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Dear readers,

Last three months witnessed a bit of improvement in all aspects of zoo due to decrease in number of COVID 19 cases in the state. There were some important events like Celebration of Republic Day, World Women's Day, World Wildlife Day and Zoo Day. Though the spirit of celebration was very high the actual celebration had to be kept comparatively low affair owing to COVID situation around and it was the need of Covid Appropriate Behaviors too.

Due to financial constraints caused by COVID, this year only essential maintenance works is mostly taken up from zoo resources. Some corporate housed have come forward to sponsor some of the essential developmental works under their CSR component. We express our sincere gratitude for this kindness.

The donation campaign led by our Hon'ble District In-charge Minister Sri S T Somashekar continued this quarter also and over all donations during this financial year has been ever highest in the history of Mysore Zoo. We express our sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Minister and all the donors for their generosity.

Soon we will be having new members to Zoo, hope will be sharing the details in next Newsletter! Till then take care and stay safe!

Thanking You!

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2. Republic Day Celebration

Mysuru zoo celebrated Republic Day on 26th January 2021.

Sri L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Chairman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Smt Jyothi Rechanna, Sri Gokul Govardhan, Council Members ZAK and Sri Ajit M Kulkarni Deputy Conservator of Forests & Executive Director Mysuru Zoo and all staff members attended the event following COVID appropriate behaviour.



3. Sensitization Program for staff members of all the zoos under ZAK

Mysuru Zoo organized the training programme on “Sensitization Program for Zoo Staff about Zoo Management” from 22/2/2021 to 23/2/2021 in collaboration with Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi, Government of India. 44 participants from all the 9 zoos of Zoo Authority of Karnataka participated in this program. The training programme was inaugurated by Sri. L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Chairman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Mysuru on 22/2/2021 in presence of Sri. B.P. Ravi IFS., Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Mysuru, Smt. Sonali Ghosh IFS., Deputy Inspector of General (Wildlife), Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi, Smt Jyothi Rechanna and Sri Gokul Govardhan, Council Members. COVID 19 safety measures were adopted during this training.



Kit distributed to trainees



Banner of the training



Inauguration of the training programme

4. Zoo Day Celebration 2020

Every year the Zoo Day is celebrated in the honour of birth anniversary of Sri Chamarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur, the founder of Mysore Zoo, which is on 22nd February. As part of Zoo Day celebrations various sports and games competition were held on 16/2/2021, 23/2/2021 and 2/3/2021. They all actively participated in a jovial and sportive way.



On 2nd of March Chamundeshwaripooja was arranged followed valedictory function. All the employees celebrated this day as festival. During the valedictory function, the winners of the competition were given prizes besides honouring the employees by way of encouraging them to render good service.



5. International Women's Day Celebration

On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8th 2021, Dr Ranjini M.S, Scientist, Central Sericultural Research & Training Institute addressed woman employees of zoo with inspiring words on the importance of women's education, health and their priorities. A small fun activity was arranged for the staff on this occasion. Senior staff Venkatamma was appreciated for the work she has rendered to Mysuru Zoo.



6. Educational Activities

i. Valedictory function of Youth club- 2020

The valedictory function of Youth club- 2020 was held on 28th February 2021. This is the 28th Youth Club consecutively held by Mysuru Zoo. 48 students representing 34 different institutions consisting of 26 boys and 22 girls have attended the program. The aim of youth club is to develop leadership qualities in youth to spread the message of wildlife protection and environmental conservation. Conservation education has occupied a prominent place in Mysuru zoo's strategic vision, involving youth in conservation activities. The youth club valedictory was held on 28th February 2021 in the presence of Sri B.P.Ravi IFS, APCCF, Member Secretary of Zoo Authority of Karnataka and Sri Ajit. M. Kulkarni IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forest & Executive Director Mysuru Zoo.



ii. Celebration of World Wildlife Day on 3rd March

On the occasion of World Wildlife Day celebration, theme posters on “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet” were put up and in reach activity was conducted by engaging Forestry college students from Coimbatore. Students were educated on the importance of wildlife, its conservation and ex-situ conservation.



iii. Celebration of World Sparrow Day on 20th March

On occasion of world sparrow day, in reach activity was conducted for visitors by putting up relevant posters and quiz. Visitors were educated about the importance of the day, threats to the species, measures to conserve these species and their important role in ecology. Visitors were encouraged to participate in quiz competition and the first three winners were given a sustainably built sparrow feeder. The main objective was to encourage and educate the young buds about these species and to conserve them through such small measures.



