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From the Desk . . .



Dear Readers,

Greetings!

This quarter witnessed several events and days observed as per UN calendar and organizational calendar of zoo. We also concluded the financial year 2023-24 with this quarter.

In this quarter we recorded about 6.92 lakh visitors slightly above the previous year's visitation i.e., 6.35 lakh visitors during Jan-March 2023. The total visitation for the financial year 2023-24 accounts to 39.51 lakhs, a significant increase in 5.54 lakh visitors as compared to 2022-23 visitation accounting to 33.97 lakhs. This is a testament to all the efforts putforth by the team Mysuru Zoo!

It is to be noted that Mysuru Zoo is the first in the city to install 'Floating Gardens' & 'Trash Barrier' in order to safeguard the lake ecosystem.

Several initiatives were taken up in a novel and effective way in the field of enrichment and animal care. Such initiatives were possible only due to the unwavering support of our donors & animal adopters.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed visitors, donors, well wishers and last but not the least, my team for their support and commitment towards work.

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2. International Zebra Day - Jan 31st

On International Zebra Day, the keepers and staff of Mysuru Zoo took proactive measures to educate visitors about the fascinating zebra species. Through engaging initiatives, visitors were enlightened about various aspects of zebras, including their diet, habitat, and their crucial role within ecosystems. By setting up informative posters in front of the zebra enclosure, the zoo staff created an interactive learning environment, encouraging visitors to delve deeper into the world of zebras and their significance in the animal kingdom.

The interactive session facilitated discussions between visitors and zoo personnel, providing a platform for exchanging knowledge and insights about the zebras housed at Mysuru Zoo. Through this initiative, visitors gained a deeper appreciation for these majestic creatures while also fostering a greater understanding of the importance of wildlife conservation efforts.



3. World Wetlands Day - Feb 2nd

On World Wetlands Day, February 2nd, 2024, a significant attempt was made at Karanji Lake Nature Park. With the aim of safeguarding the lake's delicate ecosystem, a floating garden was introduced, designed to utilize plant roots to absorb nutrients and contaminants, thereby fostering the formation of a biofilm. Complementing this initiative, strategic placement of trash barriers was implemented to address the pressing issue of plastic pollution. These combined efforts are anticipated to not only enhance the water quality of the lake but also contribute to the overall health and sustainability of its ecosystem.



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25th Conservation Speak – Feb 2nd

The primary focus of the Conservation Speak was to raise awareness regarding the crucial significance of wetlands. The discussions revolved around two vital topics i.e., the interrelation between wetlands and human well-being and the adverse health effects of micro plastics. Esteemed speakers Shri. U. N. Ravikumar and Dr. Suttur S. Malini graciously shared their expertise during their talk.

Through informative talks and insightful discussions, the event served as a platform for learning, collaboration, and commitment to the conservation of our planet's wetlands, reflecting the spirit of World Wetland Day.



4. Valediction of 31st edition of Youth club - Feb 4th

Youth Club is one of the flagship programmes of Mysuru Zoo. It is being conducted for the past 30 years. Throughout its tenure, the program has provided students with a comprehensive understanding of biodiversity, wildlife values, conservation principles, animal behaviour insights and captive animal management techniques within the zoo premises. The interactive sessions facilitated by Zoo officials and other Subject Matter Specialists have enriched the learning journey of the participants, fostering a deeper appreciation for wildlife and conservation efforts. With limited spots available only 60 students are selected on a first-come first-serve basis, ensuring a personalized and engaging learning experience.

The 31st edition of the Youth Club concluded on February 4th with a valedictory program, marking another successful chapter in its rich history. This occasion served as a platform to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the young club members while also expressing gratitude to the parents whose support was instrumental in ensuring the program's success. As the Youth Club continues to inspire and educate the next generation of conservationists, it remains a testament to Mysuru Zoo's commitment to nurturing environmental stewardship among the youth and fostering a deeper connection with the natural world.



5. World Wildlife Day - March 3rd

a. At Karanji Lake

On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, we united for a noble cause at Karanji Lake Nature Park, participating in the Swachhata Abhiyan to contribute towards a cleaner and greener environment. Our team enthusiastically joined hands for a massive Swachhata Abhiyan at Karanji Lake, with approximately 80 members actively participating in a spirited cleanliness drive. Their dedication extended beyond merely keeping the surroundings clean; they were also educated about the crucial importance of waste segregation.



b. Treasure hunt at Mysuru Zoo

An exhilarating Treasure Hunt was arranged at Mysuru Zoo, providing participants a day filled with excitement. Engaging in the hunt, participants eagerly scoured the zoo grounds, uncovering hidden clues amidst the captivating wildlife surroundings. Following the game, participants were enlightened through a briefing session about the significance of Wildlife Day, emphasizing sustainable initiatives, and highlighting the pivotal role that zoos play in conservation efforts.

