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1. From the Desk

This quarter been quite vibrant with lots of conservation education activities and visit of key dignitaries and officials.

This year for the first time, we conducted Summer Camp for two batches of participants due to high demand from the people. Celebration of Earth Day, Environment Day, World Giraffe Day, Dr Ambedkar Jayanti, Basava Jayanti and Conservation Speech were the highlights of the quarter.

The milestone event of this period laying of foundation stone for construction of housing facility for Sloth Bears. This work involving investment of Rs. 91.62 lakhs is being sponsored by Bhartiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Paper Mill Ltd (BRBNMPL) under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

This period also witnessed the visit of Honb'ble Minister of Forests, Govt of Karnataka Sri Umesh Katti. Honb'le Minister went around the zoo, interacted with zoo staff and officials and encouraged to continue to the good works and also suggested to donate animals to other upcoming zoos of Karnataka.

Smt Akanksha Mahajan IFS, Deputy Inspector General, Central Zoo Authority visited zoo and inspected animal facilities at zoo and rescue center and other activities of zoo and gave valuable inputs for the further improvement of zoo.

Birth of Tigers, Sloth Bears and a Zebra are noteworthy arrivals of this period.

The visitor footfall is yet to reach pre-COVID level. We hope this would improve in coming days! I thank all donors and well-wishers for their continued support to Mysore Zoo.

Thank You All!

Ajit Kulkarni, IFS

Deputy Conservator of Forests &
Executive Director

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2. Summer Camp

With the aim of motivating students about Wildlife and Biodiversity, Mysuru Zoo organized Summer Camp for students of age between 12-18 years in the month of April and May. First batch was from 15th to 24th of April 2022 and Second batch was from 1st to 10th May 2022 for a period of 10 days. In this program total 127 students participated from various institutions in and around Mysore. Formal inauguration of the Programme was done on 15th April 2022 by Sri. Chandragupta, IPS, Commissioner of Police Mysore City in the presence of Sri.L R Mahadevswamy, Chairman ZAK, Sri.Gokul Govardhan & Smt. Jyothi Rechanna, Council Members ZAK and Sri.Ajit Kulkarni, Executive Director Mysuru Zoo. During the camp students were taught about basics of Captive Wild Animals Management and Wildlife Conservation, Management of animals at zoo, Animal behaviour, Conservation of wild animals, identification of various birds and butterflies, identification of trees. There were various classes on subjects covering various aspects of these issues. Zoo Veterinary Officers and other Subject Matter Specialists interacted with the participants. Apart from theory classes, several practical sessions were also organised and interesting activities like Butterfly walk in the zoo premises, bird watching in the karanji lake were also conducted. They were taken for a visit to RMNH Museum, Kurghalli Rescue Centre, and Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary. Certificates were given to students at the end of the course.







3. Earth Day

On account of Earth Day, Drawing/Painting Competition and Essay Competition were conducted on topics “Protect our species” and “Invest in our Planet” respectively. Later Summer Camp Participants planted seedlings in zoo premises.



4. Conservation Speak

Forests are essential for maintaining ecological balance and play an important role in climate regulation and carbon sequestration. Due to various anthropogenic activities, forest area is decreasing rapidly. In recent days one of the biggest issues which are contributing to the climate change is depletion of forests and threats for the fauna and flora. There is a need to understand the need for conservation of forests. Best ways to approach the above issues is through open and transparent discussion with researchers and conservators.

As ex-situ conservation centre and part of its objectives Mysuru Zoo is conducting many conservation education programmes among this Conservation Speak is one of them. After a long gap due to Covid -19 Mysuru Zoo is reviving its Conservation Speak.

With this background, Mysuru Zoo had invited Sri Venuprasad, IFS to share his views on “Changes in Forest cover in Karnataka and its implications” and Smt. Deep Contractor, IFS DCF (Working Plan) Mysuru to share her experience on “My Journey to Antarctica” as a part of 23rd Conservation Speak held on 31st May, 2022.



