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1. From the Desk

Dear Readers,

During this period also there were continued efforts to convey the message of wildlife conservation to maximum number of people through virtual and traditional means adhering to COVID 19 norms.

This period witnessed historic moments in the form of arrival of a pair of Orangutans from Malaysia and also shipment of a pair of Giraffe to Singapore Zoological Gardens. Orangutans are back in Mysuru Zoo after a gap of almost 5 decades and for the first time Mysore Zoo shipped out 2 male Giraffe to zoo of other country. This could be first of its kind in our country. Ensuring the safe travel of animals during the shipment and also after their arrival at zoo involves multiple tasks and meticulous planning. Team Mysore Zoo could successfully accomplish these tasks and I thank all the members involved in above mentioned animal shipments.

This period also witnessed second lockdown from 27/4/2021 to 5/7/2021 due to second wave of COVID 19. I must share with our readers that so far all animals and staff of zoo (especially animal keepers) are safe and not exposed to COVID 19.

This year, zoo revenue has fallen due to reduced visitors flow, only very essential and emergent works are taken up from zoo resources apart from those sponsored by the generous donors. The support of donors in the form of zoo animals adoption and donation continued during this period also. This generous support goes long way in ensuring welfare of zoo animals and in promoting the conservation education.

Lets hope that the normalcy returns soon and we get to receive our esteemed visitors like in earlier normal days! Please follow COVID appropriate behaviour for yours and others safety!

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Bar-headed Goose
(*Anser indicus*)
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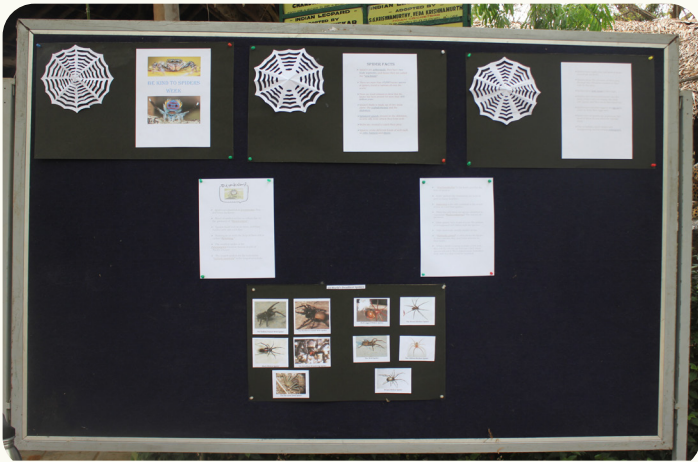


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2. Be kind to Spider Week

Be kind to Spider Week is celebrated during the first week of April. On this occasion in reach activity was conducted for visitors by putting up relevant posters and quiz competition was conducted for kids. Visitors were educated about the importance of the day, facts of spiders, threats to the species, and their role in ecosystem.

Kids were encouraged to participate in quiz competition and prizes were given to winners. The main objective of the event was to encourage and educate the young buds about spiders and to conserve them through such small measures.



3. National Zoo Lovers Day Celebration - 8th April

National Zoo Lovers Day is a great excuse for family to go for a zoo trip to see both native and exotic animals of the country. Zoos have a long history of bringing new animals from the far flung and mysterious regions of the world straight into the heart of civilization and provides an opportunity to see and appreciate variety of animals from different parts of the world.

In this regard to create awareness about animal conservation and importance of zoos, a fun filled activities were arranged for kids of age group 10-16 years.



4. Earth Day Celebrations - 22nd April

On account of International Earth Day Celebrations our zoo staff were encouraged to plant saplings. As part of celebrations young minds were encouraged to take part in Drawing / Painting Competition and Recycling Art Competition to create responsiveness and importance of mother Earth.



5. Basavajayanti Celebration - 14th May

On the occasion of birth anniversary of Sri Jagajyothi Basaveshwara (Basavanna) Basava Jayanthi was celebrated by arranging Pooja in Zoo Premises.



6. Procurement of Ultrasound Scanning Machine - 26th April

New The Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Limited has sponsored sophisticated and state of the art Ultrasound Machine for Mysuru Zoo Veterinary Hospital under the CSR component. This New Ultrasound scanning machine was inaugurated by DR. N Krishnaswamy General Manager in the presence of Sri Muruli, Manager, Sri Akileshwar Reddy Assistant Manager, Sri L R Mahadevaswamy, Chairman Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Sri B P Ravi IFS, Member Secretary Zoo Authority of Karnataka.

