

## Attractions of the Zoo:



Mute Swan



Moluccan Cockatoo



Scarlet Macaw



Chinese Silver Pheasant

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## From The Director's Desk:

In 2021, the situation started to become normal after the pandemic situation during 2020. But a few months into the year again pushed us into another lockdown. In this situation, the Zoological Garden, Alipore Authorities did everything to maintain smooth functioning of the zoo and also organised online programmes for awareness generation. This edition of Zoo Newsletter states the different activities of the zoo during this pandemic situation.

Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS  
Director

Zoological Garden, Alipore

NEWS CONTENT

DIRECTOR'S DESK

## শ্রী শ্রী ঠাকুর রামকৃষ্ণ পরমহংসদেবের আলিপুর চিড়িয়াখানা দর্শন



শিবনাথ শাস্ত্রী মহাশয়ের স্মৃতি কথাম আছে একবার তিনি দক্ষিণেশ্বরে আসিলে শ্রী শ্রী ঠাকুর তাঁহাকে চিড়িয়াখানার সিংহ দেখাইবার জন্য অনুরোধ করেন। “সিংহ জগজ্জননী দেবী দুর্গার বাহন” বলিতে বলিতে তাহার মধ্যে এক অতীন্দ্রিয় অনুভূতি জাগ্রত হইল। সেদিন শাস্ত্রী মহাশয়ের জরুরি কাজ থাকায় নিজে যাইতে পারেন নাই। সুকিয়া স্ত্রীটি পর্যন্ত শ্রী শ্রী ঠাকুরকে গাড়িতে লইয়া আসিয়া নরেন্দ্রনাথের দায়িত্বে তাঁহাকে চিড়িয়াখানায় পাঠান। কথামতে ২৪-২-১৮৮৪ তারিখের বিবরণে আছে-

‘চিড়িয়াখানা দেখতে লয়ে গিছলো। সিংহ দর্শন করেই আমি সমাধিস্থ হয়ে গেলাম। ঈশ্বরীর বাহনকে দেখে ঈশ্বরীর উদ্দীপন হলো-তখন আর অন্য জানোয়ার কে দেখে। সিংহ দেখেই ফিরে এলাম।’

- শ্রী শ্রী রামকৃষ্ণ কথামত

NEW BORN

New Born & Animal Exchange Programme:



9Nos. of Yellow Anacondas were born on 11.07.2021



A fishing cat kitten was born on 29.09.2021



A baby porcupine was born on 08.10.2021



A flock of Painted Stork babies were born on 2nd, 6th and 31st October



Two Nilgai fawns were born on 14.10.2021 and 27.11.2021



A female zebra foal was born on 20.11.2021



In the month of November, a total of 5Nos. of Brow Antlered Deer Babies were born

VETERINARY ACTIVITIES



Fig 1: USG photomicrograph of right kidney of a fishing cat showing renopathy



Fig 2 & 3: X-ray of fracture management a week old fawn of brow antlered deer

Retirements:



Sri Tapan Kr. Mondal I, Animal Supervisor, retired from his duties on 30.06.2021 after serving the zoo for more than 40 years.



In the month of August, Sri Bishwanath Ram, Animal Supervisor and Smt. Lakshminia Devi, Mazdoor Garde I, retired from their duties. Sri Bishwanath Ram has joined the on 09.08.1979 and served tirelessly since then. Smt. Lakshminia Devi worked here since 08.09.1994.



Sri Kishore Thapa, Office Peon Grade I, retired on 31.10.2021. He had been serving the zoo since 06.01.1994.





**THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING BUDGERIGAR**  
 Adopter: Chandra Sekar, Assistant in Service of South India Dairy  
 Address: Plot no. 202, Arundel Road, No. 4, Sector 12, Indraprastha Extension, New Delhi, 110028  
 Adopted: 08/04/2021  
 ZOological GARDEN, ALIPORE



**THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING INDIAN STAR TORTOISE**  
 Adopter: Prabhat Prasad  
 Address: 7 Mayapuri Phase 2, Sector 14, Mayapuri, New Delhi, 110028  
 Adopted: 08/04/2021  
 ZOological GARDEN, ALIPORE



**THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING IGUANA**  
 Adopter: Shiga Kanda  
 Address: Kanda House, 111, Madhav Prasad Marg, New Delhi, 110001  
 Adopted: 08/04/2021  
 ZOological GARDEN, ALIPORE

ADOPTION



Adopt a Wild Child

**Veterinary Activities:**

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

- Diagnosis of renopathy in a fishing cat through ultrasonography and successful medicinal management. (Fig 1)
- X-ray diagnosis of left tibiotarsus fracture in an Imperial pigeon and successful management with non-invasive technique.
- X-ray diagnosis of limb fracture in a week old brow antlered deer fawn and management. (Fig 2 & 3)
- Ultrasonographic diagnosis of enteritis in a male anaconda and detection of vitellogenic follicle through USG in a female anaconda.



