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This quarter of the year started with opening of zoo for the visitors. Its worth recalling here that zoo was closed for the visitors due to COVID 19 since March 14th to June 8th. This period has been real testing time as we saw lowest number of visitors in the history of Mysore Zoo and we could proudly share that the strong biosecurity measure which is part of daily routine of the Zoo helped us in ensuring the safer area to zoo visitors and safer workplace for zoo visitors and also safer living environment for the Zoo Animals.

Despite of COVID 19 situation, our efforts to create awareness about wildlife and nature continues by adopting new normal in our methods and means of teaching. Though at slower pace, the works required for improving living conditions of zoo animals and safety and experience of zoo visitors continued. The public movement, started by Mysore District In-Charge Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation, Govt of Karnataka, Sri S T Somashekhar, to support Mysore Zoo financially during difficult times of COVID 19 continued and many donors have generously donated to Mysore Zoo by adopting animals of their choice. Mysore Zoo family expresses its sincere gratitude to all the donors.

Mysore Zoo added another feather to its cap by adding African Cheetahs to its family. Mysore Zoo is only second zoo in the country to house the Cheetahs.

I must place on record the sincere and tireless efforts and concern of all the staff of Mysore Zoo, who despite of difficult times, none of them have missed their work and continue working even more passionately for ensuring the welfare of zoo animals and zoo visitors.

I take this opportunity of convey our sincere gratitude to all the well wishers and our esteemed visitors. Together, by following COVID safety measures, we can definitely come out of this situation soon!

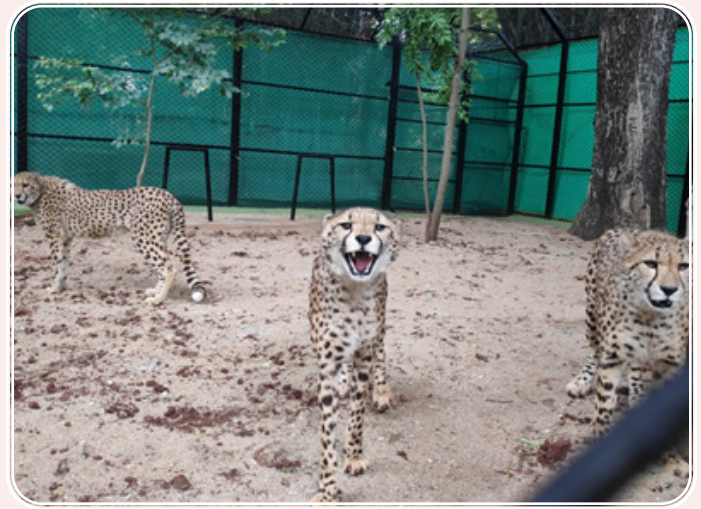
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Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru

2. Arrival of New Animals

The three African Hunting Cheetahs (1 male and 2 females) acquired from South Africa, reached Bengaluru Airport by airway and then by road travel to Mysuru on 17/08/2020. This acquisition provides an opportunity to create awareness about this endangered species and also brings Cheetahs to the landscape on which it ones roamed (it was Asiatic Cheetah).



3. WORLD TIGER DAY – 29th JULY

Tigers are the largest members of the cat family and are powerful and quiet patient hunters with unique orange, black and white stripes pattern which helps them to blend into forests and grassy areas. Tigers hunt for their food, but they are also hunted by humans for the valuable fur and other body parts. Because of this 3 subspecies of tigers were extinct out of 9. There are only about 3890 tigers are left in the wild throughout the world. India is having about 2226 tigers and Karnataka is a home for 405 tigers. Due to hunting, poaching, habitat loss, deforestation tigers are at greater risk. This makes them an endangered species.

At the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit, the heads of governments of 12 countries, declared one of the action that was Tiger Conservation Awareness by celebrating global Tiger Day annually on 29th July.

In this regard, Mysore Zoo celebrated World Tiger Day on 29th July 2020 to raise public awareness and to support for tiger conservation issues. We displayed information boards and fact sheets about tiger's in front of tiger enclosure. The visitors were briefed about importance of tigers in ecosystem.

