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### 1. From the Desk

Last three months been quite eventful. It witnessed visit of Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation, Govt of Karnataka and Mysore District In-Charge Minister Sri S T Somshekhar, dedication of newly developed Orangutan facility for public viewing, visit of Hon'ble Lokayukta, Karnataka Justice Sri P. Vishwanatha Shetty, Celebration of Wildlife Week, Training for staff from Kerala Forest Department and students from College of Forestry, Ponnampet.

Visitors of Mysore Zoo get to see Orangutans in Mysore Zoo after a gap of almost 50 years and as on today it is housed only at Mysore Zoo in our country. Now onwards, people of our country could see this charismatic species within India itself. This would not have been possible without the financial assistance from Bank Note Paper Mill India, Mysuru (BNPM) in developing new housing facility for Orangutans. Mysore Zoo thank BNPM management for this generosity.

During this period also the support of public continued in the form of adoption of animals from Mysore Zoo. It means a lot! Mysore Zoo expresses its indebtedness to all the donors and well-wishers for this generosity.

We request all the visitors to follow COVID appropriate practices while enjoying their visit for the safety of themselves and others.

Cover page photo  
Orangutan  
(Pongo sp.)  
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## 2. Celebration of World Wildlife Week

Mysuru Zoo celebrated World Wildlife Week during the first week of October. As part of the celebration, photograph entries for Wildlife Photography Competition were displayed at Zoo Library. This exhibition was inaugurated by Sri Chethan R, IPS Superintendent of Police, Mysuru District in the presence of Sri L. R. Mahadevswamy, Chairman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Sri Gokul Govardhan, Smt. Jyothi Rechanna, Members, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, zoo visitors and participants of photography competition. Apart from display of photographs, series of other events like Drawing/Painting Competition, Essay Competition, Quiz Competition, and Bird watching programme were also organized for different age groups.

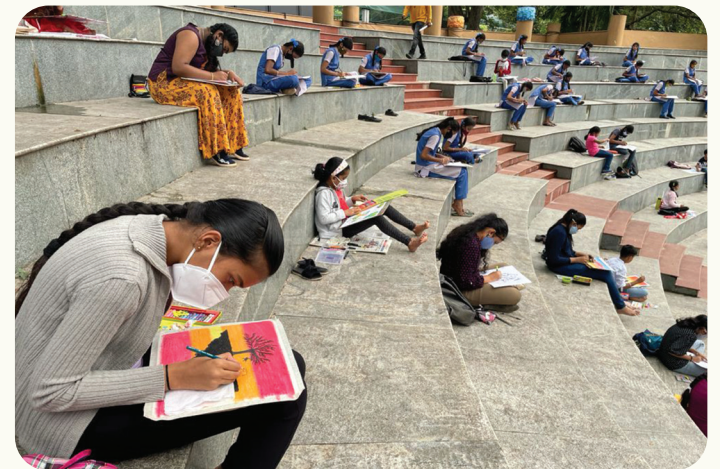


### i. Bird Watching Program

Bird watching program was organized in Karanji Lake by Mysuru Zoo as a part of Wildlife Week Celebrations on 5/10/2021. Sri. K. Manu, Founder, Member, Mysore Amateur Naturalists (MAN), joined as a resource person and taught about basics of bird watching and identification.



## ii. Drawing/Painting Competition



### iii. Essay Competition



### iv. Quiz Competition



### v. Zoo Visit for Summer Camp Students

In order to cope up with COVID-19 situations this year Summer Camp was organized through virtual mode due to which participants could not visit zoo in person. In order to fulfill popular demand of participants and to provide an opportunity to see zoo management in person, visit to zoo and Karanji Lake on occasion of wildlife week celebrations.



### 3. Gibbon Day – October 24<sup>th</sup>

October 24<sup>th</sup> marks International Gibbon Day. This day is celebrated to spread awareness about these small apes, commonly known the **“Gibbon”**. These swinging acrobatic primates are the voice of the rainforests of southern Asia, living perfectly adapted to their life in the trees, rarely descending on to the ground. Currently 20 species of gibbon are recognized world over. Of these 20 species, 19 are considered Critically Endangered or Endangered under the IUCN Red List due to anthropogenic threats, including habitat loss and hunting for the pet trade or use in traditional medicine practices.

In order to contribute towards conservation efforts of these wonderful species of world, Mysuru Zoo celebrated Gibbon Day by displaying fact boards in front of gibbon enclosure. Zoo Education Officer and volunteers interacted with the visitors and tried to create awareness about importance of this species and need and ways of its conservation.



## 4. Training Program for BSc (Forestry) Students

As part of academic curriculum, 80 final year B.Sc (Forestry) students from College of Forestry, Ponnampet visited Mysuru Zoo from 6/12/21 to 11/12/21.