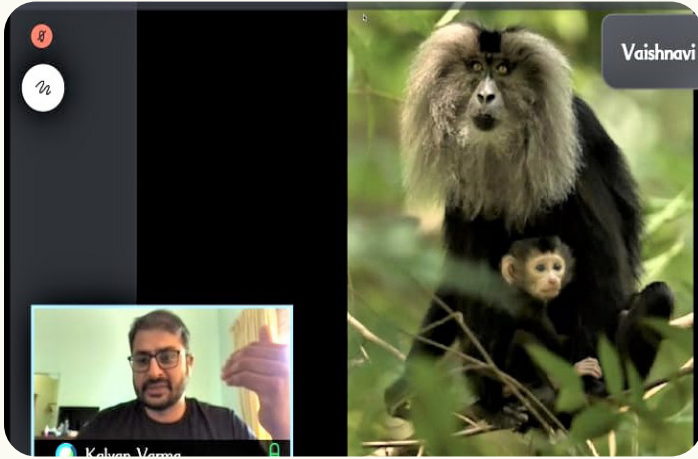


7. E-Summer Camp 2021

In order to cope with COVID situations like last year, this year too the summer camp was organised in virtual mode. 75 interested students between 12-18 years age group actively participated. It was a 10-day program held from 21st May to 30th May 2021.

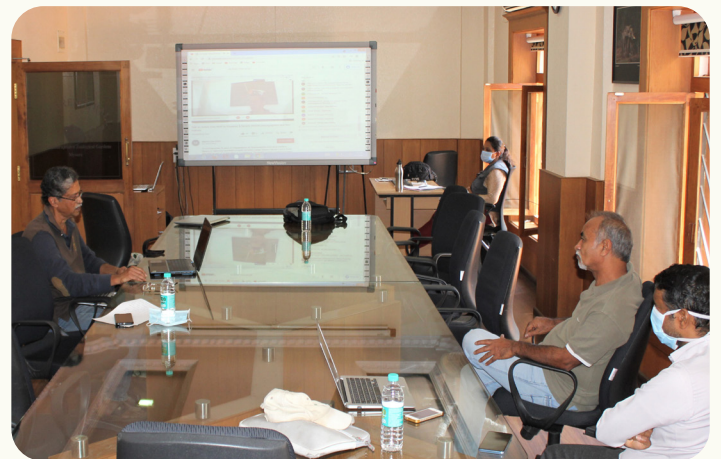
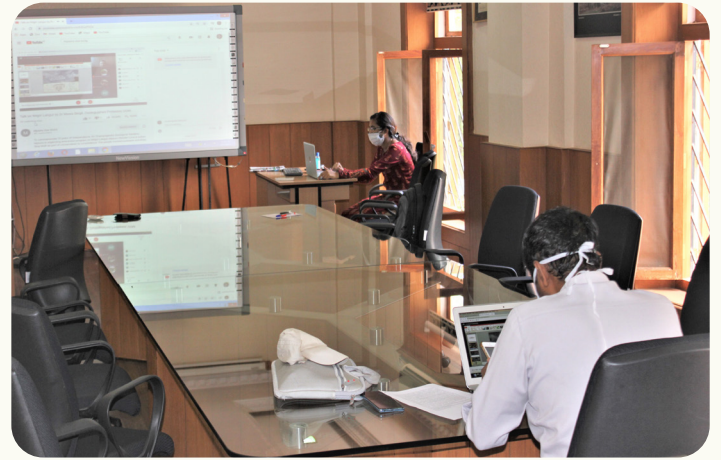
Students were taught about various aspects about the zoo and its management, animal behaviour, Wildlife documentary and film making, wildlife Crime & laws through online classes. One day visit to the zoo was provided for the participants, post reopening of the zoo which gave them a practical exposure of captive management of wild animals. E-Certificates were provided to the participants.

