

# NEWSLETTER

## PADMAJA NAIDU HIMALAYAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL

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## *From the Directors Desk...*

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year on behalf of the PNHZP family! I am delighted to present the fourth quarterly newsletter of the year. This quarter featured several significant updates including natality, mortality and the celebration of Children's Day and Wildlife Week. To commemorate Children's Day, the park waived the entry fee for students from various schools and colleges. A total number of 997 students/trainees/ other officials from 18 different schools/institutes visited the park in this period.

I hope to share more with you in the next year.

Director  
PNHZ Park  
Darjeeling

## NATALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Birth	No
1.	Silver Pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	02.10.2025	1:0:0
2.	Himalayan Goral ( <i>Naemorhedus goral</i> )	26.10.2025	1:0:0
3.	Himalayan Goral ( <i>Naemorhedus goral</i> )	31.10.2025	0:1:0
4.	Fischer's lovebird ( <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> )	14.11.2025	0:0:5
5.	Lilian's lovebird ( <i>Agapornis lilianae</i> )	14.11.2025	0:0:5
6.	Rosy-faced lovebird ( <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i> )	14.11.2025	0:0:3

## MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	No
1.	Kalij Pheasant ( <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> )	02.10.2025	1:0:0
2.	Lady Amherst ( <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> )	02.10.2025	0:1:0
3.	Himalayan Goral ( <i>Naemorhedus goral</i> )	02.10.2025	1:0:0
4.	Green Pheasant ( <i>Phasianus versicolor</i> )	18.05.2025	0:1:0
5.	Diamond Dove ( <i>Geopelia cuneata</i> )	09.11.2025	0:0:1
6.	Cheer Pheasant ( <i>Catreus wallichii</i> )	04.12.2025	1:0:0
7.	Rosy Faced Lovebird ( <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i> )	08.12.2025	0:0:1
8.	Kalij pheasant ( <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> )	24.12.2025	1:0:0
9.	Temminck's Tragopan ( <i>Tragopan temminckii</i> )	26.12.2025	0:1:0

## Adoption of animals in this quarter

This quarter the park has one adopter. The details of the adopter is listed below:

Sl. No	Name of the Adopter	Name of the animal Adopted	Period of Adoption
1.	Mr. Anindya Mookerjee	Snow Leopard (Rahala)	08.12.2025 to 07.12.2026

## Educational visit

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the School/ Training Institute/ College</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Number of faculty</b>	<b>Educational Incentives</b>
<b>1.</b>	02.10.2025	Govt. High School, Purulia	100	17	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>2.</b>	02.10.2025	Gobindapur Abad Bipin Bihari Sikshaniketan (H.S), Kolkata	56	6	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>3.</b>	23.10.2025	St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling	30	3	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>4.</b>	25.10.2025	Gangotri School	34	2	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>5.</b>	26.10.2025	Hans Raj Academy	40	5	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>6.</b>	13.11.2025	Taltala High School	72	10	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>7.</b>	14.11.2025	Mothers Nursery School, Darjeeling	35	7	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>8.</b>	14.11.2025	Auxillium Convent School	60	5	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>9.</b>	14.11.2025	The Assembly of God Church School	80	10	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>10.</b>	14.11.2025	Prelude English School, Rangbull	60	4	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>11.</b>	15.11.2025	Blue Bird School, Sonada	40	8	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>12.</b>	20.11.2025	Sree Chaitanya College, Habra	29	3	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>13.</b>	29.11.2025	Krishnath College, Beharampur	31	3	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>14.</b>	01.12.2025	Manjushri Public School	44	6	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee

<b>15.</b>	13.12.2025	Balti High School, North 24 Pargana	80	11	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>16.</b>	16.12.2025	Sambhota Tibetan School	50	5	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>17.</b>	20.12.2025	Belgharia Jatisdas Vidyamandir, Kolkata	42	10	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
<b>18.</b>	22.12.2025	Nebadhai High School	47	9	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee



# Celebration of World Wildlife Week 2025 (From 2nd October to 8th October)

World Wildlife Week is celebrated every year from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October to raise public awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and protecting ecosystems. This year the theme of the week was “**Human animal co-existence**” and on the occasion the park organised a week-long program for the visitors.

The schedule for the week is as follows:

**03.10.2025:** Launch of Online Slogan Writing Competition, “Theme: Human animal co-existence”.



**04.10.2025:** Every year on October 4th, World Animal Day is celebrated World-wide to raise awareness about animal welfare & the need to protect endangered species. This year PNHZ Park celebrated the 100th anniversary of World Animal day and 3rd day of World Wildlife Week together by organising an awareness program & displaying posters and masks for the visitors. Leaflets with information about animal care and wildlife protection laws were handed out. The posters & masks made by the students of local school of Darjeeling on the occasion of International Red Panda Day were displayed at Bengal Natural History Museum. The posters highlighted the importance of Red Panda Conservation and the species itself. The colorful Red

Panda masks attracted the attention of children and helped create interest in wildlife. This activity aimed to educate visitors in a fun and engaging way. The celebration received a positive response from the public.