Amidst the thrill of the Treasure Hunt, participants immersed themselves in the zoo's vibrant atmosphere, experiencing the beauty of wildlife. Post-game briefing session served as a platform for raising awareness about wildlife conservation, encouraging them to reflect on the importance of sustainable practices and the invaluable contributions of zoos towards safeguarding biodiversity.





c. Outreach program at Police Public School

To mark World Wildlife Day, we conducted an outreach program at Police Public School, engaging with 160 enthusiastic young minds to educate them about the significance of wildlife. The session covered a range of topics, including the threats faced by wildlife, ways in which students can play an active role in conservation efforts, sustainable initiatives that individuals can undertake, and the exciting digital advancements in wildlife conservation. Furthermore, emphasis was placed on the vital role of zoos in the conservation of wildlife.



6. International Day of Forests - March 21st

The International Day of Forests serves as a crucial reminder of the vital role forests play in sustaining life on our planet. Forests not only provide habitat for countless species but also contribute to climate regulation, soil conservation, and the maintenance of biodiversity. Celebrating this day offers an opportunity to raise awareness about the significance of forests and the urgent need for their protection and sustainable management. In this connection we hosted an event "Know Your Trees in Mysuru Zoo," to foster a deeper connection with nature but also to contribute to the global effort to safeguard and conserve our precious forest ecosystems for future generations.

Our esteemed speakers Dr. Jadeyagowda and Dr. Sathish B N from Forestry College Ponnampet, who shared their expertise in identifying plants and trees within Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake. With the enthusiastic involvement of around 60 participants, we collectively identified approximately 66 trees within Mysuru Zoo and another 77 trees in the vicinity of Karanji Lake. This attempt represents a meaningful step towards deepening our understanding and appreciation of the beauty and ecological importance of forests.



7. World Water Day - March 22nd

On World Water Day, we took an initiative to make people understand about the significance of water conservation. Through innovative methods such as stone pitching for water percolation, rainwater pits, and the introduction of floating gardens at Karanji Lake, zoo has taken a step ahead towards its commitment in conserving water and replenishing groundwater levels. These initiatives not only ensure the sustainability of water sources but also contribute to the protection of ecosystems and wildlife habitats, emphasizing the interconnectedness between water conservation and environmental stewardship.

In addition to implementing practical solutions, Mysuru Zoo utilized World Water Day as an opportunity to educate visitors about the urgent need for water conservation. Through informative sessions, visitors were enlightened about the global challenge of water scarcity and its impacts on both human communities and natural ecosystems. By sharing simple yet effective tips for water conservation and discussing fascinating water-related facts, we encouraged individuals to take action in their daily lives and unite in the collective effort to preserve this vital resource for future generations.





8. World Bear Day - March 23rd

World Bear Day serves as a reminder about the importance of bears in our global ecosystem and the urgent need to protect them from threats such as habitat loss, poaching, and human-wildlife conflict. By fostering understanding and appreciation for these remarkable creatures, we endeavor to inspire collective action in conservation efforts, ensuring a brighter future for bears and the ecosystems they inhabit.

In celebration of World Bear Day at Mysuru Zoo, our dedicated staff led visitors on an educational tour around the fascinating world of bears in honour of World Bear Day. We explored the diversity of bear species and distinctive traits of native Indian bears, providing insight into their habitats, food habits, and threats they face. Our goal was to raise awareness of how important it is to protect these magnificent animals and their natural habitats.



9. Workshop for M.Sc students from SACON, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu



Over the course of five days, a thorough training program was organized for final year students of Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History focusing on Wildlife Health and Zoo Science at Mysuru Zoo. Facilitated by team of zoo officials, the program offered an immersive and enriching learning experience, comprising hands-on activities and in-depth discussions. It was a rewarding opportunity to impart our

knowledge and expertise to the upcoming generation of wildlife enthusiasts, nurturing their passion for conservation and fostering their understanding of wildlife health and zoo management.