A group of five people are posed for a photo on a stage. From left to right: a man in a white shirt and dark trousers standing; a man in a white shirt and dark trousers sitting in a chair and wearing a colorful shawl; a man in a white shirt and dark trousers standing; a woman in a white and blue sari sitting in a chair; and a woman in a red and gold sari standing.

5. Environment Day

As a part of World Environment Day Celebration, Drawing/Painting Competition and Essay Competition were conducted for students of age group 5-21 years. More than 200 students participated in the programme. Zoo visitors were encouraged to sow tree seeds and plant seedlings in zoo premises.





6. World Giraffe Day

World Giraffe Day is an annual event initiated by Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) to celebrate the longest-necked animal on the longest day of the year -21st June.

In this regard to contribute to the worldwide celebration's different informative fact sheets and relevant posters were displayed in front of the Giraffe enclosure for visitors.





7. Recent Developmental Works

i. Providing Sprinkler Jetliner to ostrich, Cassowary, Emu & African Buffalo Enclosures



ii. Providing Toughened Glass to Viewpoint of Hunting Cheetah Enclosure



iii. Providing Wet mix for Road Cutting portion of Underpass near Entrance of Zoo



8. News in Brief

A. Major Events and Happenings

i. Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration

Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated on April 14th to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. On this day, we pay him respect and tribute for what he has contributed to Indian law and the constitution.



ii. Basava Jayanti Celebration

On the occasion of birth anniversary of Sri Jagajyothi Basaveshwara (Basavanna) BasavaJayanthi was celebrated on 14th of May by arranging Pooja in Zoo Premises.



iii. Bhumi Pooja for Construction of new Sloth Bear enclosure

On 3rd May 2022 new Sloth Bear enclosure Bhumi Pooja was organized. New Sloth Bear enclosure is being built with the financial assistance by Bhartiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Paper Mill Ltd (BRBNMPL) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund.



iv. Visit by Hon'ble Forest Minister of Karnataka Shri. Umesh Vishwanath Katti

Shri. Umesh Vishwanath Katti, Hon'ble Forest Minister of Karnataka visited Mysuru Zoo on 30/6/2022 and reviewed the Administration and Developmental activities of Mysuru Zoo. Sri. L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Chairman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Sri. Vijay Kumar Gogi, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Bangalore, Smt. Jyoti Rechanna & Sri Gokul Govardhan, Council Members Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Dr. Malathipriya, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Mysore Circle, Smt. Kamala Karikalan, IFS, DCF Mysuru Division, V.Karikalan, IFS, DCF Wildlife Division and Sri. Ajit Kulkarni, IFS, Executive Director Mysuru Zoo were also present.



v. Visit of Mrs. Akanksha Mahajan Dy Inspector General of Forest, CZA, MoEFCC

Mrs. Akanksha Mahajan Dy Inspector General of Forest, CZA, visited Mysuru Zoo and Kurghalli Rescue Centre on 15/6/2022 and reviewed the Administration and Developmental activities.

Shri Ravi B.P, APCCF, Member Secretary Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Shri Ajit Kulkarni, IFS Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo were also present.



B. Quarterly Acquisition Report

Sl. No.	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
1.	3/4/2022	B01942-43	Sarus Crane	1	1	0	2	Acquired from Chhatbir Zoo, Chandigarh on animal exchange Programme
		B01944	Kalij Pheasant	1	2	0	3	
		M01684	Himalayan Goral	0	1	0	1	
		M01534	Mouse Deer	0	1	0	1	
		M01683	Albino Blackbuck	1	2	0	3	
		B01946	Lesser Whistling Duck	1	2	0	3	
		B01945	Comb Duck	2	2	0	4	
2.	24/2/2022	M01685	Hyena	1	0	0	1	Acquired from Hampi Zoo
			Total	7	11	0	18	