## 5. Training Program for RFO Trainees

Range Forest Officer Trainees from Karnataka Forest Academy, Dharwad visited Mysuru Zoo on 25/12/21. They were briefed about Captive Management of Wild Animals.



## 6. Training Program for Forest officials, Kerala Forest Department, Thrissur

Mysuru Zoo organized 6 days Training Programme from 18.12.2021 to 23.12.2021 for forest officials from Kerala Forest Department, Thrissur on Zoo management. This program was organized based on the special request from the Kerala Forest Department as they want to provide better exposure to select staff members who would be posted with upcoming zoo in Trissur.





## 7. Recent Maintenance Works

### i. Reconstruction Wall between Gharial and Muger Crocodile



### ii. Additional works at Orangutan enclosure



### iii. Construction of Sump for RO Water Unit near White Rhino Enclosure



## 8. News in Brief

### A. Natality from October 2021 to December 2021

Sl. No.	Date	Species	M	F	U	T
1.	4/10/2021	Meerkat	0	0	2	2
2.	12/10/2021	Hippopotamus	0	0	1	1
3.	19/10/2021	Gaur- Pen 2 (Rachitha)	0	1	0	1
4.	5/11/2021	Gaur Pen 2	1	0	0	1
5.	5/11/2021	Gaur Pen 1	1	0	0	1
6.	12/11/2021	Gaur Pen 2	0	1	0	1
7.	13/11/2021	Spotted Deer	0	0	3	3
8.	15/11/2021	Black Buck	0	0	2	2
9.	16/11/2021	Spotted Deer	0	0	3	3
10.	18/11/2021	Hog Deer	0	0	4	4
11.	20/11/2021	Spotted Deer	0	0	3	3
12.	23/11/2021	Spotted Deer	0	0	2	2
13.	25/11/2021	Black Buck	0	0	2	2
14.	25/11/2021	Hog Deer	0	0	3	3
15.	25/11/2021	Spotted Deer	0	0	1	1
16.	28/11/2021	Black Buck	0	0	1	1
17.	29/11/2021	Hog Deer	0	0	3	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>



Hippopotamus with calf



Slender Tailed Meerkat with Pups



Gaur Calf



Zebra with Foal

**B. Disposition of animals in animal exchange programme from October 2021 to December 2021**

Sl. No.	Date	Species	M	F	U	T	Remarks
1.	2/11/2021	Hippopotamus	1	0	0	1	Transferred to Lion and Tiger Safari, Tyavarekoppa
2.	23/11/2021	Sloth Bear	1	1	0	2	Transferred to Kitturu Rani Chennamma Mini Zoo, Belagavi
3.	23/11/2021	Striped Hyena	0	1	0	1	
4.	23/11/2021	Muntjac	3	2	0	5	Transferred to Lion and Tiger Safari, Tyavarekoppa
5.	14/12/2021	Hog Deer	3	5	0	8	Transferred to Lion and Tiger Safari Park, Shivamogga
6.		Hippopotamus	0	1	0	1	
7.	20/12/2021	Indian Grey Wolf	1	1	0	2	Transferred to Kamala Nehru Zoological Park, Indore
8.		Black Swan	1	1	0	2	
9.		Lady Amherst Pheasant	1	0	0	1	
			<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	



Animal Exchange programme – Belgaum Zoo



Animal Exchange programme – Shivamogga Zoo

## C. Major Events and Happenings

### 1. Visit to Mysuru Zoo By Hon'ble District In-charge Minister Sri S T Somashekhar

Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation, Govt of Karnataka and Mysore District In-charge Sri S T Somashekhar visited Mysore Zoo on 6/10/2021. He inspected zoo activities and adopted an Elephant. Mysuru Zoo and ZAK express sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Minister.



### 2. Visit of Hon'ble Sri. Justice P.Vishwanatha Shetty, Lokayukta, Karnataka

On 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Hon'ble Justice Sri. P.Vishwanatha Shetty, Lokayukta, State of Karnataka visited Mysuru Zoo and interacted with Zoo Officials and staff members. Sir motivated the zoo staff and officials to continue the good work.



### 3. Inauguration of newly built Orangutan Facility

On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 new Orangutan Facility developed with financial assistance from BNPM, was dedicated to public viewing by Ms. Tripti Patra Ghosh, Chairman Bank Note Paper Mill India, Mysuru. Sri L R Mahadevswamy, Chairman - Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Sri Ravi B P IFS, Member Secretary -ZAK, Sri K G Viswanathan Managing Director- BNPM and General Managers and and officials of BNPM graced the occasion.





#### 4. Children's Day Celebrations

On account of Children's Day free entrance was given to students to Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens. Many students enjoyed their visit to Zoo.