The training program provided a platform for students to gain practical insights and theoretical knowledge in the fields of wildlife health and zoo science. Through engaging activities and meaningful interactions, participants were equipped with valuable skills and perspectives that will empower them to contribute effectively to the conservation and management of wildlife habitats and zoo environments in the future.

10. Developmental Works

1. Painting work at African Elephant Enclosure



2. Painting at Gaur (Pen-2) Enclosure



3. Painting at White Rhino Enclosure



4. Painting at Giraffe Enclosure





5. Repairs and Painting at Amphitheatre



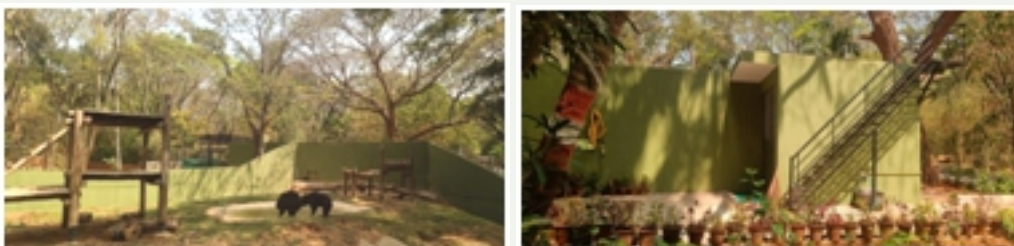
6. Construction of Chimpanzee Day Kraal



7. Construction of Luggage Room



8. Construction of sloth bear enclosure



9. Construction of R.O Plant near Hippo enclosure



11. News in Brief

i Gorilla enclosure inauguration - Jan 25th

Inauguration of housing facility for Western Lowland Gorillas marked a significant milestone, made possible through the generous support of Infosys Foundation under their CSR initiative, this new facility stands as a testament to the commitment of corporate entities towards wildlife conservation and animal welfare. The event was graced by Smt. Shrutee Khurana, Director of Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru who unveiled the facility alongside Shri. A.K. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka.



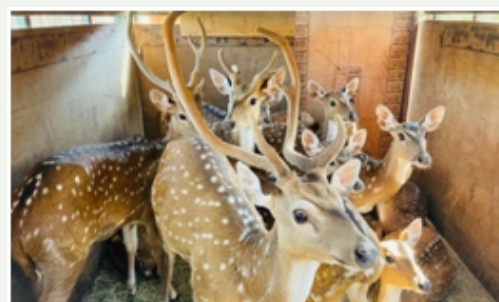
This event not only celebrates the completion of the project but also highlights the collaborative efforts in promoting environmental sustainability and signifies a positive step forward in the ongoing efforts to safeguard endangered wildlife populations and promote biodiversity conservation.

The newly inaugurated Gorilla Family housing facility not only provides a comfortable living space for the Western Lowland Gorillas but also serves as an educational platform for the public. Opening the facility for public viewing, Mysuru Zoo aims to raise awareness about gorilla conservation and the importance of conserving their natural habitat. This initiative aligns with broader conservation goals, fostering a sense of responsibility towards the protection of endangered species among visitors while offering a unique opportunity for people to observe these magnificent creatures up close.



ii. Successful Translocation of Spotted Deer's

In a significant translocation effort, 40 Spotted Deers were relocated from Mysuru Zoo to the lush Panasoli range within the Kali Tiger Reserve. Covering a distance of 550 kilometers over a 13-hour journey, the deer arrived safely with no reported mortality incidents. Upon arrival, they were welcomed into a designated 2.5-acre quarantine area, where they are currently acclimatizing to their new surroundings and undergoing thorough health assessments to ensure their well-being. This translocation initiative not only aims to strengthen the population of spotted deer's but also seeks to contribute to the restoration of ecological balance within the Kali Tiger Reserve. The successful translocation of the spotted deer's stands as a testament to the meticulous planning and execution of wildlife management strategies.



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iii. Republic Day – 26th Jan

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated at Mysuru Zoo amidst the captivating fauna. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and freedom, echoing through the air.



iv. Zoo Day - 27th February

To mark Zoo Day, an annual celebration honoring the birth of Sri Chamarajendra Wadiyar X, the zoo's founder, on February 22nd. In this connection range of activities like sports and games were held to promote fun and teamwork on every tuesday throughout the month. Team-building events were also organized to foster collaboration among the staff. These initiatives created a lively and energetic environment within the zoo. The entire staff enthusiastically participated in these activities, fostering a spirited and collaborative atmosphere. On 27th of February, valedictory program was conducted. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions. Honoring and recognizing meritorious students among employee's children as a gesture of appreciation. Along with all this new uniforms were also distributed to the staff members.



v. Women's Day Celebration – March 8th



In a heartwarming celebration of International Women's Day, our incredible women staff at Mysuru Zoo came together to commemorate the spirit, strength, and talents that make each of them extraordinary. The celebration started off with a joyous cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the sweetness of unity and shared achievements.

