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From the Directors Desk...

Greetings from the PNHZ Park family. It gives me great pleasure to present the first quarterly newsletter of this year. This quarter includes birth of animals, mortality, this quarter the park conducted 3 day long International Red Panda Day. This quarter we are happy to announce that the park has ranked 1st by Central Zoo Authority among all the zoos of the country.

I hope to share more with you in the next quarter.

**Director
PNHZ Park
Darjeeling**

NATALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Birth	Ratio
1.	Cockatiel (<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>)	22.08.2022	0:0:4
2.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	28.08.2022	0:0:4
3.	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	13.07.2022	0:0:7
4.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	24.07.2022	0:1:0
5.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	30.09.2022	0:1:0
6.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	20.08.2022	0:0:7
7.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	22.08.2022	0:0:7
8.	Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	15.07.2022	0:1:0
9.	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>)	07.07.2022	0:0:2
10.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	30.08.2022	0:0:1

MORTALITY

Sl. No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	Ratio
1.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	02.07.2022	0:01:00
2.	Himalayan Wolf (<i>Canis himalayensis</i>)	12.07.2022	0:01:00
3.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	15.07.2022	0:01:00
4.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	01.08.2022	1:00:00
5.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	28.08.2022	1:00:00
6.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	03.09.2022	1:00:00
7.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	10.09.2022	1:00:00
8.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	10.09.2022	1:00:00
9.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	10.09.2022	1:00:00
10.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	11.09.2022	1:00:00
11.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	14.09.2022	0:01:00
12.	Reeves Pheasant (<i>Syrmaticus reevesii</i>)	16.09.2022	0:01:00
13.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	22.09.2022	1:00:00
14.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	26.09.2022	1:00:00
15.	Lady Amherst Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	29.09.2022	1:00:00

Transfer of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Transferred to
16.07.2022	Asiatic Black Bear (<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>)	0:1:0	North Bengal Wild Animal Park, Siliguri.
16.07.2022	Leopard Cat (<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>)	1:1:0	North Bengal Wild Animal Park, Siliguri.

Educational visit

Sl. No	Date	Name of the School/ Training Institute/ College	Number of Students	Number of faculty	Educational Incentives
1.	22.07.2022	Ruhiyyih School, Ghoom	50	1	
2.	13.09.2022	Air Force School, Kurseong	38	2	
3.	14.09.2022	Banbole High School	43	2	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
4.	15.09.2022	Gadamathura Haripriya High School, Sundarban	58	2	
5.	18.09.2022	Shib nagar Mokshada Sundari Vidya Mandir	56	4	
6.	23.09.2022	Camellia School	62	10	
7.	23.09.2022	Kumudini Homes H.S. School	28	2	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
8.	24.09.2022	Barnesbeg High School	16	2	
9.	30.09.2022	Birch Hill Academy	16	2	

Celebration of Van Mahotsava (1st July to 7th July, 2022)

‘Van Mahotsav’ is an annual tree planting festival celebrated in the month of July. During this festival crores of trees are planted all over India. The beautiful tradition of Van Mahotsav was started in 1950 by Shri. K. M. Munshi, the union minister for Agriculture and Food with an objective to create mass awareness regarding planting of trees and conservation of forests. ‘Van Mahotsav’ is celebrated by planting trees or saplings in homes, offices, schools, colleges, etc.

This year in West Bengal the Van Mahotsav week celebrated from 1st July to 7th July. The Park concluded the last day of Van Mahotsav by planting various indigenous saplings around the zoo forest followed by cleanliness drive surrounding the zoo premises.



Foundation Day Celebration

The Park celebrated its 64th Foundation Day on 14.08.2022. All staff of the Park gathered outside the Director's residence at 9 am for the flag hoisting & singing of the zoo anthem by the staffs of the park. The Director, Assistant Director cum Veterinary officer, Assistant Curator cum Estate officer and Animal Supervisor addressed the staff of the Park. The celebration ended with distribution of sweets to the staff.



Independence Day Celebration

The Park celebrated India's 76th Independence Day on 15.08.2022. All staff of the Park gathered outside the Director's residence at 9 am for flag hoisting. The Director, Assistant Director cum Veterinary officer, Assistant Curator cum Estate officer and Animal Supervisor addressed the staff of the Park. The celebration ended with distribution of sweets to the staff.



