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This quarter has been quite engaging and eventful. We began October month with meaningful celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and World Wildlife Week. We carried the message of Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi i.e., "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way in which its animals are treated" to a maximum number of local people and zoo visitors through activities like Conservation Talk and exhibition of photographs of participants of Wildlife Photography Competition. This year, the renowned pacer in Cricket world Sri Javagal Shrinath inaugurated the exhibition of photographs in the presence of Sri. B.P.Ravi IFS, Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Sri. Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo.

On the account of 22nd Conservation speak Kumari Varshini S shared her views on importance of conserving birds and discussed various issues related to conservation of birds. Later, Sri Ameya Gode, talked about "Forest Fires: Past and Present" and emphasized how climate change is playing a major role in Forest fires and how space technology could be used by forest managers to control the forest fire.

As a part of Conservation education program various literary competitions like Essay writing, Quiz and Elocution Competition for school and college students were held during this period. The participation of students was overwhelming.

Another major event of this period was a day workshop on "Emerging Diseases in Asian Elephants" for all the zoo's of Karnataka and staff and officials associated with Elephant Camp and Wild Elephants management in the state of Karnataka. This workshop was organized with special emphasis on Elephant Herpes Virus. Veterinarians and Scientists who are working on Elephants share their knowledge about elephant health care management and herpes virus issue in Asian Elephants.

Another important milestone achieved by our zoo is selection of Volunteer Zoo Educators to create awareness about conservation amongst visitors of zoo especially children from rural schools. Out of 50 candidates who participated in training program 10 were finally selected based on written test. These volunteers have started accompanying school children on weekends during zoo rounds and making their visit to zoo more fruitful and informative.

In order to create awareness about importance of urban lakes and to motivate people for their conservation two day Karanji Lake Festival was organized. Several wetland and bird experts and nature enthusiasts actively participated in this event and created awareness about urban lakes.

During this period we could transport a male Giraffe calf to Guwahati Zoo as a part of animal exchange and this is longest ever transportation of Giraffe by road in our country. Zoo Veterinarians, RFO's, Animal Supervisors and Animals Keepers deserves special credits for accomplishing this difficult task. We received a pair of Hoolock Gibbon, a female Indian Rhinoceros and a female black leopard from Assam State Zoo during this period. These new members will be new attractions of Mysore Zoo.

I hope coming year brings more joy and learning to Zoo visitors and we improve further in meeting the expectations of Zoo visitors as well as maintain highest standards in Zoo animal's welfare. Best Wishes!

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Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and World Wildlife Week



Mysuru Zoo celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and World Wildlife Week during the first week of October. As a part of the celebration, photographs of Wildlife Photography Competition were displayed at the zoo library. This exhibition was inaugurated on 2nd October by Sri Javagal Shrinath, Indian Cricketer, in the presence of Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS, Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Sri. Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo.



WORLD WILDLIFE WEEK



22nd Conservation Speak

On 16th October 2019

Conservation of Birds and Forest fires: Past and Present



Birds play an important role in ecosystem. Due to various anthropogenic activities, their population is decreasing. There is a need to understand about birds and their conservation. Recent days one of the biggest issue contributing to climate change is Forest fires. Forest fire is also a threat to fauna and flora. Best way to approach the above issues, is to have an open and transparent discussion with researchers and conservationists.

With this background, Mysuru Zoo invited Kumari Varshini S to share her views on Conservation of Birds and Sri Ameya Gode to share his experiences on Forest fires: Past and Present as a part of the 22th Conservation Speak.



4. Literary competition- 2019

Various literary competitions were conducted at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens to involve students from various schools and colleges. Competitions like painting, Essay Writing, Quiz Competition and Elocution were conducted. More than 500 Students participated in these competitions from institutes in and around Mysuru.



5. Training program for Volunteer Zoo Educators



Mysuru Zoo initiated an innovative program i.e. Volunteer Zoo Educators, to educate government school students about Zoo animals and maintenance of the zoo. Training program was organized for 50 members on 12, 13 and 19, 20th of October 2019.

This training program was inaugurated by Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS., Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Mysuru. Sri Ajit Kulkarni IFS Executive director Mysuru Zoo and Dr K R Ramesh Assistant Director were present at this occasion.

Participants were exposed to various issues pertaining to conservation and the role which Zoo's play in conservation. Based on screening test, 10 candidates were selected to become volunteers at Zoo.



6 Workshop on "Emerging Diseases in Asian Elephants"



One day workshop on “Emerging disease in Asian Elephants” was organised on 25/10/2019 for veterinarians and officials of zoos of Karnatka and Karnataka State Forest Department who are involved in health care management of captive and wild Elephants. Special emphasis was given to herpes virus problem in Asiatic Elephants. In this workshop, Dr. Arun Zachariah, Forest Veterinary Officer, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Government of Kerala, Dr. Vinay S, Chief Veterinary Officer, Shivamogga Wildlife Division, Karnataka, Dr. B. Manjunath, Scientist, Wild Animals Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, IAH&VB, Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bannerghatta, Bangalore, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Scientist, SRDDL, Diagnostic Virology Division, IAH&VB, Bangalore, participated as resource persons and shared their experience with participants.



7 CELEBRATION OF :



Karanji Lake Festival was celebrated by Mysore Zoo on 16th and 17th of December to create awareness about importance of lakes and their conservation. The festival was inaugurated by Mysore City Corporation Mayor Smt. Pushpalatha Jagannath. Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS., Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Smt. Chaya Naveen, Corporate, Ittigegud, Smt. Roopa, Corporator, Siddhartha Layout and Sri. Indresh, Director, Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysuru graced the occasion. On this occasion, Photography exhibition, vintage photography, drawing competition, quiz competition, skit and fancy dress competition were held.



On second day of Festival, Bird Watching programme was organized. Sri. Echanuru Kumar, Journalist, Prof. U.N. Ravi Kumar, Lake Specialist and Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS., Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka delivered talks regarding Lake Conservation. Skit regarding Lake Conservation was performed by Government College Students. The festival was concluded with the panel discussion, where public interacted and suggested their opinion and also expressed their interest in taking up the responsibility towards Lake Conservation.



8 ARRIVAL OF NEW ANIMALS

As a part of animal exchange programme between Mysuru Zoo & Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, a female Indian Rhinoceros, pair of Hoolock Gibbon & a female Black Leopard from Assam Zoo arrived at Mysuru Zoo on 13/12/2019. In exchange Mysuru Zoo spared a male Giraffe to Assam Zoo. These animals added to collection plan of Mysuru Zoo and are treat to visitors. During this exchange another milestone achieved by Mysore Zoo by transporting a male Giraffe Calf by road upto Guwahati zoo successfully. This is longest ever transportation of Giraffe by road in India

Hoolock Gibbons.



ARRIVAL OF NEW ANIMALS

Black Panther



Indian Rhino



Adoption of Animals :

1. **Air Force Selection Board**, Mysuru
- adopted Jaguar by paying Rs.35,000/-
for a period of one year
from 13/11/2019 to 12/11/2020.

2. **Smt Asha Prashanth**, Bangalore
- adopted Green Anaconda
by paying Rs.10,000/-
for a period of one year
from 31/12/2019 to 30/12/2020.

3. **Smt Gowri Nagaraj**
- adopted King Cobra, Indian Cobra,
Indian Softshell Turtle & Gharial
by paying Rs.15,000/-
for a period of one year
from 27/11/2019 to 26/11/2020.

4. **Sri Vishwanath T B**
- adopted Mouse Deer & White Peacock
by paying Rs.11,000/-
for a period of one year
from 01/12/2019 to 30/11/2020.



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