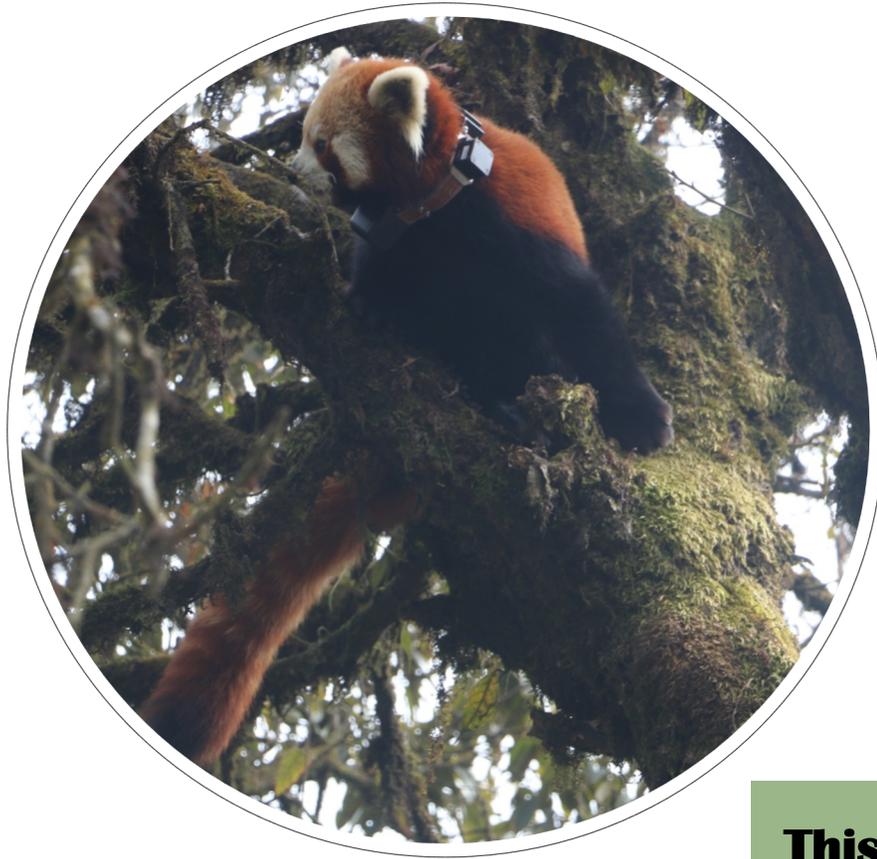


# NEWSLETTER

PADMAJA NAIDU HIMALAYAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK  
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*From the Directors Desk...*

**Happy New Year to all from the PNHZP 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 released Red Panda, Himalaya Goral and Red Jungle Fowl into the wild. The developmental work remain undone in this quarter.**

**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.	Mishmi Takin ( <i>Budorcas taxicolor taxicolor</i> )	25.01.2022	1:0:0
2.	Himalayan Goral ( <i>Nemorhaedus goral</i> )	17.03.2022	1:0:0
3.	Himalayan Goral( <i>Nemorhaedus goral</i> )	31.03.2022	0:1:0
4.	Himalayan Goral( <i>Nemorhaedus goral</i> )	09.04.2022	1:0:0
5.	Himalayan Goral( <i>Nemorhaedus goral</i> )	22.04.2022	1:0:0
6.	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	02.01.2022	0:0:2
7.	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	07.01.2022	0:0:2

## MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	Ratio
1.	Common Palm Civet ( <i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i> )	09.01.2022	1:0:0
2.	Sambar Deer ( <i>Rusa unicolor</i> )	06.02.2022	0:1:0
3.	Silver Pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	07.02.2022	1:0:0
4.	Leopard Cat ( <i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i> )	03.03.2022	1:0:0

## Transfer of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Transferred to
04.01.2022	Temminck's tragopan ( <i>Tragopan temminckii</i> )	1:2:0	North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri
04.01.2022	Lady Amherst's pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> )	2:1:0	North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri
04.01.2022	Silver pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	2:2:0	North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri
04.01.2022	Golden pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> )	2:2:0	North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri
04.01.2022	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	2:2:0	North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri

07.01.2022	Temminck's tragopan ( <i>Tragopan temminckii</i> )	1:2:0	Garchmuk Deer Park, Howrah
07.01.2022	Lady Amherst's pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> )	2:1:0	Garchmuk Deer Park, Howrah
07.01.2022	Silver pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	2:2:0	Garchmuk Deer Park, Howrah
07.01.2022	Golden pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> )	2:2:0	Garchmuk Deer Park, Howrah
07.01.2022	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	2:2:0	Garchmuk Deer Park, Howrah
07.01.2022	Lady Amherst's pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> )	2:1:0	Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram
07.01.2022	Silver pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	2:2:0	Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram
07.01.2022	Golden pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> )	2:2:0	Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram
07.01.2022	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	2:2:0	Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram
07.01.2022	Lady Amherst's pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> )	2:1:0	Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia
07.01.2022	Silver pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	2:2:0	Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia
07.01.2022	Golden pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> )	2:2:0	Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia
07.01.2022	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	2:2:0	Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia
12.01.2022	Himalayal Goral ( <i>Nemorhaedus goral</i> )	1:1:0	Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, Latpancher
12.01.2022	Red Jungle Fowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> )	1:1:0	Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, Latpancher
15.02.2022	Red Panda ( <i>Ailurus fulgens</i> )	2:2:0	Singalila National Park, Garibans

## Educational visit

Sl. No	Date	Name of the School/ Training Institute/ College	Number of Students	Number of faculty	Educational Incentives
1.	16.02.2022	Refreshment course for FRO's, (Wildlife Institute of India)	12	02	Educational materials, visit to zoo and interaction



## Release of Red Jungle Fowl & Himalayan Goral

One pair (1:1) of Himalayan Goral and two pairs of Red Jungle Fowl (2:2) from PNHZP were released in Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary on 12.01.2022 in presence of Shri. Rajendra Jakhar ,CCF Wildlife North, Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi ,Director PNHZP, Shri. S. S. S. S. Sherpa, DFO Darjeeling, Wildlife Division, Shri. Partha Sarathi Pramanik, Deputy Director PNHZP, Dr. Joy Dey, ADVO PNHZP and Shri. Shiromani Syangden, Estate Officer PNHZP. This is the first time Goral reintroduction into the wild is done in West Bengal.



## Release of Red Panda in Soft Release Facility in Gairibans, Singalila National Park

Two pairs (2:2) of Red Panda namely Smile, Shifu, Noel and Yeshe from PNHZP were restocked in Gairibans Singalila National Park on 15.01.2022 in presence of Shri. Rajendra Jakhar ,CCF Wildlife North, Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi ,Director PNHZP, Shri. S. S. S. S. Sherpa, DFO Darjeeling, Wildlife Division, Dr. Joy Dey, ADVO PNHZP and Shri. Shiromani Syangden, Estate Officer PNHZP. This is the second time when the park is restocking Red Pandas in the wild, the first was done back in the year 2003-2004.



# Republic Day

The Park celebrated India's 73rd Republic Day on 26.01.2022. All staff of the Park gathered outside the Director's residence at 9am 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 Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park celebrated 75 years of India's Independence from 21<sup>st</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March. Central Zoo Authority has selected this zoo to celebrate the 54<sup>th</sup> week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava with the species in focus Red Panda. The park celebrated by conducting various educational outreach programs every day from 21<sup>st</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March. The list of the programs are below:

**21<sup>st</sup> March (Monday):** The program was inaugurated by the honorable Member Secretary of WBZA, Shri. Saurabh Chaudhuri, IFS. PNHZP inaugurated the week by conducting a hybrid mode interactive session on the conservation, veterinary care & ex-situ research status of Red Panda.

## Program for the first day celebration

10:30am: Registration of the name of students with one faculty.

11:00 am to 11:30 am: Virtual and physical Inauguration of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav

11:00am: Welcome address.

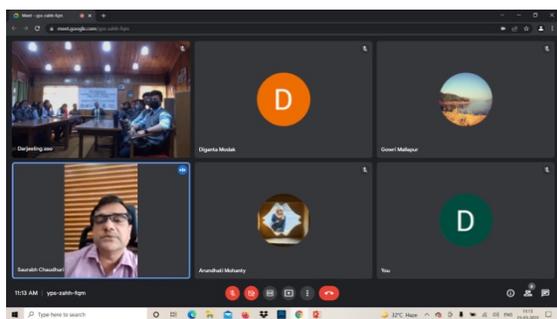
11:10am to 11:30am: Inauguration of the week- Shri. Sourab Choudhary, IFS, Member Secretary, WBZA

11:30 am to 12:00am: Expert Talks on Red Panda conservation breeding program in Darjeeling Zoo.