### D. Major Adoption/Donations (Oct – Dec 2021)

Sl. No	Name of the Adopter	Name of the Birds / Animals Adopted	Period of Adoption	Amount (In Rupees)	Term
1.	Innerwheel Club of Mysuru Gold	Indian Cobra	4/10/2021 to 3/10/2022	20,000	1 Year
2.	Black Panther	Megholova Mukherjee	3/10/2021 to 2/10/2022	35,000	1 Year
3.	S.T. Somashekar Co-operative Minister, Government of Karnataka	Asiatic Elephant (Chamundi)	6/10/2021 to 5/10/2022	175,000	1 Year
4.	Dr Kusuma KS	1. Meerkat 2. King Cobra	6/10/2021 to 5/10/2022	13,500	1 Year
5.	Vani V	1.King Cobra 2.Indian Cobra 3.Great Indian Hornbill	9/10/2021 to 8/10/2022	10,500	1 Year
6.	M/s Advait Hyundai	1. Elephant-2 & 2. Tiger-2	8/10/2021 to 7/10/2022	5,50,000	1 Year
7.	Natanam Charitable Trust	NilgiriLangur	11/10/2021 to 10/10/2022	10,000	1 Year
8.	H M Gopinatha	Spotted Deer, Peacock, Indian Cobra, Western Grey Parrot & Common Ostrich	12/10/2021 to 11/10/2022	25,000	1 Year
9.	Venkatesh P S	Malabar Giant Squirrel	1/11/2021 to 31/10/2022	10,000	1 Year
10.	Ansuya Komal Kumar	Hoolock Gibbon	20/10/2021 to 19/10/2022	10,000	1 Year
11.	Punam and Family	Jaguar	2/11/2021 to 1/11/2022	35,000	1 Year

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12.	Ladies Circle India	Indian Leopard	14/11/2021 to 13/11/2022	35,000	1 Year
13.	SanjeevNichani	Malabar Giant Squirrel & Cassowary	10/11/2021 to 9/11/2022	20,000	1 Year
14.	A Shreyas Krishna	Striped Keel back Snake, Common Barn Owl, Nile Crocodile, Painted Stork, African Slender Snouted Crocodile & Common Rat Snake	7/1/2022 to 6/1/2023	34,500	1 Year
15.	K. VaradarajaKamath	1.King Cobra-2 2.Star Tortoise-2	5/12/2021 to 4/12/2022	11,000	1 Year
16.	State Bank Of India SahukarChannaiah road, SaraswathiPuram, Mysuru-570009	1. Tiger 2. Giraffe	16/11/2021 to 15/11/2022	2,00,000	1 Year
17.	Madhavi Khanna	Indian Fox	20/11/2021 to 19/11/2022	20,000	1 Year
18.	Shridhar Kalyanpur	1. Black Panther, 2.King Cobra 3. Hoolock Gibbon	22/11/2021 to 21/11/2022	48,500	1 Year
19.	Gowri Nagaraj	1. King Cobra, 2. Indian Cobra 3. Indian Soft-shell Turtle 4. Gharial	27/11/2021 to 26/11/2022	15,000	1 Year
20.	Aadvik Darshan Gowda	Baby Leopard	17-12-2021 to 16/12/2022	35,000	1 Year
21.	Arnav Eluri	Leopard cub	17-12-2021 to 16/12/2022	35,000	1 Year

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22.	Dr VS Raju,	Cassowary	20/12/2021 to 19/12/2022	10,000	1 Year
23.	Mater SuryanshSunkum	1. King Cobra, 2. Reticulated Python 3. Rock Python	23/12/2021 to 22/12/2022	10,500	1 Year
24.	Tara Prakash	1. Peacock-White, 2. Common Barn owl 3. King Cobra 4. Indian Black Turtle	26/12/2021 to 25/12/2022	12,500	1 Year
25.	Nishanth Namrata Mukherjee	Black Panther	29/12/2021 to 28/12/2022	35,000	1 Year
26.	Saurab B	1. Common Langur 2. Barasingha 3. Common Peafowl	29/12/2021 to 28/12/2022	21,000	1 Year
27.	Krishna Shah	1.Hoolock Gibbon 2.Love Bird	1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	11,000	1 Year

## E. Transfer /Retirement of Officials and Officers

- Sri. H Mahadeva** - Junior attender retired on 31/5/2021, after serving for a period of 34 years. Staff members of Mysuru Zoo bid a farewell in appreciation of his valuable service rendered to the Zoo and wish him to have a peaceful retirement life.



2. **Dr. Manjunatha. B** - Veterinary Officer was transferred on 30/4/2021 after serving for a period of 4.5 years. Mysuru Zoo extends sincere gratitude for his service and contribution towards the welfare of the zoo.