7. Tale of a Chimp from depression to exuberant

As an ape consultant, I am attached to the Mysuru Zoo for four decades. During this period, the treatment done by me to the apes ranges from influenza, rhinitis, gastritis, gastroenteritis, cuts wounds, bites, abscess, amputation of toes to fractures.

In the present case a male chimp (Jason) aged about twenty years is one of the best chimps I have ever seen in Mysuru Zoo. As ill fated, some years back, he suddenly became dull and lethargic. He stopped entertaining the visitors with his usual gimmicks. His movements became sluggish, though the appetite was reasonably good. This went on for about two weeks without much progress. I along with zoo vets darted the animal and thoroughly examined and found clinically nothing positive. We took blood samples and lab reports were negative to all tests. The days progressed without any improvement or deterioration.

On constant observation I suspected Jason was probably suffering from some kind of depression. We come across such kind of depression in human beings on and off. After consulting a leading psychiatrist Dr. H.S. Venkatesh we put him on mood elevator pills. After a week he showed slight improvement. A month later he was absolutely perfect and was back on trees entertaining visitors.

Conclusion: In human beings we have seen patients with depressive illness in certain situations.

1. Bereaved Person
2. Chronic illness
3. Loss
4. Neglect



Depression is a state of mind characterized by dullness, weakness, lethargy and so on. In this case it was difficult to examine the chimp physically on a daily basis. It was only on continuous observation we could arrive at a probable diagnosis which proved to be right. It is a rare case we have come across in Mysore Zoo. With the cooperation of all officials of the zoo and keepers' undivided attention helped in the speedy recovery of chimp Jason. Even during my visits to some zoos in USA (Washington zoo, San Diego Zoo, Toronto Zoo Canada, Bronx Zoo and Singapore Zoo) while interacting with the zoo officials, they were happy to learn about the diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of Jason.

Jason is now in Lucknow Zoo. We miss him.

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8. Recent Developmental works Works



i. Construction of Fodder shed near Indian Elephant enclosure



ii. New LED Screen setup in amphitheatre



iii. Fixing of Doors to Amphitheatre Green room



iv. Construction of Sculpture Platform near Gaur enclosure



v. Painting to Fence wall & Holding Room of Hoolock gibbon



vi. Laying Interlock Pavers to Hospital building at Kurghalli



vii. Repair works at Inpatient Carnivore Wards inside Mysuru Zoo hospital

9. News in Brief

i. Retirement / Transfer of officials and Officers

1. **Sri. Satyanarayanan.S** – Senior Assistant retired on 31/03/2021 after serving for a period of 39 years. Staff members of Mysuru Zoo bid a farewell in appreciation of his service rendered to the zoo and wishes him to have a peaceful retirement life.

2. **Sri. G. Arvind** –Assistant Engineer was transferred on 31/12/2020 after serving for a period of 4 years. Mysore Zoo extends thanks for his service and contribution for the welfare of the zoo.



ii. 4th Quarterly Inventory year 2021

Sl.no	Date	Species	M	F	T	Remarks
1	17/02/2021	Gaur	1	1	2	Transferred to Raipur Zoo, Chhattisgarh on animal exchange programme
		Indian Grey Wolf	1	1	2	
1	17/02/2021	Hyena	2	0	2	Transferred to Gadag Zoo
		Total	4	2	6	

iii. Animal Adoption for the year 2020- 2021

The Mysuru Zoo is receiving continuous support from the animal lovers/adopters through “Animal Adoption Scheme of Mysuru Zoo” every year. The following individuals/institutions renewed the adoption every year, which is not only inspiring others but also, they are the true ambassadors of the zoo. The total adoption amount received from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 is Rs.4,14,63,585/-for 1233 animals by 966 individuals.