4.WORLD LION DAY – 10th AUGUST

Lions are the second largest cat in the world. They are called as Jungle's king – symbol of strength. India has the largest population of Asiatic lions in the world and are endemic to Gir region. Lions are listed as vulnerable in the IUCN red list of threatened species. According to IUCN, it is estimated that nearly 600 lions die in every year. At present India has about 2400 lions and 20000 wild lions are left in the world.

World Lion Day is started in the year 2013 and aim to protect the wild cat in their natural habitat and save the global wild lion population from extinction. In this context, Mysuru Zoo celebrated the World Lion Day on 10th August 2020, to create awareness about the Jungle king by display of informative posters and fun facts boards in front of lion enclosure for the visitors.



5.WORLD ELEPHANT DAY – 12th AUGUST

Elephants are the largest of all land mammals in the planet. They occupy a wide range of habitats like savannahs, grasslands and forests. Elephant number have dropped by 62% over the last decade. It is estimated that nearly 96-100 elephants were killed each day by poachers seeking ivory, meat etc. At present only 415000 of African elephant and 40000 of Asian elephants are left in the world.

World Elephant Day is an international annual event founded by Patricia Sims and The elephant Reintroduction Foundation on 12th August. This day is dedicated to the conservation and protection of the elephants from the numerous threats they face. In this regard, Mysuru Zoo took an initiative to create awareness about the elephant by celebrating World Elephant Day on 12th August 2020. On this day students and the visitors were briefed about the elephant and its conservation through the display of informative boards including fact sheets in front of the elephant enclosure.



6. INTERNATIONAL SNAKEBITE AWARENESS DAY – 19th SEPTEMBER

Snakes are the incredible creatures. Our world has 300 different species of snakes. Only about one fourth of snakes are venomous. In India there are 270 species of snakes and out of which 60 are venomous. Snakes play a vital role in maintaining homeostasis of ecosystem. There is a need to create awareness about their importance.

On 19th September 2020, Mysuru Zoo celebrated International Snakebite Awareness Day to create awareness among the public. We displayed informative boards, fact sheets related to snakebite do and don'ts, precautionary measures, first aid, general symptoms of snakebite and also the details of venomous and non-venomous snakes and visitors were briefed about the snakebite awareness.



7. WORLD RHINO DAY – 22nd SEPTEMBER

Our planet is home for five species of Rhinoceros. White rhinos are the second largest mammal on the land. Sadly it is estimated that there are only 29000 rhino left in the world and India is having 2600 rhinos. The main threat to these animal is illegal hunting largely because of their horns are used in traditional folk medicine.

Mysuru Zoo celebrated the World Rhino Day on 22nd September 2020 to contribute the worldwide celebration. On this day boards containing information of rhinos were displayed near the Indian Rhino at Zoo and visitors were briefed about the celebration of World Rhino Day.



8.INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – 15th August

On 15th August 2020 Independence Day was celebrated at Mysuru Zoo amphitheatre. Sri. B P Ravi IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka hosted the flag and Sri. Ajit Kulkarni IFS, Executive director Mysuru Zoo was present on this occasion. All the zoo staffs were present for flag hosting event.



9.Recent Development Works.

Providing interlocking Pavers to Zoo hospital



Resetting & providing of interlocking pavers in front of new Jaguar enclosure



Zoo Baboon Moat wall Reconstruction (View Point Side)



Zoo Blackbuck Compound repairs



Zoo Hornbill enclosure Renovation



Zoo Hospital Corridor Granite flooring



Zoo Hospital New Birds inpatient Ward



Zoo hospital Scarlet Macaw Roof sheet



Zoo Jackal House Improvement



Lady Amrehest-Peafowl House improvement



Meerkat House Improvement



10. Breeding and rearing of animals

By **Dr. Manjunath B**, Veterinary Officer,
Assistant Director(In-charge), Mysuru zoo

10.1 Hand rearing of elephant calf:

Mysuru Zoo received a 15 days old elephant calf from the Forest department on 3rd May, 2020. This calf has been rescued by them in Kollegala, Madhuvana Halli range. It was sent to Zoo for hand rearing.

