): Deputy Director (08697081587), Zoo Biologist (09830658586))

Rules & regulations:
1. Only one entry per participant is allowed and preserve your work till further communication
2. Please send drawing/photographs (JPEG/JPG) or essay (PDF) to the above mentioned email id only
3. Mention your name, institution, class, contact and a declaration that the entry is your original work in email
4. Save the file as name as SurnameClassContact (i.e. BasuVI9830658586)
5. Please follow www.kolkatazoo.in or KolkataZoo Alipore (in Facebook) for updates & results
6. Judges decision will be final

Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata
Invites online participation for
International Tiger Day 29th July 2020

Winners will be awarded Certificates & Prizes

Online Competition:
Category I (upto Std V) Art & Craft ideas on Tiger
Category II (Std VI - VIII) Drawing on "Tiger & its habitat"
Category III (Std IX - XII) Drawing on "Tigers need you"
Category IV (UG / PG) Poster with slogan on "Tigers in Zoo"

ENTRY CLOSES ON 3rd August 2020

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Enquiry: Deputy Director (08697081587)
Zoo Biologist (09830658586), Zoo Educator (09836862792)

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4. The participants should certify that the entry is his/her original work

Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata
Invites online participation for
World Lion Day 10th August 2020

ONLINE COMPETITION FOR ZOO LOVERS

Group I (Class V - VIII) Drawing (A4 paper) on Lion in Zoo
Group II (Class IX- XII) Cartoon Drawing (A4 paper) on Lion
Group III College & University student
Essay on "Role of Zoo in Lion Conservation"
• Language : English or Bengali
• Word limit : 500 words
• Send in PDF format, font size minimum 12
• Clearly mention in name, institution, contact number in last page

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Posters of online programmes



Zoo Education & Training activities:

Posting on Social Media on Rhino Day:

World Rhino Day is celebrated at Zoological Garden, Alipore with school students every year on 22nd September but due to pandemic situation, programme cannot be organised at the zoo premises. So, on the occasion of World Rhino Day, a post was created in facebook about the Rhino and its conservation to create awareness among the vast number of individuals who use social media.

Virtual tour of zoo for school students:

Due to the lockdown situation programmes cannot be organised for school students at the Zoo so, virtual tours have been organised. In this virtual tour, a presentation was given on the zoo animals and videos of different moments of the animals in the zoo were shown. The following programmes were organised under this section.

- a. Apeejay School, Salt Lake Branch- 25.01.2021, 27.01.2021, 28.01.2021 and 01.02.2021.
- b. Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya Govt. Spons.- 02.02.2021 and 05.02.2021.
- c. Apeejay School, Park Street Branch- 09.02.2021, 10.02.2021 and 12.02.2021.

Art for animals:

An art camp with many renowned artists was organized at the zoo premises by SDF and NSHM Knowledge Campus on 14th and 15th February, 2021. Many renowned artists came to the zoo to draw pictures on wild animals and the money coming from the exhibitions of these will be spent for the welfare of the animals of Zoo.



Inauguration of the Art Camp



Artist working on their paintings



Art for Animals-Art Camp at Zoo



Eminent Guests and Zoo officials at the programme



Zoo Education & Training activities:

Photography Exhibition:

A photography exhibition was organised at the zoo premises from 27th March to 4th April, 2021 by Kolkata Centre for Culture on the theme "My Kolkata in Kolkata".



Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, ZGA, welcoming the guests at the programme



Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, PCCF Wildlife and CWLW, Smt. Richa Agarwal, Chairperson, KCC and other eminent guests at the programme



Guests visiting the paintings



Guests visiting the exhibition

Footfall:

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic situation the zoo was closed from April to September, 2020. The Zoo opened for the visitors on 2nd October, 2020

ENTRY MEANS	FOOTFALL
TICKETS	1415708
PASS	6765
TOTAL	1422473

MONTH	NO. OF ADULTS	NO. OF CHILDREN	TOTAL NO. OF VISITORS	REVENUE
OCTOBER	15420	1084	16504	473440
NOVEMBER	47143	4505	51648	1459340
DECEMBER	262893	25935	288828	8146140
JANUARY	623118	66499	689617	19358530
FEBRUARY	237753	25925	263678	7391840
MARCH	96305	9128	105433	2980430
TOTAL	1282632	133076	1415708	39809720