Sl.no	Month	Individuals	No of Animals Adopted	Amount Paid
1	April -2020	110	151	7546001
2	May-2020	373	520	21808000
3	June -2020	55	66	4193101
4	July -2020	47	60	490356
5	August -2020	51	52	1985145
6	September-2020	82	86	2891366
7	October-2020	37	46	422000
8	November-2020	36	47	344950
9	December-2020	31	38	630000
10	January-2021	24	26	357000
11	February-2021	38	44	390500
12	March-2021	25	40	405166
	Total	966	1233	4,14,63,585

Major Adoption for the year 2020- 2021

The details of major adopters of the year 2020-2021 is as follows:

Sl.no	Name of the Individual/institution	Animals adopted	No of Animals Adopted	Adoption Duration	Amount Paid
1	S.T Somashekar Corporator Minister Karnataka Government	Elephant Chamundi	1	1 Year	1,75,000
2	Sindhu Arya Srinivas	Elephant , Lion, Zebra	3	1 Year	3,25,000
3	Arya Srinivas	Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
4	Kubera Swamy Thaverekere	Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
5	Avinash Masthi	Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
6	Hruthi Education Trust	Tiger, Lion, Zebra	3	1 Year	2,50,000
7	Shashi Kumar Vajarahalli	Elephant, Tiger, Jackal, Four-Horned Antelope	4	1 Year	3,00,000
8	Chikka Raju Anche Palya	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
9	Siddegowda	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
10	Rajanna Harohalli	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
11	P. B. Karigowda	Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
12	Shashi Rekha Krishna Murthy	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
13	Siri Ravikumar Agrahara Dasarahalli	Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
14	Umesh C Challeghatta	Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
15	Venugopal Ranohalli	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
16	Pavan Somanahalli	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
17	Chandra Shekar Shoba	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
18	Aaron mathew Pais	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
19	Anantha Raja	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
20	Bharath V Gowda	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
21	Dodda Nagaiah	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
22	Shekar Reddy	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
23	Anil Kumar L	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
24	Galappa Narayana Swamy Reddy	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
25	Prabhu B H	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
26	Niveditha Lokesh	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
27	Taksh S R Gowda Rupin PV Kumar	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
28	Chenthan Ravilehalli	Giraffe & Asiatic Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
29	Rajesh Gooli gowdru	Tiger & Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
30	Sindhu Arya Srinivas	Lion & Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
31	Muni Raju G Corpportor Ullala	African Elephant, Indian Grey Wolf & Leopard Cat	3	1 Year	2,00,000
32	Abhilash M B	Chimpanzee, Zebra & White Rhino	3	1 Year	2,00,000
33	Avinash Masthi	Tiger & Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
34	Ismail shariff M D Bangalore KMS Coach Builders Pvt Ltd	Donation		1 Year	10,00,000
35	Gopaaiah Minister for Foods and Civil Supilies	White Tiger & Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
36	Siddalinga Swamy Kannalli	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000

37	Mohan Kumar S R Suliker	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
38	M L Pushpavalli Nanjundesh	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
39	Ramakrishnaiah	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
40	V Ashwath Muddena Halli	Asiatic Lion and Bengal Tiger	2	1 Year	1,00,000
41	Manju Dodderi	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
42	Ravi Chandra Chari Swm Health	Bengal Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
43	P Shivaswamy	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
44	Prakash Ramohalli	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
45	Naveen Talagattapura	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
46	Sriram R halagattapura	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
47	C Karigowda CKG Construction Mysore	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
48	Prathap C (Wonder Blues)	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
49	Jaya Prasad Shetty	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
50	Manjunatha Bamul	Asiatic Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
51	Nagaraj KMF	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
52	Sommanna Taaghatta Pura	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
53	C Narashimha Murthy Thathaguni	Bengal Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
54	J T Venkatesh Thathaguni	Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
55	Maregowda C M	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
56	M Ashoka Bescom	Asiatic Elephant and Golden Jackal	2	1 Year	1,95,000
57	B A Basavaraja	Tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
58	Nagaraj	Elephant, Flamingo & Jungle Cat	3	1 Year	2,00,000
59	Krishnappa S	Tiger, Hippopotamus, Flamingo and Jungle Cat	4	1 Year	2,00,000
60	Babu Ashoka Das	Giraffe and Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
61	Mahadevaiah	Lion and Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
62	Revanna	White Tiger and Bengal Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
63	Krishna Murthy	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
64	Mune Gowda	White Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
65	Narayana Swamy	Giraffe and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
66	Lokesh	African Elephant, Flamingo and Jungle cat	3	1 Year	2,00,000
67	V Suresh	White Tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
68	Praveen KC	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
69	Amar Reddy	Lion and Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
70	Santhosh	Giraffe and White Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
71	Mukundaiah	Asiatic Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
72	Muniraja	Elephant, Flamingo and Goral	3	1 Year	2,00,000
73	Pillamadappa	Tiger and Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
74	Shiva Kumar M	Asiatic Lion and Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
75	Gangadhar	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000
76	Vinod	Tiger and Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
77	Raju	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
78	Krishna Murthy	Giraffe and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
79	Muddanna	Lion and White Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
80	Lakshmana	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
81	Dhananjaya A	White Tiger and giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
82	Venkata Muniyappa	Asiatic Elephant, Flamingo and Rhesus Macaque	3	1 Year	2,00,000
83	R Krishna Murthy	Bengal tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
84	Shiva Kumar	Giraffe	1	1 Year	1,00,000

