



CZA / WII & Calcutta Zoo organise a Zoo Management Training Course in Endangered Species Management

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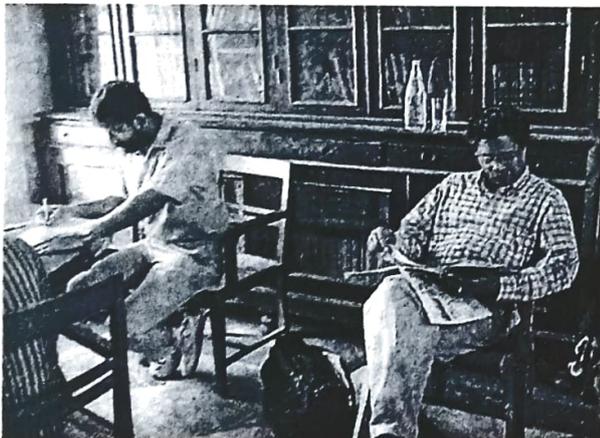
The Central Zoo Authority with assistance from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun and the Alipore Zoological Garden, Calcutta conducted a Three Week Training Course in Endangered Species and Zoo Management for Middle level Zoo professionals at Alipore Zoological Garden, Calcutta (23rd Feb. - 10th March 2000). Every year a training programme for Zoo Directors or middle level Zoo Managers is organised. This year the course was held at the Alipore Zoological Gardens. Participants also went on field visits to Darjeeling Zoo, Gangtok Zoo and Nandankanan Zoo.

At Nandankanan Zoo a special four day module on Studbook Keeping was organised for selected zoo directors.

Dr. Ravi Chellam and B.C. Choudhury, scientists at Wildlife Institute of India organise the course and alternate between outsourced resource persons in giving lectures, guiding discussions and conducting demonstrations.



Participants pose for a group photograph in front of the Calcutta Zoo Library. Photo by Calcutta Zoo photographer.



Course organisers catch up on accounts and prepare for their next lectures. Note the shelves of old books from the Calcutta Zoo Library behind them. Photo by S. Walker.

The course lectures were held in the Calcutta Zoo Library which doubles as a meeting room for the Zoo's Managing Committee. Surrounded by zoo history in the form of one of the very valuable collections of old zoology and natural history books in the country, the participants were in an appropriate environment for learning. A detailed report on some portions of the participants' education exercises and output will appear in the next issue of ZOOS' PRINT.

The course is always graced with the presence of the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority who is now Shri P. R. Sinha who also gives a lecture on the National Zoo Policy and answers questions about the Central Zoo Authority. This year Mr. S. S. Bist, formerly in charge of the Wildlife Regional Office in New Delhi lectured on CITES and National legislation governing zoo animals. Mr. Pushk Kumar, as is the custom, lectured on enclosure design. Dr. Naveen Kumar from Nehru Zoo, Hyderabad taught courses on health care and procedures and related subjects. Rajat Bhargawa explained how to care for birds in captivity. Mamta Sharma of Kanpur Zoo lectured on man management and also gave a case study of the educational activities in Kanpur Zoo. Sally Walker gave a lecture on history and ran a day long series of presentations and exercises having to do with zoo education



Participants work on exercises given in the classroom.