Each woman was not only treated with a delicious slice but also received a special gift as a token of gratitude for their dedication and hard work. Everyday, we celebrate the achievements, diversity, and strength of the incredible women who make Mysuru Zoo a truly special place.

As part of our Women's Day festivities, all the incredible women from Mysuru Zoo were taken for a special safari at Bandipur Tiger Reserve. It was a day filled with adventure, laughter, and heartfelt appreciation for these remarkable women who play pivotal roles in enhancing our zoo's administration and enriching visitor experiences.



vi. Fire Safety Drill training – 5th March

Under the guidance of the District Fire Officer, Mysuru, the Fire & Emergency Services Department a comprehensive fire safety drill was organised on 5th of March for the staff at Karanji Lake and on 19th of March at Kurghalli Rescue Centre. This served as a crucial training opportunity for staff members to acquire essential skills in effectively managing fire emergencies, thus safeguarding both the well-being of our animals and the safety of our visitors.

Throughout the drill, participants were equipped with vital knowledge and practical techniques necessary for swift and efficient response in the event of a fire outbreak. Through this initiative, our team enhanced their preparedness and readiness to effectively mitigate fire hazards, minimizing potential risks and ensuring the protection of lives and property within the zoo premises.





vii. Training on Basic Life Support (First Aid) – 26th March

Mysuru Zoo organized a vital session focusing on Basic Life Support (First Aid), led by Dr. Pradeep Rajanna, a Consultant in Accident & Emergency from Manipal Hospital. This initiative was taken to equip staff with life-saving skills, emphasizing the importance of effective response in emergency situations.



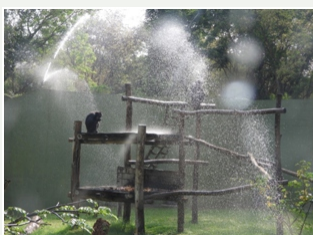
viii. Summer Management

To help animals stay cool during the hot summer, the zoo has taken many steps. These initiatives are aimed at mitigating heat stress and ensuring the well-being of the zoo's inhabitants. Activation of water jets and sprinklers across all enclosures offers immediate relief by providing a cooling effect and help maintain optimal temperature levels.

Special attention has been given to animal groups, such as the Great Apes, who receive fresh tender coconuts twice daily, and also the installation of fans and coolers in their night cells to create comfortable conditions. Additionally, dietary adjustments, including the integration of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) and hydrating fruits and vegetables like watermelon, muskmelon and cucumber have been made to support hydration among the primates. Other animals, like the Himalayan Black bears, are getting ice blocks to help them cool down and for the herbivores, we have made mud wallows for them to play and stay cool.

Additionally, use of thermometers to monitor temperatures inside the enclosures, providing shaded resting areas, implementing terrace gardening initiatives and calcium carbonate application on night cell terraces to reduce sunlight absorption underscore the zoo's commitment to safeguarding the welfare of its animal residents.

These measures aim to safeguard the well-being of the zoo's inhabitants amidst the challenges of rising temperature, ensuring the continued health and comfort of its diverse collection of animals.