- Ex situ & in situ Linkage- Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, Director, PNHZP
- Veterinary care of Red Panda followed by Discussion- Dr. Joy Dey, ADVO, PNHZP
- Studies on population and behaviour ecology of Red Panda in Neora Valley National Park.

Speaker: Mr. Sangay Wangdi Bhutia, Research Scholar & Mr. Asim Giri, Field Assistant

d. Discussion.



## 22nd March(Tuesday):

Visit of school students to zoo and interaction with the Red Panda Keeper (11 am onwards)

PNHZZP will invite 20 students from local schools and give them educational tour throughout the zoo as well as a small interactive session with the Red Panda keeper.

- a. 11:00am- Registration of the name of students with one faculty.
- b. 11:15am- Welcome address from Dr. Joy Dey, ADVO, PNHZZP
- c. 11:30am- Tour to the Red Panda enclosure and small interactive session with the senior Red Panda Keeper.
- d. 12:00pm- Tour of the zoo
- e. 1:00pm- Distribution of sweets and dispersal.



## 23rd March (Wednesday):

04:00 to 05:00pm : Expert Talk show at hosted by Central Zoo Authority on 'Know your Species. Know your Zoo'

## 24th March(Thursday):

PNHZZP invited residents from local orphanage and gave them an educational tour throughout the zoo as well as a small interactive session with the Red Panda keeper.

11:00am- Welcome address by Dr. Joy Dey, ADVO, PNHZZP.

11:30am- Tour to the Red Panda enclosure and small interactive session with the senior Red Panda Keeper.

12:00pm- Tour of the zoo

1:00pm- Lunch at zoo and dispersal.



## 25<sup>th</sup> March(Friday):

PNHZP will set up a blood donation camp in collaboration with the on the top floor of Store section.

11:00am- Assemble of all the staffs on PNHZP on the top floor of Store Section and welcome speech by Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, Director, PNHZP.

11:30am to 01:00pm – Blood donation will start and interested staffs and the visitors are welcome to donate their blood.

01:10pm- Distribution of sweets & dispersal.



## 26<sup>th</sup> March(Saturday):

The park conducted a marathon for the staffs of the zoo.

06.00am- Assemble of all the participants Infront of the Directors Bungalow.

06.15am- Welcome address by Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, Director, PNHZP.

06.30am- Initiation of the Marathon.

07.30am- Declaration of winners and gift distribution.

08.00am- Breakfast at PNHZP canteen & dispersal.



## 27<sup>th</sup> March(Saturday):

The Padma Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park concluded the last day of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava 54th week by conveying a short video message from the Honorable Member Secretary of CZA Dr. Sanjay Shukla, IFS, Director, PNHZP Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, ADVO, PNHZP Dr. Joy Dey and Estate Officer, PNHZP Shri. Shiromani Syngden.

## Final Release of Red Panda in Gairibans, Singalila National Park

PNHZ Park proudly announced the release of Red Pandas from the soft release facility at Gairibans, Singalila National Park on 26.03.2022 in presence of Member Secretary of CZA Dr. Sanjay Shukla, IFS, Director PNHZP Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, IFS and DFO Darjeeling, Wildlife Division, Shri. S.S.S.S. Sherpa, IFS.



### Taxidermy work done

Sl. No.	Name of Specimen	Date of Acquisition	Accession No.	Remarks
1	Silver Pheasant	07.02.2022	BNHM/PH/150	Skinned, Tanned and Mounted, and ready for display.

- One Male Silver Pheasant carcass after the completion of the post-mortem was handed over by the Veterinary Section of the Park to the Taxidermy Unit, BNHM. It was then skinned and mounted and was ready for display.
- Showcase of Squirrels, Mongoose, Civets, Golden Cat & Marble Cat was re-arranged and decorated to give it a natural look as per its habitats.

## Enrichment in this quarter



Covering the enclosure with tarpaulins



Repair of feeding platform



Dry leaf sheets for pheasants