



# ZOO NEWS



NEWSLETTER, ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE, QUATERLY, JULY TO SEPTEMBER '2018

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## From Director's Desk

We are happy to publish the 4th edition of the Zoo News for the period of July, 2018 to September, 2018. During this period we got many new borns to our Zoo family. We also organized a series of awareness programmes on Wildlife and Forest. Hope everyone will go through the edition and enjoy it.

Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS  
Director

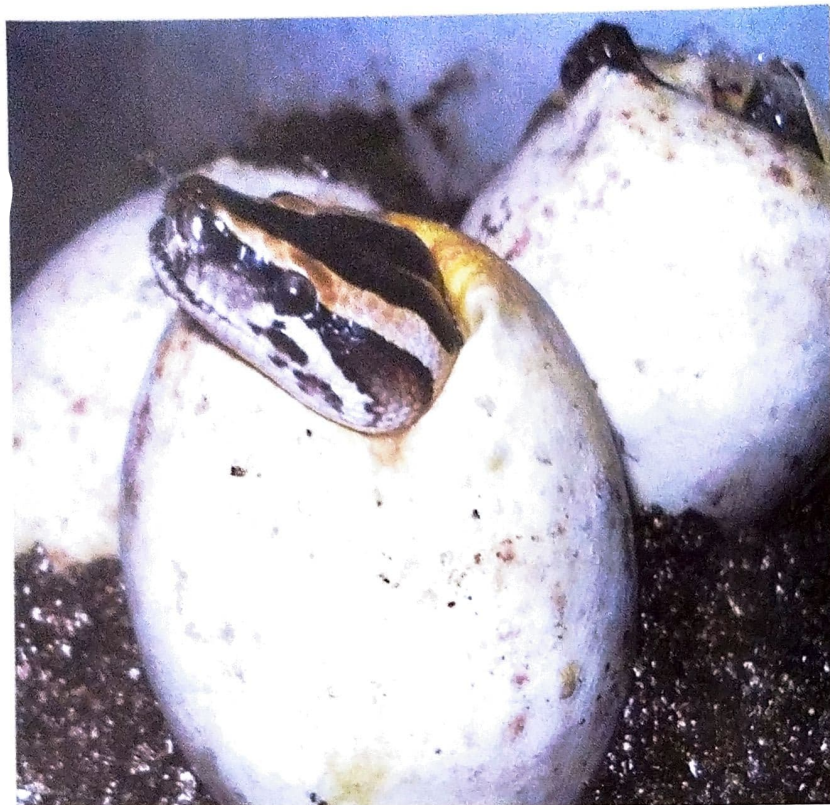
Zoological Garden, Alipore



## Sir Jotindra Mohan Tagore Library

Sir Jotindra Mohan Tagore Library in Zoological Garden, Alipore is named after the late Maharaja Sir Jotindra Mohan Tagore, K.C.I.E., of Calcutta, who was a constant supporter of the Zoological Garden, and was a recognised leader of Bengal Aristocracy. From a very early age, he showed exceptional literary taste for both Bengali and English composition. He also showed great interest in theatres, music and painting. In 1871, he received the title of 'Raja Bahadur'. Sir Jotindra Mohan Tagore was a patron to the Zoological Garden, Alipore and he was very much interested to build a library in the Zoo. He wished that all animal-medicine related books of the world should be kept in this library. For this, he donated a huge amount of money to Zoological Garden, Alipore. With this money, a huge library was built in the zoo premises in 1898. Another patron of the Zoo, Sir Jhon Edgar, donated some bookshelves for the library. This heritage library currently contains around 1400 books, of which many are rare books.





In July, 2018, 18 Rock Pythons were born at the Zoological Garden, Alipore under the careful supervision of the keepers.



In August, 2018, the Zoological Garden, Alipore welcomed a new member in the Kangaroo family. A Joey was born under the supervision of the keepers in this month.



A Marmoset offspring was born in August, 2018.



A Mousedeer offspring was born in the month of September, 2018



### Vanmahotsab, 14.07.2018:

Vanmahotsab is the festival of planting Trees. The festival was observed at the Zoological Garden, Alipore on 14th July, 2018. Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee penned the slogan for this year's Vanmahotsab which is "Aranya o Banyapran, Prakriti Mayer Sabuj Daan" which goes quite too well with the activities of the zoo as both 'Aranya' i.e. forest and 'Banyapran' i.e. wildlife are conserved in the zoo.

On the morning of the event, the staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore assembled at the zoo compound and initiated the programme. The first tree was planted at the Glass Enclosure for Tiger by Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore. He was joined by Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore and other staff of the ZGA.

It was heavily raining on the day, but the staff were very much enthusiastic about the programme. The sapling planting went on for the entire day till it was impossible to work for the rain. About 500 saplings of different species were planted in the zoo at many places. The Day was celebrated to make people more aware of the value of the trees and with hope that the saplings planted today will grow into big trees and help the environment.



