



ZOO NEWS



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From the Director's desk

From its beginnings in 1875, the zoo has grown into a thriving wildlife conservation institution. Over 150 years, the zoo has transformed from a small menagerie to a modern conservation institution. Through dedication and innovation, the zoo has enhanced animal welfare and promoted conservation efforts. Today, the zoo is a beloved destination for students, families, news reporters, artists and others.

This year zoo celebrates its 150th anniversary, marking a remarkable milestone in wildlife conservation and education.

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New Born

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

Success Story of Captive breeding

- on 4th February,2025 three nos. Muscovy Duck were observed.
- on 12th February,2025 8 nos. domestic free ranging goose were observed.
- on 24th February,2025 one giraffe calf was observed.
- On 2nd March one western crowned pigeon was observed.
- One wolf calf birth was observed on 5th March,2025.
- Four Indian Peafowl (Grey) were observed on 30th March,2025

Success Story of Conservation breeding

- 17Nos. Painted Stork were observed during this quarter.

Zoo Educational & Training Activities

◆ 4th January: Training Programme

Guided Zoo visit and PowerPoint Presentation was organized for the IFS Probationers by Assistant Directors and Zoo Biologists. 6 Nos. IFS Probationers took part in this programme.

◆ 30th January: Workshop on Biomedical waste Management

One day workshop on 'Biomedical waste Management' was organized by Zoological Garden, Alipore. Total 50 nos. of Zoo Keeper, Animal Attendant and Zoo staff took part in this programme.

◆ 31st January,2025: "International Zebra Day"

Zoological Garden, Alipore organized "International Zebra Day" at Alipore Zoo campus on 31st January,2025 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 Educator, Zoo Biologist and Dietician, enthusiastic visitors including children and school students participated in the programme.

◆ **7th February: Educational Programme for school**

Guided Zoo visit and PowerPoint Presentation was organized for the students of Antpur Ramkrishna Mission, Hooghly under the supervision of Zoo Educator, Zoo Biologist and Zoo Dietician. 160 students and 20 teachers took part in this programme.

◆ **13th February: Training Programme**

Range Officer Trainees from Telengana State Forest Academy, Dulapally, Hyderabad, visited zoo and one day training programme on 'Zoo Management' and guided visit was organized for them. 35 Nos. of trainees participated in this programme.

◆ **14th February: Training Programme**

Range Officer Trainees from Chandrapur Forest Academy of Administration, Chandrapur (Maharashtra) visited zoo and one day training programme on 'Zoo Management' and guided visit was organized for them. 47 Nos. of trainees participated in this programme.

◆ **28th February: Programme for Special Children and Training Programme**

Guided Zoo visit was organized for the Special Children of 'Charaibeti'- (project works with children with disabilities belonging from marginalized communities of Kolkata). A wing of Tomorrows Foundation under the supervision of Zoo Educator, and Zoo Dietician. 50 students and 20 teachers took part in this programme.

Range Officer Trainees from Kundal Academy of Development, Administration and Management (Forests), Sangli, Maharashtra visited zoo as a part of their 'North India Study Tour' and one day training programme on 'Zoo Management' and guided visit was organized for them. 36 Nos. of trainees participated in this programme.

◆ **3rd March: World Wildlife Day**

Guided Zoo visit, video playback was organized for the elderly- members of 'PRONAM'-an initiative by the Kolkata Police dedicated to the wellbeing of senior citizen, on 3rd March, 2025 for the occasion of 'World Wildlife Day'.

Deputy Director, Range Officer, Zoo Biologist, Zoo Educator, Dietician and other zoo staff were present in the program. A team of Kolkata Police (Kalighat, Tollygunge, Parnasree, Behala Police Station) also took part in this programme.

◆ **21st March: International Day of Forest**

Zoological Garden, Alipore celebrated 'International Day of Forests, on 21st March, 2025 on the theme of Forests and Foods.

In this Programme Assistant Director discussed the facing issues dwindling forest of share practices of sustainable fodder management, ideas about components of primitive agriculture practice, regenerated farming practices and principles of permaculture, nursery practice and encouraged about concept of inhouse fodder cultivation for herbivores.

Deputy Director, Range Officer, Zoo Biologist, Zoo Educator, Dietician and other zoo staff we're present in the program.

◆ **27th March: Workshop on in house green fodder cultivation**

One day Workshop on inhouse green fodder cultivation was organized by Zoological Garden, Alipore. In this Programme Assistant Director discussed the facing issues, share best practices and innovative ideas about plantation to the Zoo Keepers and animal Attendants. Zoo Biologist, Zoo Educator, we're took part in this program.

◆ **31st March: Training Programme**

Range Officer Trainees from Uttarakhand Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani(Nainital) 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.

Other Programmes

- **16th January, 2025: cleanliness Drive**

One day Cleanliness drive was organized by Team of Taj Bengal at Zoological Garden, Alipore. Total 20 nos. of staff took part in this programme.

- **18th January, 2025: Cleanliness Drive**

One day Cleanliness drive was organized by Team of Taj Bengal at Zoological Garden, Alipore. Total 40 nos. of staff took part in this programme.

- **26th January, 2025: Republic Day Celebration**

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January in zoo premises in presence of all staffs through flag hosting by Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore.



Workshop on Biomedical waste Management



Programme for school children



Training Programme for IFS Probationers



Training Programme for Range officer trainees



Programme for special Children



Celebration of World Wildlife Day,2025





Training Programme for Range Officer Trainees



Celebration of 'International Day of Forest', 2025



Cleanliness drive by team 'Taj Bengal' at Zoological Garden, Alipore



Celebration of Republic Day

Veterinary Activities (Jan 2025 - Mar 2025)

Veterinary care January- March 25

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

- An orientation programme on proper medication of zoo animals and birds was organized on 31.01.2025 for zoo keepers and animal attendants of the zoological garden
- Hand rearing of a rescued bear cub at zoo veterinary hospital.
- Hand rearing of a zoo bred Indian grey wolf puppy due to improper maternal care at zoo veterinary hospital.
- Laser therapy in an ailing sambar deer with posterior weakness.



Orientation program of keepers on medication of zoo animals



Hand rearing of rescued bear cub at zoo veterinary hospital



Hand rearing of a zoo bred Indian grey wolf puppy



Laser therapy of a sambar deer

Footfall

ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, ALIPORE VISITOR FROM JANUARY, 2025 TO MARCH, 2025

MONTH	ADULT	MINOR	STUDENT	OTHERS(PASS)	TOTAL VISITOR
JAN,25	847018	98260	7709	4731	957718
FEB,25	231196	29838	9373	654	271061
MARCH,25	73771	7424	1513	315	83023
Total Visitor	1151985	135522	18595	5700	1311802

In House Green Fodder Cultivation

Alipore Zoo has implemented an innovative in-house green fodder cultivation program. This initiative ensures a steady supply of fresh, nutritious fodder for its herbivorous animals. The zoo's cultivation efforts promote sustainability and reduce reliance on external feed sources. By growing its own fodder, the zoo can better control the quality and nutritional content of the feed. This approach also helps reduce costs and environmental impact. The cultivated fodder includes various grasses and legumes, carefully selected to meet the dietary needs of the animals. The program has improved animal health and well-being, while also supporting conservation efforts. Alipore Zoo's in-house cultivation serves as a model for other zoos and wildlife sanctuaries. This sustainable practice contributes to the zoo's overall mission of animal care and conservation. By adopting this approach, the zoo demonstrates its commitment to innovative and environmentally friendly practices.





Special Action For Convenience of Visitors

- Online ticket booking system through QR Code and Zoo website .
- Ticket booking through 'Yatri sathi' app of Govt. of West Bengal .

Adoption Of Zoo Animals During The Period

Sl No	Name	Animal	Type	Duration	Amount	Remarks
1.	Smt. Roshni Das Bhattacharya	Green Iguana	Annual	14.01.2024-13.01.2025	8000	Fund received during this quarter
2.	Ms. Jennifer Yen	Alexandrine Parakeet (Female)	Annual	03.02.2025-02.02.2026	8000	
3.	Sri Atonu Chatterjee	Striped Hyena	Annual	11.02.2025-10.02.2026	30000	
4.	Mr. Vivek Joel Gomes	Indian Star Tortoise	Annual	02.02.2025-01.02.2026	8000	
5.	Smt. Sonali Paul Chakraborty	Yellow Anaconda	Annual	12.02.2025- 11.02.2026	15000	
6.	Sri Ashis Kanjilal	Scarlet Macaw	Annual	12.02.2025-11.02.2026	15000	
7.	Dr. Avik Basu	Sambar Deer	Monthly	16.02.2025-15.03.2025	2000	
8.	Smt. Krishna Mukherjee	Leopard	Annual	05.03.2025-04.03.2026	100000	
9.	Sri Arjun Chakraborty	Red &Blue Macaw	Annual	13.03.2025-12.03.2026	15000	
10.	Sri Sanjoy Dhar	Green Iguana	Annual	14.03.2025-13.03.2026	8000	
11.	Sri Shambo Mukherjee	One Lory and One Mexican Red Headed Amazon Parrot	Annual	21.03.2025- 20.03.2026	16000	
12.	Sri Sourodip Roy	Great Indian Hornbill	Monthly	26.03.2025-25.04.2025	2000	
13.	Mackintosh Burn Ltd.	1 No. Bengal Tiger, 1No. White Tiger, 2Nos. Asiatic Lion, 1No. Indian Elephant, 1No. One horned Rhinoceros, 1No. Hippopotamus	Annual	01.04.2025-31.03.2026	16,50,000	

Our Happy Adopters





Retirement/Transfer/Addition to our Family

- Md. Rabiul Mondal joined as Forest Range Officer on,24th March, 2025

Rescued/ Seized animals received at the Zoological Garden, Alipore January to March, 2025

Sl. No.	Species	Scientific Name	Type	Number received	Received on	Received from	Remarks
1	Sloth Bear Juvenile	Melursus ursinus	Mammal	1	17.01.2025	Barasat S.F. Range, 24 Pgs. (N) Forest Division, WB	
2	Star Tortoise	Geochelone elegans	Reptile	173	23.01.2025	Ranaghat Range, Nadia Murshidabad Division	
3	African Grey Parrot	Psittacus erithacus	Bird	1	05.02.2025	Wildlife, HQ	Rescued
4	Rosy-billed pochard ducks	Netta peposaca	Bird	8	17.03.2025	Bethuadahari W.L.S., Nadia Murshidabad Division	
5	Fishing cat (kittens)	Prionailurus viverrinus	Mammal	4	24.03.2025	CKBS, Baruipur Range	Rescued

100 Years Back

The tiger came with a 'broken tooth'

Rai Bahadur Ram Brahma Sanyal, the first Bengali superintendent of Calcutta Zoo, had a friendly relationship with Sir Carl Hagenbeck, the founder of Germany's renowned Garden, the Tierpark Hagenbeck. In February 1899, Mr. Hagenbeck wished to have a full-grown Bengal Tiger and requested Rai Bahadur Sanyal to inquire about the possibility. Regrettably, in his letter of 20th April 1899, R. B. Sanyal wrote to C. Hagenbeck quoting, *"I am sorry the fine male Tiger that we acquired lately and which you would have liked much, came with a broken tooth. So we must look out for another."* Although the Garden received ample transportation support from the East India Railway Company and various shipping agencies, in the 19th century, animal conveyance was carried on at a rather more sedate pace. Therefore, it was painstaking to see a newly acquired animal imperfect. Imagine how it feels when visitors enter the Zoo with high expectations of seeing a huge wild tiger, and the Garden Authority is displaying such a toothless tiger! But Hagenbeck was so desperate to have a tiger that he even considered this one. Sanyal Babu wrote to Hagenbeck, quoting *"I understand from your telegram of the 6th which was delayed in delivery that you want us to send you the large Tiger with broken tooth."*

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