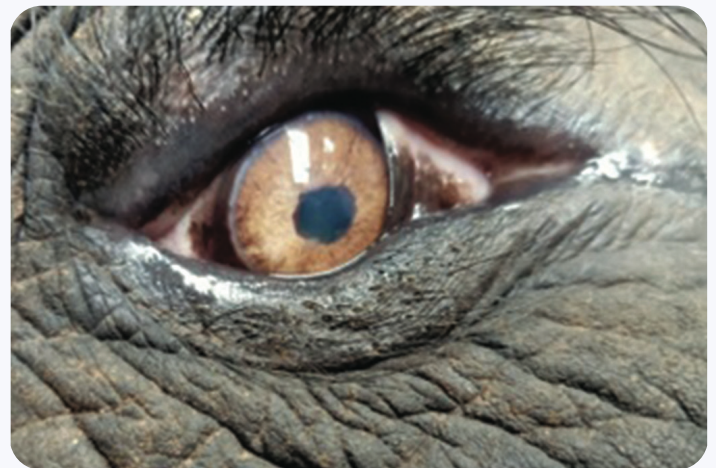
C. Natality Report

Sl. No.	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
1.	5/5/2022	M01548	Muntjac	0	0	2	2	Born in enclosure
2.	5/5/2022	M01538	Nilgai	0	0	2	2	Born in enclosure
3.	6/5/2022	M01532	Spotted Deer	0	0	1	1	Born in enclosure
4.	8/5/2022	M01426	Black Buck	0	0	1	1	Born in enclosure
5.	15/5/2022	M01532	Spotted Deer	0	0	2	2	Born in enclosure
6.	16/5/2022	M01437	Sambar	0	0	1	1	Born in enclosure
7.	8/3/2022	M01681-82	Hyena	1	1	0	2	Normal birth in enclosure to Usha & Arjun
8.	16/3/2022	M01534	Mouse Deer	0	0	1	1	Born in enclosure
9.	30/3/2022	B01932	Mandarin Duck	0	0	5	5	Born in Japan Pond enclosure
10.	23/12/2021	M01690-91	Sloth Bear	1	1	0	2	Born in enclosure to Durga & Ganesh
11.	9/3/2022	M01692-93	Hyena	1	1	0	2	Born in enclosure to Anirudh & Anuradha

Sl. No.	Date	Local ID	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
12.	16/4/2022	B01932	Mandarin Duck	0	0	5	1	Born in Japan Pond enclosure
13.	19/4/2022	M01686	Zebra	0	0	1	1	Born in enclosure to Lasya and Vicky
14.	27/4/2022	M01687-89	Tiger	1	2	0	3	Born in enclosure to Thara & Rocky
			Total	4	5	21	30	

D. Animal Treatments

Superficial Corneal Ulcer in Asiatic Elephant - A female Asiatic Elephant named Padmavathi aged about 68 years had an history of ocular discharge and ocular pain. Upon illumination, the elephant was having ocular discharge, blepharospasm, ocular discomfort. Aqueous part of tear was examined by using Schirmer tear test strip which was 39mm per minute (normal ranges upto 35mm per minute). Fluorescein dye test was positive, which confirmed presence of superficial corneal ulcer. A cornea was opaque and slight corneal oedema was observed. The eye was washed with normal saline and instilled with anti-biotic Moxifloxacin eyedrops and NSAID-Flurbiprofen eyedrops four times a day for a week. Regular check-up was been done. Later on after a week fluorescein dye test was found to be negative which confirmed that the corneal ulcer was healed and no signs of corneal oedema, ocular pain, blepharospasm and ocular discharge was observed after the treatment. Animal recovered uneventfully.