Treatment of Crocodile

**Zoo Education & Training activities:**

**Essay Competition on Zoo Lovers Day: 08/04/2021**

The competition was organized for school and college students on Zoo Lovers Day. The competition was live from 8th April, 2021 to 15th April, 2021. Around 200 participants submitted their entries in different categories.



ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE IS ORGANIZING  
**ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON ZOO LOVERS DAY**  
 08TH APRIL, 2021

THIRD YEAR B.A.	15th April 2021	10:00 AM
Category I: Class 5 to 8   Word limit: 300		
Category II: Class 9 to 12   Word limit: 500		
Category III: College students   Word limit: 750		

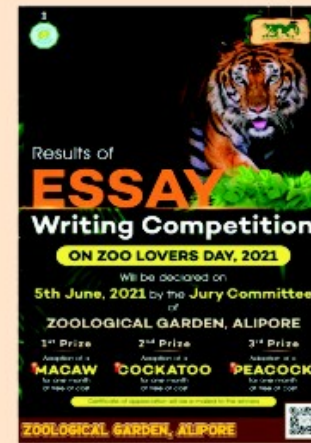
Language: Bengali, Hindi, English  
 For any queries contact:  
 Dr. Anil Kumar, Director  
 Zoological Garden, Alipore  
 Phone: 98300 12345

**World Environment Day: 05/06/2021**

A tree plantation Programme was organised at the zoo with zoo officials and staff to celebrate World Environment Day. An online quiz competition was also organised for college students on the occasion of World Environment Day. Around 450 participants registered for the initial qualifying round, from them 12 students were selected for the three semi-final rounds and from each semi-final, one candidate was selected for the final round.



Tree Plantation by Sri Asis Kr. Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA and other Officials and staff of the zoo



Results of **ESSAY** Writing Competition  
**ON ZOO LOVERS DAY, 2021**  
 We are declared on **5th June, 2021** by the Jury Committee of **ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
MACAW	COCKATOO	PEACOCK
by one month or more of cage	by one month or more of cage	by one month or more of cage



On the occasion of **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY** 5th June 2021,  
**Alipore Zoological Garden** invites under graduate students to a online quiz competition.

**Online Registration Closed**  
 REGISTRATION OPEN: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 12 pm  
 REGISTRATION CLOSED: 07<sup>th</sup> June, 8 pm

The participants will be put through an online preliminary test on Google Forms (MCQ) Test on 04th June 2021 at 1pm. The selection process will be online. The Test link and Instructions will be emailed to the eligible candidates.



Tree Plantation at Zoo





## Zoo Education & Training activities:

### Training Programme:

A Skill Development Workshop for Zoo Veterinary Assistants was organised by Zoological Garden, Alipore on 6th & 7th October, 2021. The Veterinary Assistants of different zoos of West Bengal Participated in the workshop



Other Training Programmes: The staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore participated in the following online training programmes.

- i. Training Programme on CZA IMIS was organised by CZA on 22.06.2021 on online platform and was participated by staff of ZGA.
- ii. A Training Programme on CZA-MIS was organised by West Bengal Zoo Authority on 10.09.2021 and was participated by staff of ZGA.
- iii. A Training Programme on Zoo-MIS was organised by West Bengal Zoo Authority on 18.11.2021 and was participated by staff of ZGA.
- iv. Regional Zoo Keepers Training on Captive Management of Reptiles was organised by Nandankanan Zoological Park and CZA on 24.11.2021 and 25.11.2021 and was participated by Keepers of the zoo.

## Visit of Hon'ble Minister:

On 14th June, 2021, Sri Jyotipriya Mullick, Hon'ble Minister-in Charge, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal and Smt. Birbaha Hansda, Hon'ble Minister-of-State, Department of Forests, and other Senior Officials visited the Zoological Garden, Alipore.



## Visit from Central Zoo Authority:

Officials from the Central Zoo Authority visited the zoo for evaluation on 31.08.2021.



## Zoo Education & Training activities:

### World Snake Day:

On the occasion of World Snake Day, the keepers of the Reptile section of the zoo were felicitated for their performance. An informative video on Snake, its conservation and its importance was also posted in Facebook to commemorate World Snake Day by Zoo Educator, Zoological Garden, Alipore.



Glimpses of the video



Felicitation of Zoo Keepers

## Online quizzes on International Tiger day, World Lion Day and World Elephant Day:



Online quizzes were organized on specific animals on respective days for all. These quizzes were conducted on Facebook on Google form platform for widespread reach and many students participated in the programme. On tiger day around 150, on Lion Day Around 100 and on Elephant Day around 80 participants participated in the quizzes.





## Zoo Education & Training activities:

### Independence Day:



The Zoo celebrated 75th Independence Day at the zoo premises by flag hoisting with Officials and staff of the zoo.