85	Bande Raju	Lion and Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
86	Kalpatharaj Ramesh	Giraffe and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
87	S Samiulla	Asiatic Elephant, Flamingo and Four Horned antelope	3	1 Year	2,00,000
88	Srikanth	Tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
89	Jayaprakash	Giraffe and Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
90	Dushyasth Prashanth	Lion and Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
91	Anthon Swamy	African Elephant, Flamingo & goral	3	1 Year	2,00,000
92	Yallappa	Lion and Giraffe	2	1 Year	2,00,000
93	Prakash K R Pura	Tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
94	Syed Jaffar	Giraffe and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
95	R Siddaiah	White Tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
96	Raju Amar Jyothi	White Tiger and Bengal Tiger	2	1 Year	2,00,000
97	C Nagaraju	Asiatic Elephant, Flamingo & Grey Hornbill	3	1 Year	2,00,000
98	K V Venkatram	Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
99	Venkatram	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
100	M N Reddy	Giraffe and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
101	Padmanatha Reddy	Giraffe and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
102	Jagadish Reddy	White Tiger and Lion	2	1 Year	2,00,000
103	JSS Mahavidya Peetta	Donation		1 Year	5,00,000
104	M Veeresh Kumar	Elephant	2	10 months	1,50,000
105	The Bangalore aalugedde Mathu eerulli varthakara sangha Reg	African Elephant-3, Asiatic Elephant -3, Tiger -5, Lion-5, Giraffee-4 and Zebra-1	21	1 Year	25,00,000
106	Devabhagya Foundation	Elephant	4	1 Year	1,75,000
107	ZEUS Biotech Pvt Ltd	Southern white Rhinoceros and Black Panther	2	1 Year	2,00,000
108	Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Limited	Asiatic Elephant -2, Asiatic Lion -1, Bengal Tiger-1, Giraffe-2, Zebra-2, Chimpanzee-1 and Southern White Rhino-1	10	1 Year	10,00,000
109	Akka balaga			1 Year	25,00,000
110	Mahedra Singh Kalappa	Tiger (Virat)	1	1 Year	1,00,000
111	Sri Harish	Tiger Chamundi	1	1 Year	1,00,000
112	Adarsh Mysore	Bengal Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
113	Chaitra V	Baby Elephant (Vedavathi)	1	1 Year	1,00,000
114	Lions Club of Mysore Palace City and Geonet Consultant	Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
115	Lions Club of Mysore - Nisarga and Mayuri Mysuru	Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
116	Taksh (Master)	Hybrid Lion	1	1 Year	1,00,000
117	The President Sharadha -Jnanakshi Layout Bangalore (Araneesh and others)(St Somashekar)	Asiatic Elephant, Peacock-2, Malabar Giant Squirrel and Nilgiri Langur	5	1 Year	2,02,000
118	V Somanna, Minister of Housing Department, Government of Karnataka Bangalore	Cheetah	1	2 Year	2,10,000
119	Sri Nithin shivkumar	Bengal Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
120	Veda Krishnamurthy	Indian Leopard (Bhavanna)	1	1 Year	35,000
121	Kumar Organic Product Limited	Tigress Manya	1	1 Year	1,00,000
122	Yashmitha	Asiatic Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
123	Anjanappa Bamul Anekal	African Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000

124	Infosys Foundation Bangalore	Donation		1 Year	40,00,000
125	Smt Settipalli Lalith Sanjeeva Reddy	Elephant (Vedavathy)	1	1 Year	1,50,000
126	Nature Club J.S.S Academy of Higher Education & Research	Tiger, Nilgiri Langur, Mouse Deer, Peacock	4	1 Year	1,21,000
127	Apex Soft cell (India) Pvt Ltd	Asiatic Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000
128	Sri Rajeev Kishore Mathur	White Tiger (Tara)	1	1 Year	1,00,000
129	Kalyanpura Meera Baliga	Indian Elephant	1	1 Year	1,00,000
130	Sanam Lakhani & Dennis Baars	Tiger	1	1 Year	1,00,000
131	Manjunath	Asiatic Elephant	1	1 Year	1,75,000



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