Hand rearing is a demanding task for zoo keepers. An elephant calf needs to be feed every 2 hours and can develop many health issues at any point of time. Mysuru Zoo has successfully been taking care of this very lovable elephant calf – Vedavathi from the last six months and it is healthy.



10.2 Breeding of Meerkat:

Meerkats are small mongoose like animals found in southern part of Africa. It is an exotic species. Rearing and breeding them in captivity is quite challenging.

In Mysuru Zoo, it is heartening to note that two meerkats have given birth to 3 young ones on 16/6/2020 and are lovingly taken care off. These are attracting a lot of visitors.



10.3 Breeding of Bengal Fox:

Under animal exchange programme, 2 Bengal Foxes were received from Nandanvana Zoo, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. These are successfully bred and resulted in 3 young ones in January 2020, which are growing satisfactorily. They are in the exhibit area since October 2020 and attracting many visitors.

10.4 Breeding of Nilgiri Langur:

Nilgiri Langur is a Langur found in the Nilgiri Hills of Western Ghats in South India. It is an endangered species. Conservation of these primates is the need of the hour.

At Mysuru Zoo, 2 female Langur have given birth to 2 young ones on 7/7/2020 and 6/9/2020. They are being nurtured with all love and affection with utmost care. Mysuru Zoo is effectively contributing to the endangered species conservation.



11. NEWS IN BRIEF

11.1. MAJOR ADOPTION

SL. No.	Name and Address	Name of the Birds / Animals	No. of Animals / Birds Adopted	Term	Period of Adoption	Amount
1	Mahedra singh Kallappa varakeri street bannur town Mysore 9483598999	Tiger (Virath)	1	1 Year	29/7/2020 to 28/7/2021	1,00,000
2	Dr Naredra V flot 701 Tower 2 L&T raintree boluvara Byatarayana-pura Bellary road Bangalore-560092 narendrav@yahoo.com Ph. 9632173694	Black Panther	1	1 Year	1/8/2020 to 31/7/2021	35,000
3	Meena Appachu #134 Jayalakshmi Puram Gokulam Road Mysore rachana appachoo@gmail.com Ph 9449811247	Leopard, King Cobra and Love Bird	3	1 Year	6/7/2020 to 5/7/2021	39,500
4	Sri Harish Gowda GD S/o GT Devegowda No 509, Vijya Nagar 1st stage Mysuru-570017 Ph 9535359999 , 8498979999	Tiger Chamundi	1	1 Year	12/7/2020 to 11/7/2021	1,00,000

5	Onkar Gunju Gaonkar 92/204 Goviddham opp Sdyadri Society Mumbai Pune Road Kalwa West Thane -400605 Maha- rashtra Ph 9004893396	Jaguar	1	1 Year	3/8/2020 to 2/8/2021	35,000
6	Adarsh Mysore Vijay- akumar No 312 sam- radhi 7th cross KC Layout Mysore-570011 14415167230 adarshm- kumar@yahoo.com	Bengal Tiger	1	1 Year	1/8/2020 to 31/7/2021	1,00,000
7	Sudha Raman Mysuru 9845929944	Donation		1 Year		1,00,000
8	Chaitra V #29, 2nd Main, shankara Naga- ra Nandini layout post Bangalore Kar- nataka - 560096 India 9448015111 chai- travraj24@gmail.com	Baby Elephant (Ve- davathi)	1	1 Year	21/8/2020 to 20/8/2021	1,00,000
9	Anvaise Exim Pvt Ltd #59, New No 1176/42/59, BSE/STS Road Niranthana Lay- out Hunsamaranahalli Bangalore-560063 9845 92994	Indian Leopard	1	1 Year	15/8/2020 to 14/8/2021	35,000
10	Dr Shivaraj Kuamr (kannada Film Star) # 18 Srimuttu Manyatha (Resident) Nagavara Bengaluru	Asiatic Elephant (Parvathi)	1	1 Year	20/8/2020 to 19/8/2021	75,000
11	Dhanveerah Gowda # 781/44 13 Main 18 Block Rajaji Nagar Banga- lore-10 Ph 9611043333	Black Panther	1	1 Year	7/9/2020 to 6/9/2021	35,000
12	Lion Dr G A Ramesh MJF District Governor Lions Clubs Internation- al District 317/A Ga.ra- mesh1@gmail.comPh 9448045936	Elephant	1	1 Year	1/9/2020 to 31/8/2021	1,75,000
13	Lions Club of Mysore Palace City and GEON- ET CONSULTANT NR Mohalla Mysuru -7 jkmysore2007@yahoo. co.in Ph 9353323547	Lion	1	1 Year	1/9/2020 to 31/8/2021	1,00,000