Water foggers placed at Birds enclosure



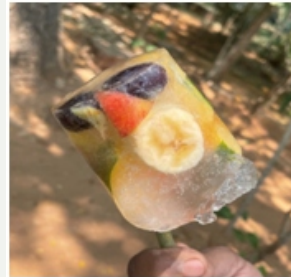
Water Shower at Giraffe enclosure



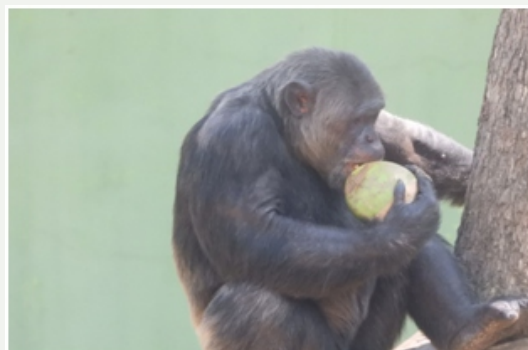
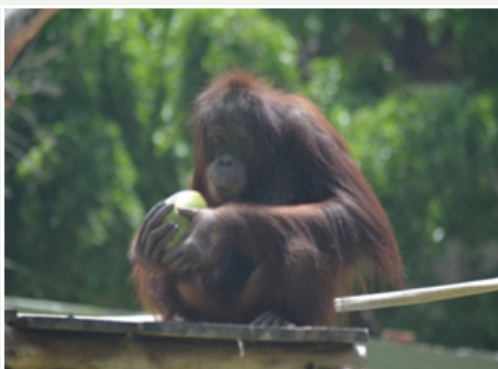
Animals enjoying in their water pool



Deer's using Mud wallows to cool themselves



Frozen fruits, fruit juice, fruit popsicles are provided to Primates



Great Apes consuming fresh tender coconuts



Provision of fans and coolers at night cells



**Great apes receive wet Gunny bags which are kept in deep freezer for 3- 4 hrs
Orangutans enjoying the cold gunny bag**



Terrace Gardening on Orangutan Enclosure



Application of Calcium Carbonate on terrace of night holding rooms to avoid sunlight absorption

ix. Record Breaking Year

We're thrilled to recap the incredible achievements of Mysuru Zoo in the past year! Surpassing 39 Lakh visitors in the 2023-24 period marks a new record for us, reflecting the growing popularity and success of our efforts. Beyond the numbers, we're profoundly grateful for the overwhelming support from individuals who share our commitment towards animal conservation.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to everyone who chose to visit Mysuru Zoo and contribute to our mission. Your support serves as the driving force behind our continued efforts, enabling us to create unforgettable experiences for visitors and execute impactful conservation initiatives.



RECORD BREAKING YEAR 2023-24

*We are thrilled to announce that Mysuru Zoo has welcomed in over **39 Lakh** visitors throughout the year 2023-24, making it a record-breaking year for us!*

*Not only have we had the pleasure of hosting visitors but we've also received generous amount of **Rs.72 Lakhs** from about **535** donors under animal adoption scheme.*

THANK YOU !

Everyone for choosing Mysuru Zoo

12. Major Animal Adoptions

Sl. No.	Name	Name of the Bird/ Animal	Term	Period of Adoption	Amount
1.	Anitha Rajendra & Akshya Ashok	Peacock	1 Year	13/1/2024 to 12/1/2025	10,000
2.	Nijessh Shah	Indian leopard	1 Year	11/1/2024 to 10/1/2025	50,000
3.	N.S Sunay	Meerkat	Year	13/1/2024 to 12/1/2025	20,000
4.	JSS Public School Siddartha Nagar, Mysuru	Black Buck	Year	22/1/2024 to 21/1/2025	15,000
5.	Dhanveer	Jaguar	Year	24/1/2024 to 23/1/2025	50,000
6.	Dr Kodira A Kushalapa (IFS Retd)	Great Indian Hornbill	Year	1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024	10,000
7.	Anup M	Indian Leopard	Year	3/2/2024 to 2/2/2025	50,000
8.	Kumar Organic, Products Limited Usha krishan centre	Tiger Manya	Year	1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024	2,00,000
9.	Eagle Construction	Black Swan	Year	14/2/2024 to 13/2/2025	15,000
10.	Neel Srikumar	Indian Leopard	Year	15/2/2024 to 14/2/2025	50,000
11.	Janani Hari Hara Kumar	Meerkat, Western Grey Parrot, Russel's Viper & Star Tortoise"	Year	17/2/2024 to 16/2/2025	29,000
12.	Kumar Organic, Products Limited Usha krishan centre	Tigre Manya	Year	21/2/2024 to 20/2/2025	2,00,000
13.	Bangalore Ladies Circle-19	Emu	Year	26/2/2024 to 25/2/2025	20,000
14.	Aditya Hariharan Snehalaya	Four Horned Antelope	Year	6/3/2024 to 5/3/2025	10,000
15.	Ashwin Pingali	1. Green Anaconda, 2. King Cobra, 3. Indian Rock Python 4. Reticulated python	Year	4/3/2024 to 3/3/2025	35,000
16.	Veda Krishna Murthy	Indian Leopard (Bhavana)	Year	21/3/2024 to 20/3/2025	50,000

** (Major Adopters name > Rs.10,000/-)



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