

NEWSLETTER

**PADMAJA NAIDU HIMALAYAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK
DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL**

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From the Directors Desk...

Greetings from PNHZP family! I am delighted to present the first quarterly newsletter of the year. This quarter featured several significant updates including natality, mortality, animal transfer and the celebration of World Wildlife Day. A total number of 464 students/trainees/ other officials from 9 different schools/institutes visited the park in this period. This quarter the zoo was honoured to receive Smt. Birbaha Hansda, the Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Forest and SHG & SE, Govt. of West Bengal from 23rd to 24th March. The developmental work included the renovation of herbivore enclosure.

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.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>)	05.01.2025	0:1:0
2.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>)	06.02.2025	0:1:0

MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	No
1.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	07.01.2025	0:1:0
2.	Slow Loris (<i>Nycticebus bengalensis</i>)	12.01.2025	0:1:0
3.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	12.01.2025	0:1:0
4.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	08.02.2025	0:1:0
5.	Bengal Hanuman Langur (<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>)	14.02.2025	1:0:0
6.	Barking Deer (<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>)	02.03.2025	1:0:0
7.	Bengal Hanuman Langur (<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>)	10.03.2025	1:0:0
8.	Leopard Cat (<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>)	20.03.2025	0:1:0
9.	Bengal Hanuman Langur (<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>)	28.03.2025	1:0:0

Transfer of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Transfer to
11.03.2025	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	1:3:0	Singalila Nationa Park, Gairibans

Educational visit

Sl. No	Date	Name of the School/ Training Institute/ College	Number of Students/ Trainees	Number of faculty	Educational Incentives
1.	13.01.2025	Northeastern Hill University, Shilong	11	2	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
2.	15.01.2025	Towards Future N.G.O, Kolkata	15	3	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
3.	24.01.2025	Entally hindu Balika Vidyalaya, Kolkata	32	5	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
4.	27.01.2025	Dhukuradaha Kalyan Parishad High School, Kolkata	31	14	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
5.	12.02.2025	Tamilnadu State Forest Academy	45	1	Zoo Pamphlets, educational tour, lecture on conservation & educational materials
6.	18.02.2025	Chandrapur Forest Academy, Maharastra	40	1	Zoo Pamphlets, educational tour, lecture on conservation & educational materials
7.	03.03.2025	Kundal Forest Academy	40	1	Zoo Pamphlets, educational tour, lecture on conservation & educational materials
8.	11.03.2025	St. Teresa Higher Secondary School, Darjeeling	208	8	Concession on zoo entry ticket fee
9.	18.03.2025	Karnataka Forest Academy, Dhanwad	42	1	Zoo Pamphlets, educational tour, lecture on conservation & educational materials





Republic Day

The Park celebrated India's 76th Republic Day on 26.01.2025. All staff of the Park gathered in front of the Asiatic Black Bear Enclosure at 9:00 am for the flag hoisting. The program started by the flag hoisting by the Director. The Director, Assistant Director cum Veterinary officer and Assistant Curator cum Estate officer addressed the staff of the Park. The celebration ended with distribution of sweets to the staff.



World Wildlife Day Celebration

Every year, 3rd of March, is celebrated as World Wildlife Day to raise the awareness of issues that impact wildlife. The theme of United Nations World Wildlife Day 2025 was **"Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet"**. On this occasion 41 Forest Ranger Officers from Kundal Forest Academy visited the park and learned about the conservation breeding programs & the zoo management.



Visit of Dignitaries



Fig: Visit of Hon'ble Minister in charge of Forest, Miss. Birbaha Hansda at PNHZP on 24.03.25

Taxidermy work done in this quarter

List of Specimens:

Sl. No.	Name Of Specimen	Date of Collection	Accession No.	Remarks
1	Slow Loris	12/01/2025	SK/BNHM/M/14	Maceration process has been completed.

- The skeleton of Himalayan Wolf with accession no. SK/BNHM/M/11 was articulated and put on display in skull & skeleton section of BNHM on 30/01/2025.
- The skeleton of Yellow Throated Marten with accession no. SK/BNHM/M/10 was completed on 06/03/2025.

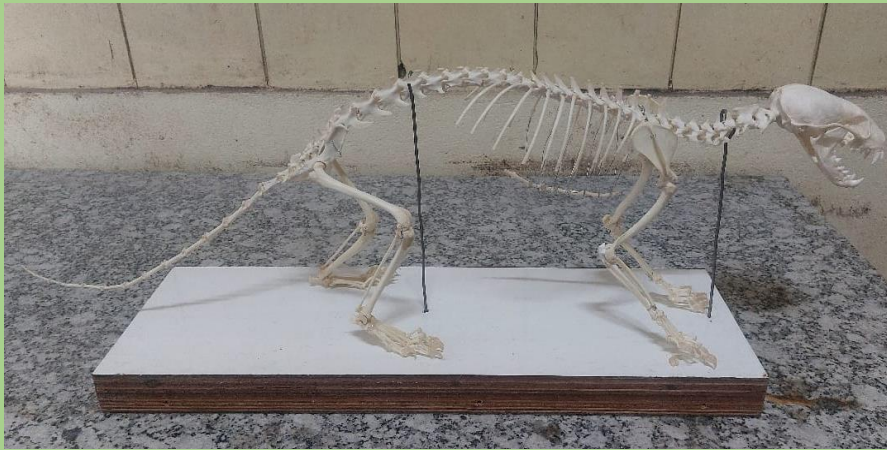


Fig: Skeleton of Yellow Throated Marten



Fig: Skeleton of Himalayan Wolf

Enrichment in this quarter



Fig: Installation of feeding platform & shed at Himalayan Goral enclosure



Fig: Installation of new feeding platform at Himalayan Tahr enclosure at PNHZP display



Fig: Building sand bath at Mixed aviary & pheasant enclosures



Fig: Installation of aerial walkways at Red Panda enclosures



Fig: Spreading of dry leaves at pheasantry

Development in this quarter



Fig: Renovation of Herbivore enclosure