**05.10.2025 to 07.10.2025:** PNHZ Park organized a three day special screening of wildlife documentaries- “The Forgotten Panda” and “Back to the Wild” focused on the Red Pandas. These films were shown free of charge to visitors as part of an awareness initiative. The objective of this activity was to educate the public about the Red Pandas and highlight the park's ongoing conservation breeding program aimed at protecting this endangered species.



**08.10.2025:** The park concluded a week-long celebration by announcing the winner of the ‘Online Slogan Writing Competition’ on social media. Miss. Barsha Roy Chowdhury, a resident of Kolkata and her slogan "**Coexist or cease to exist- extinction doesn't choose sides**" has been selected as winner.

## Children's Day Celebration

Children's day in India is celebrated every year on 14<sup>th</sup> November to increase the awareness of people towards the rights, care and education of children. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park celebrates Children's day every year with various educational programs. This year the Park celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm by offering free entry to children of all age groups visiting the zoo. To mark this occasion, the park also organised an awareness programme by distributing leaflets which aimed at educating young visitors about wildlife conservation and the importance of protecting endangered species. This year, the park warmly welcomed 457 students from 13 schools. The celebration provided an engaging and educational experience, reinforcing the park's commitment to fostering environmental awareness among young learners.



## Staff farewell

PNHZ Park bid a warm farewell to Mrs. Sangita Lama, Accountant; Mr. Bedan Chettri, Library Assistant; and Miss Ruma Mandal, Education Assistant, on 18th December 2025. Mrs. Lama retired after 25 years of dedicated service, while Mr. Chettri and Miss Mandal contributed 5 years of sincere service to the Institute. PNHZ Park will always cherish their dedication and valuable contributions. The park wishes them all a happy, healthy, and fulfilling life ahead, and a joyful retirement to Mrs. Lama.



**Mrs. Sangita Lama, Accountant**



**Mr. Bedan Chettri, Library Assistant**



**Miss Ruma Mandal, Education Assistant**

## Taxidermy work done in this quarter

List of Specimens:

Sl. No.	Name Of Specimen	Date of Collection	Accession No.	Remarks
1.	Himalayan Brown Wood Owl	02.12.2025	BNHM/OWL/01	Under mounting process

- The skeleton of Barking Deer with accession no. SK/BNHM/M/14 B was articulated and put on display in skull and skeleton section of BNHM on 06.11.2025.
- The mounting of Binturong with the accession no. BNHM/M/220 was completed and put on display at BNHM on 27.11.2025.
- The mounting of Black leopard with the accession no. BNHM/M/215 was completed and put on display at BNHM on 04.12.2025
- The skeleton of Common Grey Langur with accession no. SK/BNHM/M/13 was articulated and put on display in the skull and skeleton section of BNHM on 11.12.2025.



Skeleton of Grey Langur



Skeleton of Barking Deer



Binturong



Melanistic Common Leopard

## Enrichment in this quarter



Fig: Spreading of dry leaves at pheasantry



Fig: Building of sand bath at pheasantry

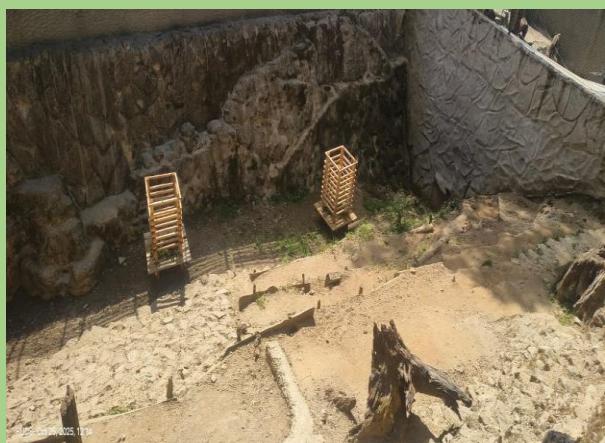


Fig: Installation of fodder boxes at herbivore enclosures



Fig: Building of rain shelter at Markhor enclosure



Fig: Building of new resting platform at Royal Bengal Tiger enclosure



Fig: Installation of resting platform at Asiatic Black Bear enclosure



Fig: Repair of cubbing boxes and aerial walkways at Old Conservation Breeding Centre Red Panda enclosure



Fig: Installation of wooden logs at Sambar Deer enclosure



Fig: Construction of resting platform at Grey Langur enclosure