Officials and staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore during a procession for Vanmahotsab



Officials of Zoological Garden, Alipore during the plantation programme in the Tiger enclosure



Staff of ZGA gathered for the tree planting programme in the Tiger enclosure



Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA and other staff and officials planting trees in the Tiger enclosure



Spreading the message of the necessity of planting trees through plantation and banners



Staff of ZGA gathered for the tree planting in the Tiger enclosure



Plantation inside the Kangaroo Enclosure



Staff of ZGA helping each other during tree plantation in the Kangaroo enclosure



Officials and Staff of the Zoological Garden, Alipore in the kangaroo enclosure for Vanmahotsab



### International Tiger Day, 29.07.2018:

International Tiger Day, an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation, was observed on 29th July, 2018 at Zoological Garden, Alipore. The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues.

The Zoological Garden, Alipore organized a programme to commemorate International Tiger Day along with WWF-India, WBSO. Students of Baidyabati Charushila Bose Balika Vidyalaya and Santoshpur Sikshayatan participated in the day's events. Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority and Smt. Saswati Sen, State Director of WWF were present at the event and shared their views. A procession with placards and banners was organized inside the zoo upto tiger enclosure. Students participated in a sit-and-draw competition and a short cultural programme was organized by the visiting schools.



Procession for Tiger Day organized by Zoo officials and Staff



Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, Smt. Saswati Sen, State Director of WWF and Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore leading the procession



Procession for Tiger Day



Participating students with banners and placards for Tiger Day



Participating school students with placards during the procession



Students enjoying the sight of the tiger



Procession with banners by participating students, Zoo Officials and Staff



Student participating in the programme





*Students with their creative works on tiger conservation*



*Zoo Officials and Staff in the programme*



*Keepers in front of the Tiger enclosure*

### World Elephant Day, 12.08.2018:

World Elephant Day is observed on 12th August. The idea was initially launched to bring the urgent plight of Asian and African Elephants. Zoological Garden, Alipore plays an important role in conservation of Asian Elephants so the day was observed here. Janab Firhad Hakim; Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, and Sri Binoy Krishna Barman; Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Forests, Government of West Bengal inaugurated the Open Air Enclosure for Elephants on the day. Sri Indeevar Pandey, IFS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal; Sri N.K. Pandey, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal; Sri R.K. Sinha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and CWLW, West Bengal; Sri S.K. Barari, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal; Sri V. K. Yadav, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority; Sri Kalyan Das, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, South-East Circle, West Bengal were present with us on the day's events. There was an interactive presentation on elephant conservation which was followed by a procession with placards and banners in the zoo. The students of participating schools, officials and staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore participated in the procession. A sit-and-draw competition was also organized for the students. Students from Jote Shibrampur Shiksha Niketan (H.S) and members from Kidderpore Unit for Social and Welfare Activities participated in the programme.



*Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, ZGA and other zoo officials and staff with the participating students in a procession on Elephant Day*



*Procession with banners on Elephant Day*



*Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal, and Sri Binoy Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal joining the celebration*



*Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal, and Sri Binoy Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal inaugurating the Elephant Enclosure*



*Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore felicitating Sri Binoy Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal*





Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority felicitating Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal



Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore felicitating Sri Indeevar Pandey, IFS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, West Bengal



Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore felicitating Sri N.K. Pandey, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal



Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore felicitating Sri R.K. Sinha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and CWLW, West Bengal



Sri Pradip Datta, Assistant Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore felicitating Sri S.K. Barari, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal



Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore felicitating Sri Kalyan Das, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, South-East Circle, West Bengal



Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore giving interactive presentation



Opening of the Newsletter



Sri N.K. Pandey, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal addressing the audience



Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal felicitating the keeper of Zoological Garden, Alipore



Sri Binoy Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister In Charge, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal felicitating Zoo Keeper



Sri N.K. Pandey, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal giving the certificate to the winning student





Sri Indeevar Pandey, IFS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal felicitating another keeper



Painting of the winning student



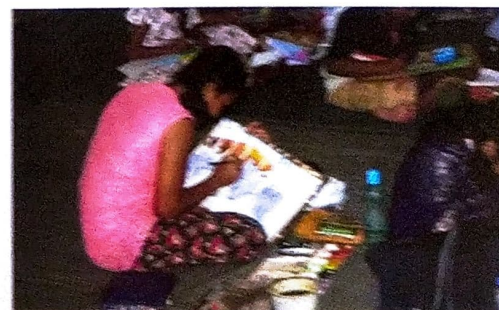
Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority giving prizes to students



Sri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority with the students



Felicitation of the keepers



A student with her painting

### Independence Day, 15.08.2018:

Like every year, on 15th August, 2018, 72nd Independence Day was celebrated at Zoological Garden, Alipore. Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore hoisted the flag at the zoo premises. Dr. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore and other officials and staff were present at the programme. Flag hoisting was followed by National Anthem, plantation and a brief cultural programme. A cleanliness drive was arranged under the Swachh Bharat Programme. The officials and staffs of Zoological Garden, Alipore participated in the programme.