After Treatment

E. Transfer/ Retirement

1. **Shri H.L. Nagendrappa** - Executive Engineer, Zoo Authority of Karnataka was transferred on 31st May 2022 after serving a period of 8 years. Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Mysuru Zoo express sincere gratitude for his contribution for the welfare of ZAK Zoos.
2. **Shri. Ramesh R.H** - Audit Officer, Mysuru Zoo was transferred from Mysuru Zoo on 31st May 2022 after serving a period of 2 years. Staff Members of Mysuru Zoo bid a farewell in appreciation of his service rendered to the zoo.



F. Major Adoption from April-June 2022

Sl. No	Name of the Adopter	Name of the Birds / Animals	No. of Animals / Birds Adopted	Term	Period of Adoption	Amount
1.	B M Vishwanath	Hoolock Gibbon	1	1 Year	1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023	20,000
2.	Tumkur Precision Pressing Works	Indian Muntjac	1	1 Year	4/4/2022 to 3/4/2023	10,000
3.	Anindya Jana	Green Anaconda	1	1 Year	28/4/2022 to 27/4/2023	20,000
4.	B M Vishwanath	Rhesus Macaque	1	1 Year	13/4/2022 to 12/4/2023	10,000
5.	Avadoota Sri.Vinay Guroji Gowri Gadde	Tiger, King Cobra, Indian Leopard & Black Panther	4	1 Year	14/4/2022 to 13/4/2023	3,05,000
6.	Tanush Bhavmik & Devarsh Bhavmik	Salmon-Crested Cockatoo	1	1 Year	19/4/2022 to 18/4/2023	10,000
7.	Veena SN	Green Anaconda	1	1 Year	21/4/2022 to 20/4/2023	20,000
8.	B R Ramesh	Rhesus Macaque	1	1 Year	22/4/2022 to 21/4/2023	10,000
9.	R Chandrashekar	Donation				10,000
10.	Ritesh Gala	Spotted Deer	1	1 Year	5/4/2022 to 4/4/2023	15,000
11.	Kaushal K Hebbar	Indian Grey Wolf, Ring Tailed Lemur	1	1 Year	03/07/2022 to 2/7/2023	55,000
12.	Nanda Kishore Velambur	Great Indian Hornbill, Love Bird & Javan Sparrow	3	1 Year	11/5/2022 to 10/5/2023	12,000

Sl. No	Name of the Adopter	Name of the Birds / Animals	No. of Animals / Birds Adopted	Term	Period of Adoption	Amount
13.	Kashvee	Malabar Giant Squirrel	1	1 Year	12/5/2022 to 11/5/2023	20,000
14.	Setty Mech Engineers Pvt Ltd,	Common Ostrich	1	1 Year	14/5/2022 to 13/5/2023	20,000
15.	Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation, Kaveri Bhavana, Bangalore	Donation		1 Year		25,00,000
16.	V.J. Minchu	Peacock (4) No's	4	1 Year	10/6/2022 to 9/6/2023	20,000
17.	Milind Kishor	Smooth Coated Otter	1	1 Year	11/6/2022 to 10/6/2023	10,000
18.	Dr. Seethalekshmy	Leopard Cat	1	1 Year	12/6/2022 to 11/6/2023	10,000
19.	R Veerappa	Great Indian Hornbill	1	1 Year	7/6/2022 to 6/6/2023	10,000
20.	M/S. Zeus Biotech Pvt Ltd	African Hunting Cheetah & Panther	2	1 Year	9/6/2022 to 8/6/2023	1,25,000
21.	Padma Shri Dr. Malathi K Holla	Asiatic Elephant	1	1 Year	18/6/2022 to 17/6/2023	3,00,000
22.	Veda Krishnamurthy	Indian Leopard	1	1 Year	23/6/2022 to 22/6/2023	50,000
23.	Meena Appachu	Indian Leopard, King Cobra and Love Bird	3	1 Year	24/6/2022 to 23/6/2023	56,000
24.	Akshay Soumya Vishnu PS	Indian Leopard and Panther	2	1 Year	24/6/2022 to 23/6/2023	1,00,000