Celebration of International Red Panda Day (17th September, 2022)

Red Pandas are endangered species native to the eastern Himalayas and southwestern China. They are legally protected in countries like India, Nepal, Bhutan, and China. In the last 20-odd years, the global population of red pandas has declined by roughly 50 percent. To raise awareness regarding the conservation of these elusive species, every third Saturday of September is celebrated as International Red Panda Day. This year, the day falls on September 17th.

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, internationally renowned as a major government body to conserve this elusive species celebrates International Red Panda day every year to raise awareness among the students and the general public. On this occasion these year the park decided to conduct three days program from 15th October to 17th October. The list of the programs held on those days are as follows:

15th October (Thursday):

The celebration started with an awareness program which was held for the students of local schools. 4 teams from Research & Education section visited several schools and presented a seminar presentation on Red Panda followed up by a small educational video on Red Panda.



16thOctober (Friday):

The park held an online webinar session which was uploaded on you-tube platform of Central Zoo Authority. The schedule for the webinar is as follows:

11:00am to 11:10am-

Inauguration and welcome address.

By Shri. Saurabh Chaudhury, IFS, Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority.

11:10am to 11:20am-

Topic: “The role of GSMP and International Collaboration in the conservation of Red Pandas.”

Speaker: Mr. Janno Weerman, European Endangered Species Program Coordinator and Global Species Management Plan Convenor for Red Panda, Rotterdam Zoo, Netherlands.

11:20am to 11:30am-

Topic: “Strategies, status and challenges in Red Panda conservation in Wild”

Speaker: Mr. Sonam Tashi Lama, Program Coordinator, Red Panda Network Team, Kathmandu, Nepal

11:30am to 11:40am-

Launched a movie “Back to the Wild” on Red Panda augmentation by PNHZP

11:40am to 11:50am-

Topic: “Ex-situ & In-situ linkage for Red Panda Conservation”

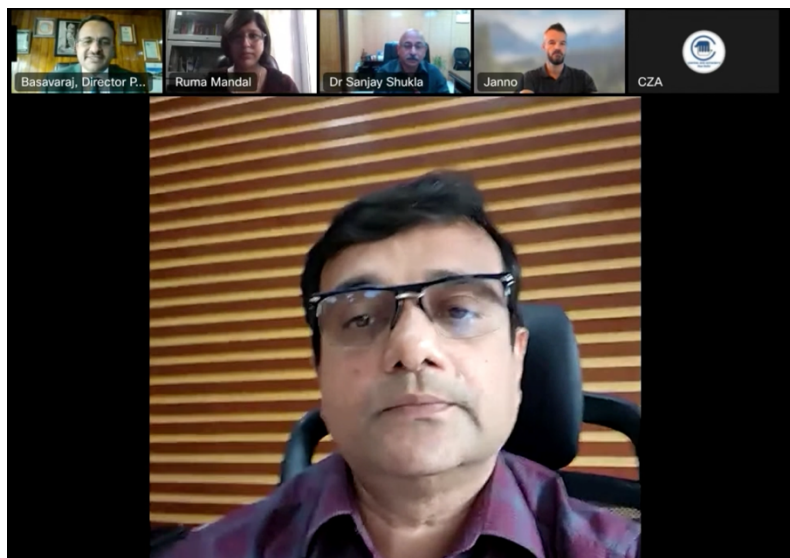
Speaker: Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, Director, PNHZP, Darjeeling.

11:50am to 12:00pm-

Ending note by Chief Guest: “The way forward for Conservation Breeding Programs in India with special focus on Red Panda”

Speaker: Dr. Sanjay Shukla, IFS, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority.

12:00pm to 12:15pm- The program ended with a question-and-answer session with the participants.



17th October (Saturday):

The last day of IRPD was celebrated by organising a photography exhibition in collaboration with Darjeeling Photographic Society. The exhibition started at 11:00 am and inaugurated by Shri. Shiromoni Syangden, Estate Officer, PNHZP. It was held inside the conference hall of Bengal Natural History Museum and was open for all day. Several exclusive photographs of Red Panda and its habitat displayed for the visitors.



Taxidermy work done

Sl. No.	Name of Specimen	Date of Acquisition	Accession No.	Remarks
01.	Himalayan Black Bear	15.09.2022	BNHM/M/212	Skinned, Tanned and under process for mounting.