## RHINO DAY

World Rhino Day,  
22nd September, 2021:

**ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE**  
is organizing an online competition on the occasion of  
**WORLD RHINO DAY**  
**22**  
**2021**

**CATEGORY 1: DRAWING COMPETITION**  
Group A - Classes I - V  
Topic: Rhino in zoo (Drawing)  
Group B - Classes VI - X  
Topic: Rhino in wild (Drawing)

**CATEGORY 2: ESSAY COMPETITION**  
Group C - Classes XI - XII  
Topic: Rhino the pride of India (Essay - 500 words)

**Group D - UG & PG Students**  
Topic: Threats and conservation of Rhino (Essay - 1500 words)

**NOTE:**  
Participants need to upload drawing in jpg/png format and essay in doc/pdf file format.  
In each group top 3 participants will win exciting prizes and certificates.  
Top 10 participants will get certificates.

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An online competition on World Rhino Day was organized for school and college students.

### Webinar on Veterinary Case Study:

## CASE STUDY

**ONE-DAY WEBINAR ON ZOO VETERINARY CASE STUDY**  
ORGANISED BY  
WEST BENGAL ZOO AUTHORITY AND ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE  
DATE: 04 OCTOBER 2021  
TIME: 03:00 PM TO 04:00 PM

**OTHER SPEAKERS:**

- DR. AMAB MAJIE**, PCCF and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority
- DR. SHANTANU SHOME**, Joint Director, ARD, IAH & VB, Kolkata
- DR. NICK KOLEY**, PCCF and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority
- DR. JOY DE**, PCCF and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority

Welcome Speech by  
**Sri Saurabh Chaudhuri, IFS**, PCCF and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority

Eminent Speaker and Session chaired by  
**Dr. Tapas Sankhushan**, Joint Director, ARD, IAH & VB, Kolkata

Register for the Webinar by clicking the link, as given in the description.

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A webinar was organised by the West Bengal Zoo Authority and Zoological Garden, Alipore on 04.10.2021. The Welcome speech was delivered by Sri Saurabh Chaudhuri, IFS, Addl. PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA. Dr. Tapan Sadhukhan, Joint Director, ARD, IAH & VB, Kolkata was the Speaker of the Day. The Veterinary Officers of Zoological Garden, Alipore and other zoos of West Bengal Dr. Amab Majie, Dr. Shantanu Shome, Dr. Nick Koley and Dr. Joy De were among the eminent speakers of the webinar.

### 67th Wildlife Week celebration at Zoological Garden, Alipore:

67th Wildlife Week was celebrated at the zoo with different online and offline events. The series of events were organised from 4th to 8th October 2021 included many events e.g. Butterfly Watching, Webinar, Video Posting on Facebook, Events for Zoo Keepers and celebration of Zoo Keepers' Day etc. The Butterfly watching was organised on 06.10.2021 and was conducted by Sri Partha Debnath, Assistant Director, ZGA, Zoo Biologist and Research Assistant. International Zoo Keepers' Day was also observed during the Wildlife Week and the keepers were appreciated for their good work.

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Different events of the Wildlife Week

### 67th Wildlife Week celebration at Zoological Garden, Alipore:

**06**  
**OCTOBER**  
**2021**

**ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE**  
IS ORGANISING THE 67th WILDLIFE WEEK ON  
**RHINO CONSERVATION: THREATS, TRENDS AND CHALLENGES**

Webinar Speech  
**Sri Saurabh Chaudhuri, IFS**, Addl. PCCF and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority

Resource Person  
**Dr. Kumar Simal, IFS**, Coordinator of Rhino & Asia Project Director, West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project

Host of the Webinar  
**Sri Adis K. Samanta, IFS**, PCCF & Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore

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Different events of the Wildlife Week

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## WILDLIFE WEEK

### Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav:

**Week 42**  
**Common Water Monitor**  
*Varanus salvator*

**Know all about the Species**

**Know all about the Zoo**

**Watch Live!**  
20th YouTube Channel

**ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE**

The Zoological Garden, Alipore celebrated the 42nd week of the 75 weeks 75 species 75 zoos under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- Conservation to Co-existence: The People's Connect programme by Central Zoo Authority. The Species of the week was Water Monitor Lizard (*Varanus salvator*). The Week consisted different events spanning throughout the week that includes webinars, online quiz, story writing and photography competition, social media posting etc. The programme was initiated on 27th December, 2021 and continued till 2nd January, 2022.

**Common Water Monitor**  
*Varanus salvator*

**ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE**

**RESULTS OF ONLINE STORY WRITING COMPETITION**

held for celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav  
Competition date: 19th to 26th December, 2021

**WINNERS**

Category A - Name found suitable

Category B -  
1st **Sourav**  
2nd **Aishani**  
3rd **Suparna**

Others - Medha Chowdhury

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Different events of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav