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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We are back with the second edition covering zoo news from January to March 2018. We are very happy to announce the success stories of captive breeding, series of educational programmes and training study tour organized for trainee officers. Thanks to Anuradha Dutta, Zoo Educator for her tireless effort to publish this News Letter. We hope the readers will enjoy this edition to the fullest.

Asis Kumar Samanta, IFS
Director
Zoological Garden, Alipore



This obelisk stands as a monument to the enterprising spirit of **Richard Carl Louis Schwendler** to whom the city of Calcutta owes a deep debt of gratitude for this Garden. He was a member of the Council of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and also a member of the first Managing Committee of the Zoological Garden, Calcutta (Dec 9, 1875). Construction of the animal houses and enclosures was carried on according to the design of Mr. Schwendler and under the supervision of Mr. Watson. In the month of December, 1875, Mr. Schwendler readily donated his fine collection of specimens. At present the Schwendler house is the home of Red and Blue Macaw, Yellow and Blue Macaw, Goffin's Cockatoo, Moluccan Cockatoo, Lesser Crested Cockatoo and other birds.

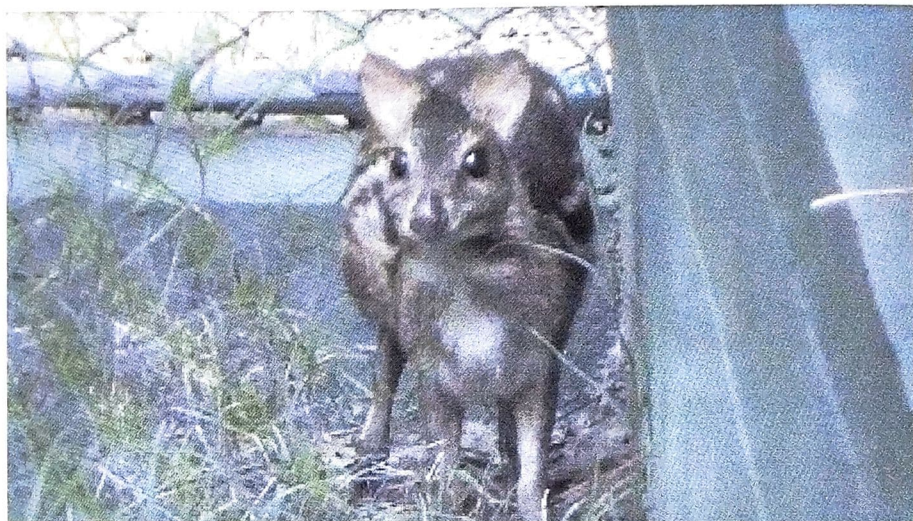


A new Member in the Zoo Zebra Community:

Around 10.30pm on January 17, mother Dyuti, 9 delivered a foal. Now the newborn and his father, Ujjwal, are the only male zebras in the Zoo. After keeping an eye on pregnant Dyuti in a separate enclosure for about three months, under 24X7 supervision of the attendants and doctors the success came. Soon after birth the baby was not able to stand on its feet. The attendants and Zookeeper Rajesh Ram later spotted the amniotic sac got entangled between the baby's hind legs. Finally the vet was able to cut the sac efficiently and after applying adequate massage and physical exercise by the zookeepers under the supervision of the Director, ZGA, the foal was allowed to walk up to Dyuti at about 1:30 pm and start suckling. Both the mother and the baby are doing good and running around.

Mouse Deer

Three pairs of mouse deer were brought from Nehru Zoological Garden, Hyderabad in the month of September, 2017 under an animal exchange plan. In the month of March one of the pairs successfully bred and a baby fawn was born after providing proper hideout shelter with complete privacy.



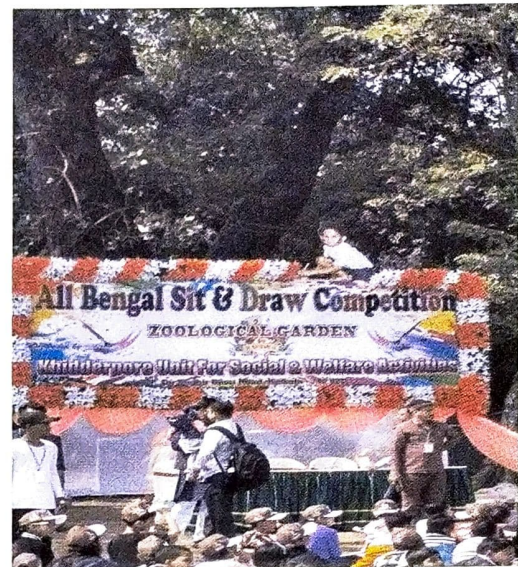
Blue and Yellow Macaw

In the month of March artificial nest boxes were provided to the breeding pair and under the suitable environment, successful hatching took place, and as a result two hatchlings were born to the Macaw pair whereas 4 hatchlings were born to the Lutino Parakeet pair.



Lutino Parakeet

■ To generate awareness amongst the young learners the all Bengal sit and draw competition was organized by the Zoological Garden, Alipore Kolkata in association with the Khidderpore Unit For Social And Welfare. The competition was followed by prize distribution. We had the privilege to welcome our guest Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister in-charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Govt of WB, whose presence inspired & motivated the participants. We are looking forward to organize more such events.



Participants during the sit and draw competition

Awareness Programme:



Welcome address by the Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore



Zoo educator delivering the interactive presentation



Students enjoying the Zoo visit



Faculty from contai model school delivering a speech

■ On 10th February, 2018 an awareness programme was organized on zoo animals. 108 students and 10 teachers from **Contai Model Institution, Purba Medinipur**, participated in the programme. After an welcome address by Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden Alipore Kolkata, Smt Anuradha Dutta Zoo Educator, ZGA Delivered a lecture on zoo animals with active participation from the students. Faculty from the institution also shared his views on the importance of the topic. Thereafter the students took part in the zoo visit guided by smt Tania Chatterjee, Zoobiologist and Zoo Educator. The programme ended successfully within four hours.



Students from Sreerampore College, Hooghly attending the programme



Group photo with zoo officials, faculty and students

■ On 27/02/18 around 160 students, seven faculty members from **Sreerampore college, Hooghly**, took part in the awareness generation programme on zoo management and zoo animals. After an welcome address by Shri Pradeep Dutta, Asst Director, ZGA a interactive presentation was delivered by the Zoo Educator followed by a guided zoo visit carried out by the Zoo Dietician, Zoo Educator and Zoo Biologist. It has been an enlightening experience for all of us.

■ To raise awareness and promote the importance of Wildlife, the **World Wildlife Day** was observed on 03/03/2018 with active participation from the **officials of Zoological Garden Alipore, officials of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Students and faculty members of Narasinha Dutta College**. After an educational zoo visit, interactive presentations were delivered, the students thoroughly enjoyed the signature campaign session followed by the fun filled quiz session & the prize distribution.



Students from Narasinha Dutta College at the NIC



Zoo Dietician Smt Runia Ghatak during guided zoo visit



Zoo Educator Smt Anuradha Dutta delivering interactive presentation



Sri. Agni Mitra, IFS, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB Eastern Region delivering lecture



Signature campaign



Sri. Agni Mitra, IFS, conducting quiz with the students

■ Respective students and teachers from Burul High School and Ramkrishna Mission Vidyalaya Narendrapur actively participated in the commemoration of **International Day of Forests** on 21st March, 2018. Number of programmes were organized to promote the importance of the day, like-sit and draw competition, procession with banners, placards, guided zoo visit, interactive presentation by the Zoo Educator, theme based stage performance by the participants etc.



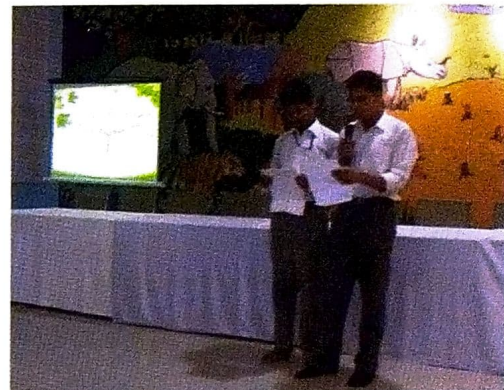
Students during procession



Placards designed by the students of Ramkrishna Mission Vidyalaya Narendrapur



Winners with First, Second and Third prizes



Students performing during the commemoration

Workshop:

■ Workshop on Enrichment of Animal Enclosures in Zoos:

Two days workshop (30/01/2017-31/01/2017) was organized by **Zoological Garden, Alipore** in association with **CZA**, on enrichment of animal enclosures in zoos by involving ex-officio Directors, DFOS, ADFOS, Deputy Director, Asst. Director, Zoobiologists. On Day 1 Inaugural Function was carried out in gracious presence of Dr. D. N. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, CZA, New Delhi and Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, Dr. Sushant Chowdhury, Ex Senior Professor, Wild Life Institute Of India, Dr. Brij Kishore Gupta Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA. Followed by publication of newsletter, and interactive presentations. On day 2, after Presentations Delivered By Dr. Brij Kishore Gupta on zoo enrichment guidelines, zoo visit was carried out in groups followed by group presentations and discussions. From ZGA, the Director, Deputy Director, Asst Director, Zoo biologists, Zoo educator, Zoo dietician, Zoo supervisor, Zoo keepers also attended the programme along with the following officers from different Zoos.

- Sri Piar Chand, IFS
- Basab Raj, IFS
- Debasish Sharma, IFS
- Tripti Shah, IFS
- Amrita Dutta, IFS
- Niranjita Mitra, WBFS
- Anjan Guha, WBFS
- Sujit Das, WBFS
- Dibyajyoti Bera, WBFS
- Byomkesh Dutta, WBFS
- Parthasarathi, WBFS
- Upasana Rai
- Aditya Mitra

- Director
- Ex- Officio Director
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- Zoo Biologist
- Zoo Biologist

- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
- Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram
- Bardhaman Zoological Park
- Sunderban Wild Animal Park
- Surulia mini Zoo, Purulia
- Garchumuk Deer Park
- New Town Deer Park, Kolkata
- Bardhaman Zoological Park
- Sunderban Wild Animal Park
- Surulia mini Zoo, Purulia
- South Khairibari Rescue Centre
- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
- North Bengal Wild Animal Park, Siliguri



Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Adl PCCF & Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority inaugurating the event by lighting the lamp in gracious presence of Dr. D.N. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority & Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata



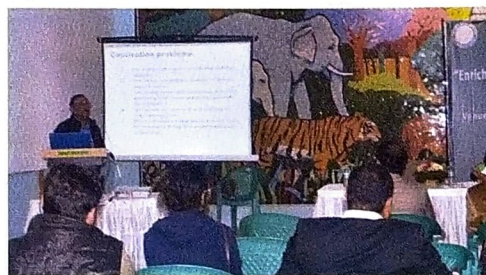
Publication ceremony of zoo newsletter by Dr D.N. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, CZA, Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Adl PCCF & Member Secretary, WBZA, Dr. Sushant Chowdhury, Ex Senior Professor, Wild Life Institute of India, Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata



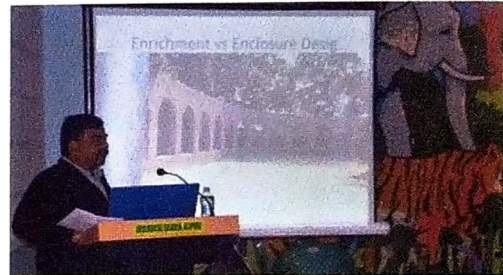
Officers during the interactive session



Dr. D.N. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, CZA, New Delhi delivering lecture on management and objectives of legal issues related to enrichment for animal enclosure



Dr Sushant Chowdhury, Ex Senior Professor, Wild Life Institute Of India, delivering lecture on "approach for animal enrichment in zoo"



Dr. Brij Kishore Gupta Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA delivering lecture on "Environmental Enrichment for the Welfare of Animals followed by on Rapid Assessment and Enrichment"



Smt Upashna Rai, Zoobiologist, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, delivering lecture on "animal enrichment: need, purpose, facts and evaluation".



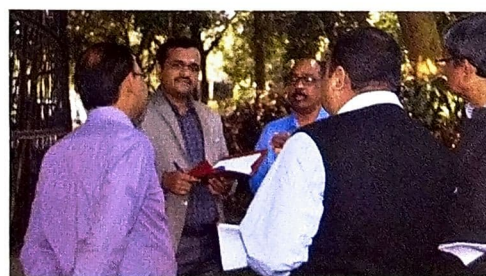
Group-1: during the Zoo visit.



Group-2: during the Zoo visit.



Group-3: during the Zoo visit



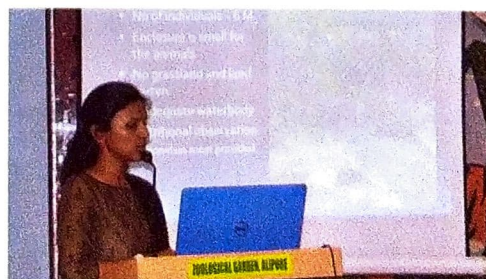
Group-4: during the Zoo visit



Group-5: during the Zoo visit



Sri Debasis Sharma, IFS, DFO/Bardhaman delivering lecture on suggested enrichments of the study sites



Smt Tripti Shah, IFS, Director, SWAP/Jharkhali, delivering lecture on suggested enrichments of the study sites



Group photography

■ East India study tour programme of 11th batch Forester-I trainees 2018 from State Environment & Forestry Training Institute, Nagaland, Dimapur dated 10/03/2018:

Participated By: 25 trainees and 5 faculties. Guided zoo visit was conducted by the Zoo Dietician, Zoo Biologist And Zoo Educator to impart knowledge on Zoo Management.



Officials with the Forester trainees



Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA delivering lecture

■ East India study tour programme of Forest Range Officer trainee from Telengana Forest Academy dated 26/02/2018:

Participated By: 65 range forest officers trainee along with faculty members. In addition to guided zoo visit, an interactive presentation was delivered by Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA.



Forest officer trainees with the officials

■ East India study tour programme of 4th batch of Kundal state Forestry Training Society, Maharashtra dated 13/03/2018:

Participated By: 32 Range Forest Officers trainee along with two faculty members and one DFO. Guided zoo visit was conducted by the Assistant Director and Zoo Educator to impart knowledge on Zoo Management.



Forest officer trainees with the officials

■ **East India study tour programme of Forest Range Officer trainee from Tamilnadu Forest Department dated 15/03/2018:**
 Participated By: 39 forest range officers trainee along with faculty members. In addition to guided zoo visit, an interactive presentation was delivered by Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA. Smt Runia Ghatak, Zoo Dietician, Smt Anuradha Dutta, Zoo Educator, Smt Tania Chatterjee, Zoo Biologist on zoo animals and zoo management.



Shri Asis Samanta, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore, interacting with the trainees during guided zoo visit



Zoo Dietician delivering lecture



Zoo Educator delivering lecture



Group Photography



Zoo Biologist delivering lecture



Trainee Zookeepers From Kanpur Zoo

■ Visit by the trainee Zookeepers from Kanpur Zoo:

As a part of study tour programme across East India, 11 trainee Zookeepers visited the zoo on 18/03/2018. The head keepers and animal supervisors from respective animal sections guided them in this tour and shared their experiences, and explained the guidelines of animal handling and management, how they deal with Emergency situations with the participant trainees.

■ Treatment of Tiger:

On monthly basis, regular deworming treatment is carried out with the tiger for proper health care. Dr. Pankaj Kumar applying injection to the tiger for that purpose.



Dr Pankaj Kumar, Veterinary Officer treating the tiger

■ Prophylactic measures to safeguard Bheem:

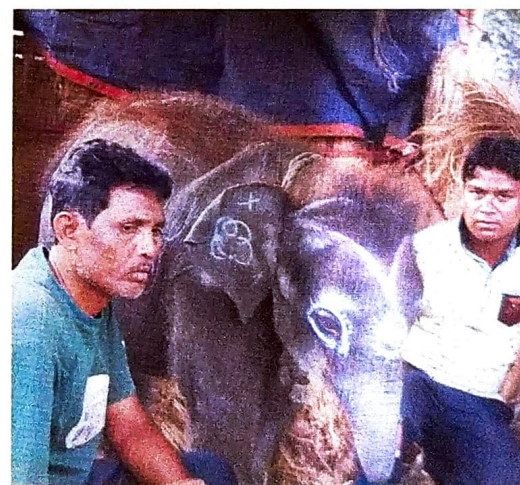
The rescued elephant calf Bheem was provided professional care and treatment for successful rehabilitation. In the month of January he was suffering from acute dehydration. A medical team of six members was set up, headed by Shri Proloy Mondol, Asst Director, ARD. Under their supervision ORS was given via saline along with coconut pulp and water. Within a week the calf showed remarkable improvements and restored his health status.



Treatment of Bheem in presence of intern students from Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences

■ Shifting of bheem to Jaldapara Elephant Rescue Centre:

On 23/02/2018, rescued calf bheem was successfully translocated to Jaldapara. For a smooth transportation and to provide comfort, straw bedding was arranged inside the vehicle as a mean of shock absorber.



Bheem with his caregivers-Ashoke Kumar Ram and Anwar



Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA with Dr Shivaji Bhattacharya, Veterinary Officer and Dr Pankaj Kumar Veterinary Officer along with the 5th batch of intern students



Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, ZGA with the 3rd batch of intern students

■ Training programme of intern students from Bengal university of Animal and Fishery Sciences Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences:

In the last three months as part of the internship programme a total of forty five students have attended the hands on training course on animal healthcare, animal handling and management guided by the veterinary officers and Zoo Keepers.

Opening of E-Ticketing corner:

On 16/01/2018, e-ticketing/online corner was inaugurated by Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl PCCF & Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority & Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata for the first time at Zoological Garden, Alipore. One can tender tickets debit/credit card/net banking by using the website eticketaliporezoo.com directly or through banner link on kolkatazoo.in.



E-Ticketing corner



Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Addl. PCCF & Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority & Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Director, Zoological Garden Alipore Kolkata inaugurating the E-Ticketing corner

MONTH	NO OF ADULT	NO. OF CHILDREN	TOTAL NO OF VISITORS	REVENUE
APRIL	99849	7429	107278	2843555
MAY	108630	8465	117095	3067535
JUNE	156499	15275	171774	4776250
JULY	178281	12441	190722	5472840
AUGUST	108612	7889	116501	3337250
SEPTEMBER	167397	15019	182416	5172100
OCTOBER	164888	17700	182588	5123640
NOVEMBER	155851	17453	173304	4850060
DECEMBER	825023	99460	924483	25745290
JANUARY	867004	99874	966878	27008860
FEBRUARY	237468	31462	268930	7438660
MARCH	127579	12437	140016	3951740
TOTAL	3197081	344904	3541985	98787780

ENTRY MEANS	FOOTFALL
VIA TICKETS	35,41,985
VIA PASS	7553
TOTAL	3,54,9,538

OTHER RESOURCES	REVENUE
(ONLINE TICKETING, VIDEOGRAPHY, WEIGHING MACHINE, PENALTY, RENTAL, ADOPTION)	1,93.05,859



School visiting the Zoo

Total Schools and Colleges 2017-2018:

SCHOOL/COLLEGE		TOTAL STUDENTS
TOTAL COLLEGES	62	36525
TOTAL SCHOOLS	623	



School Students during procession



School Students during procession



College visiting the Zoo

Animal adoption scheme for the session 2018-19 (month January, February, march):

PARTY NAME	ANIMAL	DATE	PERIOD	AMOUNT
DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL	PEACOCK	09.03.18	17.03.18 to 16.03.19	10000

Retirement:

Shri Prabir Saha Roy, Tank Attend Grade-I got retired on 31/01/2018 He had earned good will for his dedication and commitment towards his job. He was felicitated by the Alipore Zoo Authority Officials on 05/02/2018 He served at the zoo over 39 years.



Director facilitating Shri Prabir Saha Roy

GARDENING & LAND SCAPING:



The gardening and landscaping is a part & parcel of the zoo management. The gardening staff with their regular effort maintain the garden section. The garden adds aesthetic beauty to the zoo and recreational value to the visitors.



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