Enrichment in this quarter



Repairing of rain shelters at herbivore enclosure



Dry leaf sheets for pheasants



Placing of logs and ropes

Development in this quarter



Guardhouse at Topkeydara

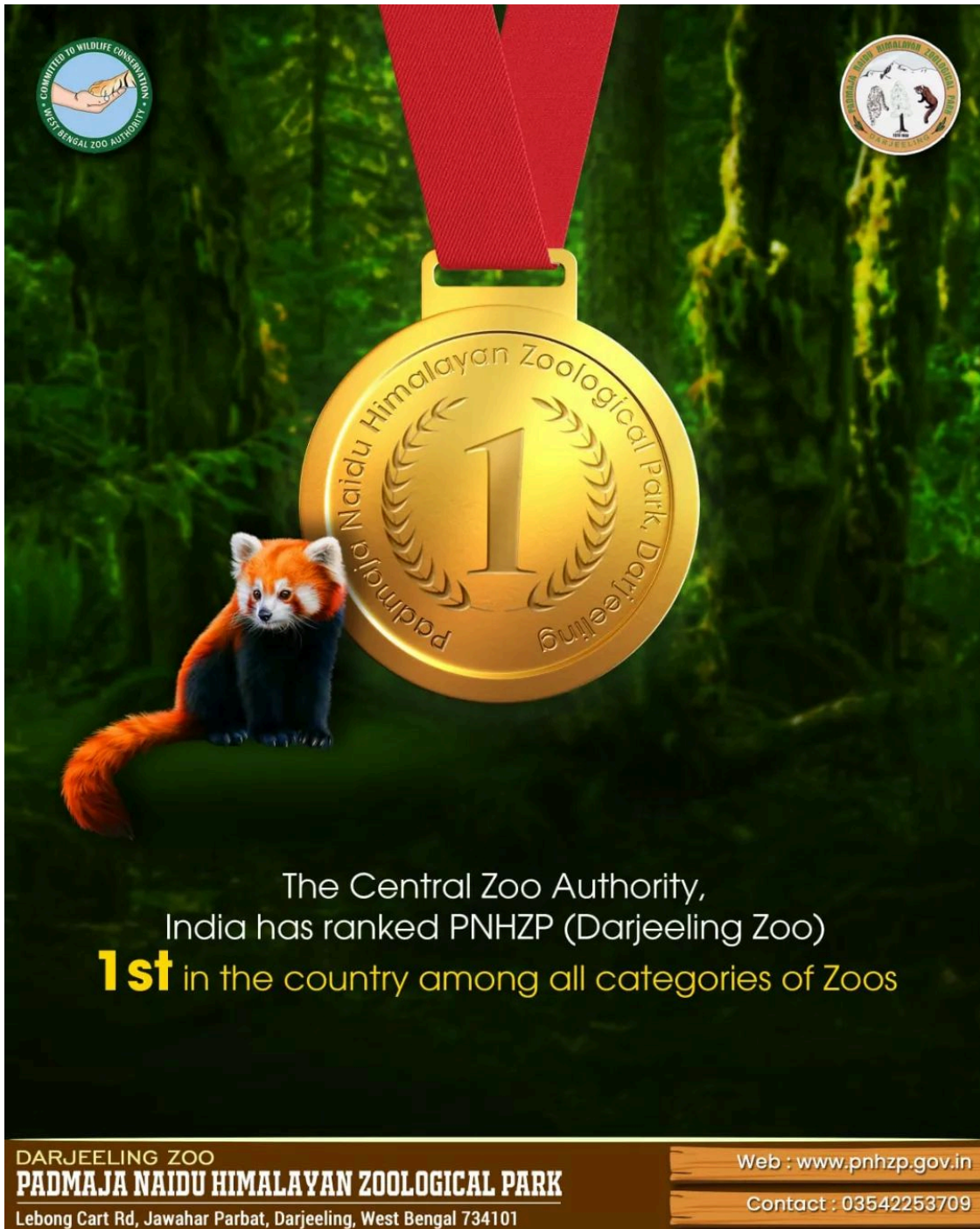


Guardhouse at Dowhill



Construction and Repair of drains

Special Achievement



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