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DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL**

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From the Directors Desk...

PNHZ Park wishes you all Happy New Year. It gives me great pleasure to present the last quarterly newsletter of this year. This quarter the park celebrated Republic Day by hoisting the National Flag. The research team involved in Red Panda augmentation programme & the zoo keepers were honoured on the occasion of World Wildlife Day. PNHZP staffs attended various skill development training workshops. The park released two Red Pandas in Singalila National Park.

The development work included the modification of a new auditorium at Bengal Natural History Museum, new selfie points were installed at different location of the zoo, a walk in aviary and bio-banking unit was constructed. Two new water dispensers were installed at different locations of the zoo.

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

**Director
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NATALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Birth	No
1.	Barking Deer (<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>)	02.01.2024	1:0:0
2.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	03.01.2024	1:0:0
3.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	19.01.2024	0:1:0
4.	Mishmi Takin (<i>Budorcas taxicolor taxicolor</i>)	25.01.2024	1:0:0
5.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	10.03.2024	0:1:0
6.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	19.03.2024	1:0:0

MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	No
1.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	09.01.2024	1:0:0
2.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminicki</i>)	18.01.2024	1:0:0
3.	Bengal Hanuman Langur (<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>)	24.01.2024	1:0:0
4.	Jungle Cat (<i>Felis chaus</i>)	26.01.2024	0:1:0
5.	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>)	02.02.2024	1:0:0
6.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	04.02.2024	1:0:0
7.	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	11.02.2024	1:0:0
8.	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	24.02.2024	1:0:0
9.	Reeves Pheasant (<i>Syrmaticus reevesii</i>)	09.02.2024	0:1:0
10.	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	29.02.2024	1:0:0
11.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminicki</i>)	06.03.2024	0:1:0
12.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminicki</i>)	06.03.2024	0:1:0
13.	Asiatic Black Bear (<i>Ursus thibetanus laniger</i>)	08.03.2024	0:1:0
14.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminicki</i>)	10.03.2024	1:0:0
15.	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	17.03.2024	1:0:0
16.	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelana</i>)	18.03.2024	0:1:0
17.	Snow Leopard (<i>Uncia uncia</i>)	27.03.2024	1:0:0
18.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	27.03.2024	0:1:0
19.	Snow Leopard (<i>Uncia uncia</i>)	28.03.2024	0:1:0

Transfer of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Transfer to
07.02.2024	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	0:2:0	Singalila National Park, Garibans
26.02.2024	Snow Leopard (<i>Uncia uncia</i>)	1:0:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
26.02.2024	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	0:1:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
26.02.2024	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	3:3:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
26.02.2024	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	3:3:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
26.02.2024	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	4:2:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
08.03.2024	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	0:1:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	2:2:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	2:2:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	2:2:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital

Acquisition of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Transfer to
08.03.2024	Cheer Pheasant (<i>Catreus wallichii</i>)	2:1:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	2:2:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>)	1:3:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	1:1:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital
08.03.2024	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	1:1:0	G B Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital

Educational visit

Sl. No	Date	Name of the School/ Training Institute/ College	Number of Students	Number of faculty	Educational Incentives
1.	19.01.2024	Delhi Public School, Digboi, Assam	74	6	-
2.	31.01.2024	Kashimpur High School	21	9	-
3.	04.02.2024	Vivekanand Mission Vidyapeeth	36	6	-
4.	07.02.2024	N.G.O Towards Future, Kolkata	15	3	-
5.	10.02.2024	Nandi Foundation	40	8	-
6.	12.02.2024	Karnataka Forest Academy, Dharwal, Karnataka	42	2	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
7.	17.02.2024	IAS, 22 nd Batch	6	-	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
8.	23.02.2024	St. Teresa Girl's Higher Secondary School	332	18	-
9.	04.03.2024	8 th RFO Batch, HPFA, Sundernagar	39	2	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
10.	20.03.2024	6-month training batch, Forest Training School, Chaibasa	79	2	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
11.	22.03.2024	Rungbee Jnanpith Higher Secondary School	40	5	-



Fig: Visit of Himachal Pradesh Forest Academy



Fig: Visit of 2022 batch IAS officers of West Bengal cadre



Fig: Visit of Karnataka state forest academy



Fig: Visit of Nandi foundation

Republic Day

The Park celebrated India's 75th Republic Day on 26.01.2024. All staff of the Park gathered in front of the Asiatic Black Bear Enclosure at 8:30 am for the flag hoisting. The 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.



Release of Red Panda in Gairibans, Singalila National Park

Two female Red Pandas Nova and Asha were released in the soft release facility at Gairibans, Singalila National Park on 07.02.2024 in presence of Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife North, Shri. J V. Bhaskar, IFS; Director, PNHZP, Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, IFS; DFO, Darjeeling Wildlife Division, Shri. Viswanath Pratap, IFS; DFO, Darjeeling Division, Shri. Sheik Fareed, IFS and the officials & staffs of PNHZP.



Staff training in this quarter

Sl. No.	Name and designation of the zoo personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the Training attended
1.	Mr. Ruden Lepcha, Zoo Keeper	Capacity Building Programme for Zoo Keeper of the Eastern region	5th to 7th March, 2024	Nandankanan Zoological Park, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



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 2024 was “**Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation**”. On this occasion the park decided to appreciate the researcher & scientific team members associated with the Red Panda Augmentation programme & the zoo keepers with souvenirs as a token of gratitude.



Health check-up of employees for zoonotic diseases

A health check-up camp was organized for the staffs of the zoo on 28.03.2024.



Taxidermy work done in this quarter

List of Specimen

Sl. No.	Name Of Specimen	Date of Collection	Accession No.	Remarks
1	Himalayan Serow Fawn	01/02/2024	BNHM/M/217	Specimen Cleaned and preserved in formalin and kept as bottled specimen in BNHM.
2	Blackbuck (Skeleton)	01/02/2024	SK/BNHM/M/01	Then Bones were articulated by various means including glues and wires.

Enrichment in this quarter



Fig: Installation of wooden walkways at Civet enclosures



Fig: Installation of sand bath at pheasant enclosure



Fig: Enrichment of Snow Leopard enclosure with wooden platform



Fig: Enrichment of Red panda enclosure at old CBC with cubbing boxes

Development on this quarter



Fig: Installation of selfie points at various places of the zoo



Fig: Modification of new auditorium at BNHM



Fig: Development of new walk-in aviary



Fig: Construction of new Bio-banking unit below store section



Fig: Upward extension of lesser carnivore enclosure



Fig: Installation of two-unit water dispensers



Fig: Plantation of rose at BNHM garden