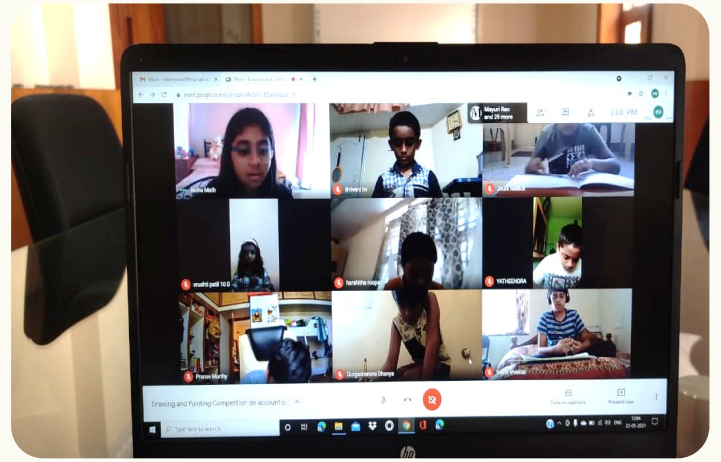
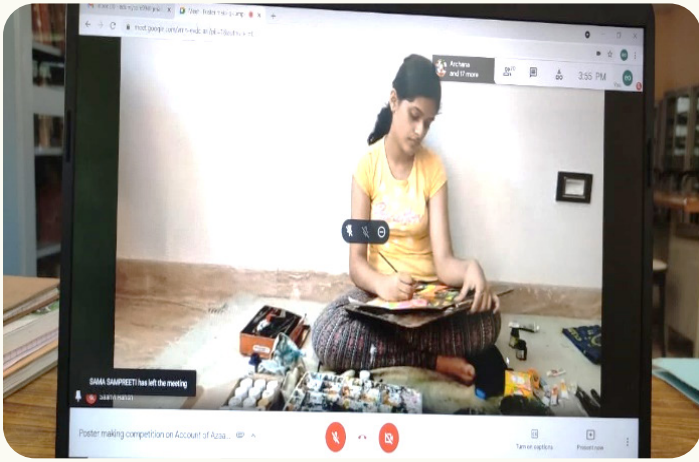




8. Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

To commemorate 75 years of Independence, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru had organised Awareness program on Mysore Slender Loris, Nilgiri Langur and Grey Wolf as part of Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav Conservation to Co-existence: The people's Connect- Outreach activities from 17/5/2021 to 23/5/2021. On this occasion series of events were organized virtually. It included webinars, Drawing Competition, Poster making Competition, Quiz Competition and Essay Competition.





9. Environment Day - 5th June

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru, contemplated to celebrate World Environment Day every year. This year we celebrated World Environment Day by planting Seedlings. Kannada Film actor Darshan Thoogudeepa joined us for this event. A Video was released Shri Darshan Thoogudeepa requesting people to adopt and contribute towards animals of Karnataka Zoo's during this Covid situation.





10. Recent Development Works

a. Reconstruction of Damaged Wall of Blackbuck Enclosure



b. Making of Almirah for medicine storage at kurghalli Hospital



11. News in Brief

A. Major Event and Happenings i. Animal Exchange Programme

- **Acquisition of 1 pair Orangutans from Malaysia** – On April 2nd 2021 Mysuru zoo received a pair of orangutans from Malaysia. The animals arrived by air and were received at Bangalore International Airport. The male orangutan is aged 5 years and the female aged 7 years. The newly arrived animals were quarantined for 30 days at Kurghalli Rescue Centre in a separate facility which consisted of 3 holding rooms and 2 day kraals for open sunlight. The quarantine area was made vector proof and only limited personnel were allowed to visit and examine the animals routinely. In the meantime, they were screened for important pathogens and dewormed. The animals are healthy and are doing good. Visitors enjoy the antiques of the animals without fail.



- Transfer of 2 Male Giraffes from Mysuru Zoo to Singapore Zoo** – Two male Giraffes, Balaji and Adyaveer aged 1 year were transported from Mysuru zoo to Singapore Zoo on 19/05/2021 by sea. The animals were conditioned to the crates for a month prior to the travel. A two member team had arrived from Singapore zoo to know the animals and accompany them by ship from Krishnapatnam port (India) to Singapore Zoo. The animals were transported by road on separate trucks for each animal and a truck loaded with food supply , water, bedding material and necessary amenities contained in pallets of specific dimensions. The animals travelled by road to Krishnapatnam port. On 20/05/2021 the animals were loaded onto the ship decks with the officials and began their week long journey towards Singapore by sea. During the journey the animal keeper from Singapore took care of the animals. Giraffe reached Singapore Zoo safely and are doing well.