Flag hoisting by Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore



Sweet Distribution by Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore



Plantation by Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore on Independence Day



Staff of Zoological Garden, Alipore during sweet distribution



Independence Day Celebration by Plantation





Cleanliness Drive by Officials and Staff of ZGA



Awareness through Magic Show organized by ZGA



### Footfall:



ENTRY MEANS	FOOTFALL
TICKETS	420577
PASS	696
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421273</b>

MONTH	NO. OF ADULTS	NO. OF CHILDREN	TOTAL NO. OF VISITORS	REVENUE
JULY	142160	8655	150815	4351350
AUGUST	138754	8391	147145	4246530
SEPTEMBER	114104	8513	122617	3508250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>395018</b>	<b>25559</b>	<b>420577</b>	<b>12106130</b>

### Total Schools And Colleges visited Zoological Garden, Alipore:

MONTH	TOTAL NO. OF SCHOOLS	TOTAL NO. OF COLLEGES	TOTAL	TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS
JULY	2	1	3	122
AUGUST	9	0	9	484
SEPTEMBER	21	2	23	1051
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1657</b>



PARTY NAME	ANIMAL	DATE	PERIOD	AMOUNT
<b>Anshul Jain</b> 182, A J C Bose Road Kolkata - 700014	Chimpanzee	09.07.18	10.07.18 To 09.07.19	<b>50000.00</b>
<b>Amitabha Kumar Nag</b> 364/18, NSC Bose Road Kolkata - 700047	Cockatoo	10.07.18	13.07.18 To 12.07.19	<b>25000.00</b>
<b>Pravar Electronics</b> Established :1978 X-29, Okhla Indl Area -2 New Delhi-110 020 Tel No.911-11-40544941	Porcupine	27.07.18	27.07.18 To 26.07.19	<b>10000.00</b>
<b>Siddhartha Chatterjee</b> Devradha Apartment 1804, Garia Place Kolkata - 700084	Black Buck (Female)	18.09.18	18.09.18 To 17.09.19	<b>25000.00</b>
<b>Department Of Zoology For UG &amp; PG STUDIES,</b> Serampore College Serampur, Hooghly	Fishing Cat	16.07.18 & 24.09.18	25.09.18 To 24.09.19	<b>30000.00</b>

## Veterinary Activities:



*Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Veterinary Officer, treating the lion*

1. A chronic wound on the right hind leg of the lion was observed by the keepers and reported to the Veterinary Officers. Proper care was taken immediately. The wound was treated with antibiotic course and anti-inflammatory/pain killer injection. The wound dressing was done on one day interval with antiseptic solution. After few days of treatment, the Lion recovered and transferred to the enclosure.



2. A female zebra was found to be wounded at the thigh region and different other parts of the body due to infighting with another zebra. Regular dressing of the wound was done with mercurochrome solution and antiseptic lotion. Injection of antibiotic course and anti-inflammatory/pain killer drug was given through blow pipe.



*Dr. Pankaj Kumar applying the medicine using blow pipe*

3. One of the female yellow monitors had a tumorous growth on the right foreleg. The veterinary Officers of Zoological Garden, Alipore Dr. Arnab Majie and Dr. Pankaj Kumar successfully operated and removed the tumour. After that regular dressing of the foreleg was done and the yellow monitor was treated with antibiotic course, pain killers and Vitamin B-Complex injection.



*Veterinary Officer Dr. Pankaj Kumar and keeper during the treatment of the yellow monitor*



*The Veterinary Officer and the keeper during the treatment of the Tigress*

4. The normal coloured tigress Rani was found to be wounded and partial anorexia was observed. It was reported to the Veterinary Officers by the keepers and immediate action was taken. Anti-septic cream and lotion was applied on the lesion on regular interval. Anti-biotic course and Vitamin B-complex was also given via injection. After proper care for a few days, the tigress recovered from the wound and transferred to the enclosure.





Smt. Enua Devi

*Smt. Enua Devi, Mazdur Grade I and Sri Rabindra Nath Maity, Field Assistant, retired after a long period of service at the Zoological Garden, Alipore on 31.07.2018. Smt. Enua Devi has been working here since 02.08.1984. Sri Rabindra Nath Maity served the Zoological Garden, Alipore for a longer period, serving since 07.09.1977.*





### ***The Murshidabad House:***

*The Murshidabad House is named in honour of its donor, H.H. the Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad. At that time "The Birds of Paradise" was there. Several valuable birds are found here.*



### ***The Schwendler House:***

*This house was made after Carl Louis Schwendler (Postmaster to the Govt. of India) in the year 1876. On 10th February, 1876 Carl Louis Schwendler donated Siamese Fireback, Monaul, Linn, Wild Common Fowl, Sikkim Horned Pheasant, Guinea Fowl, and Peacock Pheasant.*



### ***The Swarnamoyee House***

*This house has been erected at the cost of Maharaja Manindra Chandra Nandy, the nephew and successor of the late Maharani Swarnamoyee of Cossimbajar. The house was extended in three sides of the main building there are three lofty wirenetting aviaries (the Eastern Aviary, The Western Aviary and The Central aviary) which contains bushes and trees and afford practically a natural home for the birds.*

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