14	Lions Club of Mysore - Nisarga and Mayuri Mysuru lionmurthy1965@gmail.com Ph 9448315773	Lion	1	1 Year	1/9/2020 to 31/8/2021	1,00,000
15	Jagad Guru Sri Shivarathre Deshikendra maha swamygala Dhivya Sanidhanakke JSS Matha Mysore	Donation		1 Year		1,00,000
16	Taksh (Master) (Honnasiri Group) Honnasiri, 618 New Kantharajurs Road Kuvempunager TK Layout Mysore Ph 9008112244	Hybrid Lion	1	1 Year	25/8/2020 to 24/8/2021	1,00,000
17	The President Sharadha -Jnanakshi Layout Bangalore (Araneesh and others)	Asiatic Elephant peacock-2 Malbar Gaint Squiral and Nilgiri Lungur	5		24/8/2020 to 23/8/2021	2,02,000
18	V Somanna Minister of Housing Department Governmant of Karnataka Bangalore	Cheetah (Two Years)	1	1 Year	19/8/2020 to 18/8/2022	2,10,000
19	Sarthak Gupta T-4 /202, Rangoli Greens Maharana Pratap Margvaishali Nagar Jaipur 1995sarthakgupta@gmail.com Ph 8451862383	Black Panther	1	1 Year	7/9/2020 to 6/9/2021	35,000
20	Sri Nithin shivkumar # 1002, 1st floor opp shree Mahalakhmi sweets 4th cross 2nd main vidyaryapuram Mysuru	Bengal Tiger	1	1 Year	8/9/2020 to 7/9/2021	1,00,000
21	Veda Krishnamurthy No 1834/A, 3rd floor lakshmi classique, 34th cross, yarab nagar main road Banashankari 2nd stage Bangalore-560070	Indian Leopard (Bhavanna)	1	1 Year	9/9/2020 to 8/9/2021	35,000
22	MT Ramesh Door No 56, Adipampa road, 2nd cross, kalidas road VV Mohalla Mysore-500004 Ph 2512534	Donation for welfare of Zoo all animals		1 Year		50,004

23	Kumar Organic Product Limited, No.819/C, 13th Cross, 7th Block (west), JSS College Circle, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560082. PH-9180-41525960/41425832.	Tigress Manya	1	1 Year	25/8/2020 to 24/8/2021	1,00,000
24	Yashmitha # 727, 4th B cross, 9th main KN Ex Yashavanthapura, Bangalore-560022. Ph 9916537177 harishpuru-shotham06@gmail.com	Asiatic Elephant	1	1 Year	26/9/2020 to 25/9/2021	1,75,000
25	Infosys Foundations No 1878, Neralu 11th Main, 39th Cross 4th Block Jayanagara Bangalore-560041	Donation		1 Year		20,00,000
26	Nagedra B # 1657, 15th Main BCK 1st Stgae Bengaluru-560050 Karnataka 7718821918	Indian Leopard Spotted Deer Eclectus Parrot Star Tortoise	3	1 Year	1/8/2020 to 31/7/2021	46,500
27	Anirudh Basavaraj Paramshetti 799/3 c-scheme Rana prathap road tilakwadi Belagavi - 590006 anirudh2532@gmail.com 8277478738	Black Panther Indian Leopard	2	1 Year	28/8/2020 to 27/8/2021	70,000



11.2. Retirement / Transfer of officials and Officers



1. Dr. K R Ramesh – Assistant Director transferred on 31/08/2020 after serving for a period of 5 years



2. Sri. Subash Chandra – Junior attender retired on 31/08/2020 after serving for a period of 33 years