Preparation of Feed for animals during Traveling



B. Breeding of Ostrich chicks in Mysuru Zoo

A pair of ostrich's Rama and Sita had successfully bred giving birth to 4 healthy chicks. Sita had laid 10 eggs of which 6 were fertile and 4 were infertile. Both the parents had taken time and part in incubating the eggs for a period of 45 days after which 4 chicks had successfully hatched. Soon after hatching the infertile and the unhatched eggs were pushed away by Sita. The chicks started to peck and feed by themselves when they were 4-5 day old. All the chicks were doing well for 2-3 months. Later, a managerial issue arises wherein the chicks had started to consume bigger and irregular shaped pebbles while pecking. It is known that pebbles are a part of their diet as it aids in mechanical breakdown of food particles. But due to the indiscriminate feeding behavior of the chicks and irregular shape and size of the pebbles have caused impaction of the proventriculus and gizzard leading to sudden death in one chick and a state of chronic impaction in another chick which did not respond even after the surgical intervention. This left us with a lesson to manage the nutrition and steps to correct the size and number of pebbles in the enclosure during the growth period of an ostrich chick.



C. Major Adoptions/ Donations

Name and Address	Name of the Birds / Animals Adopted	Amount	Period of Adoption	Term
Kuldeep Sikarwar	Spot Billed Pelican and Black necked swan	30,000	17/4/2021 to 16/4/2022	1 Year
H M Ramesh	Donation	1,00,000		1 Year
Sumana .D	Zebra	50,000	8/5/2021 to 7/5/2022	1 Year
H M Ramesh	Donation	2,00,000		1 Year

Raghulal Raghavan Mysuru	Chimpanzee, Indian Rhino, Southern White Rhino & Hippopotamus	3,00,000		1 Year
Autoliv India Pvt Ltd	Giraffe, Tiger and Cheetah	3,00,000	7/6/2021 to 6/6/2022	1 Year
S Sachidananda	Asiatic Elephant	1,75,000	7/6/2021 to 6/6/2022	1 Year
S Sachidananda	Tiger	50,000	7/6/2021 to 6/6/2022	1 Year
H V Harshavardhan	White Tiger	1,00,000	8/6/2021 to 7/6/2021	1 Year
Nagavaishnavii TR	Indian Leopard	35,000	8/6/2021 to 7/6/2021	1 Year
Devabhagya Foundation	Elephant	1,75,000	8/6/2021 to 7/6/2021	1 Year
Zeus Biotech Pvt Ltd	Indian Rhinoceros and Black Panther	1,10,000	8/6/2021 to 7/6/2021	1 Year
Harsha Melanta	Sloth Bear	35,000	8/6/2021 to 7/6/2021	1 Year
BG Granites	Zebra	50,000	8/6/2021 to 7/6/2021	1 Year
Umapathy Srinivasa Gowda	Elephant	1,75,000	10/6/2021 to 9/6/2022	1 Year
Sri Benaka Enterprises	Black Panther	35,000	11/6/2021 to 10/6/2022	1 Year
Smt Soundarya Jagadeesh (Snehith J & Dr. Soundarya J)	Tiger	1,00,000	12/6/2021 to 11/6/2022	1 Year
Prathap Singh	Cheetah	50,000	14/6/2021 to 13/6/2022	1 Year
Karunya Ram	Indian Leopard	35,000	14/6/2021 to 13/6/2022	1 Year
Gangaraju KP	Giraffe	35,000	14/6/2021 to 13/6/2022	1 Year
Sujatha Rangaswamy Gowda	Cheetah	50,000	12/6/2021 to 11/6/2022	1 Year

Raghavi Rangaswamy Gowda	Asiatic Black Bear	50,000	12/6/2021 to 11/6/2022	1 Year
CJ Akarsh	Cheetah	50,000	17/6/2021 to 16/6/2022	1 Year
Dattatreya M.N	Zebra	50,000	19/6/2021 to 18/6/2022	1 Year
Prakash Jayaram	Indian Leopard	35,000	18/6/2021 to 17/6/2022	1 Year
Vedanth Srinidhi	African Hunting Cheetah	50,000	19/6/2021 to 18/6/2022	1 Year
Vinay Kenchappa	Black Panther	35,000	19/6/2021 to 18/6/2022	1 Year
Mysore District Baliya Samaja,	Indian Leopard	35,000	19/6/2021 to 18/6/2022	1 Year
Meena Appachu	Indian Leopard, King Cobra and Love Bird	39,500	22/6/2021 to 21/6/2022	1 Year
Basava Marga Foundation	Tiger	1,00,000	24/6/2021 to 23/6/2022	1 Year
Anantha Krishna S	Indian Leopard	35,000	26/6/2021 to 25/6/2022	1 Year
N Ranga Rao and Sons Pvt Ltd (Cycle Pure Agarbathies)	Indian Leopard	35,000	1/7/2021 to 30/6/2022	1 Year

