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DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Miss Mamata Banerjee  
on her visit to the Park on 04.08.2012.

## *From the Director's Desk...*

It gives me an immense pleasure in presenting the second issue of newsletter of PNHZ Park of this year. This newsletter is intended to communicate the regular update of the activities and progress held in the Zoo.

Fourth August 2012 was a historic day for the Park. This was the day when our Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Miss Mamata Banerjee visited the Park with Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Govt. of India Shri. Mukul Roy, Hon'ble Minister Uttar bang Unnayan Shri. Gautam Deb and other dignitaries. She was the one to visit the Park 37 years after Former Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Mr. Jyoti Basu. We and our animals are very lucky that she named the new born cub of Snow Leopard as "Rare" and cub of Red Panda as "Smile" and signed up with her own handwriting. She commented that "I was delighted to see the Rare"; "Kanchenjunga is smiling today, smile- smile always smile".

Shri Saman Ghosh IAS, Chief Secretary Govt. of West Bengal, Chairman WBZA and Shri. Basudeb Banerjee IAS, Home Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal also visited the Park.

Shri. B.S. Bonal IFS, Member Secretary of Central Zoo Authority also visited the Park to see the animal housing facility, developmental activities and progress of two ongoing projects "Study of Snow Leopard at PNHZ Park" and "Study of Red Panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) in general both in-situ and ex-situ facilities for Conservation Breeding". Valuable suggestions were suggested by the Member Secretary of CZA will be helpful for further improvement.

School visits, visit of dignitaries continued during the past five months. Environmental Day was celebrated. The Programme included "Sit and Draw Competition"; "Essay Competition"; one day workshop regarding the Environmental issues.

**A. K. Jha IFS**

Director

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park.



# Visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal to the Park on 04.08.2012





## Naming of New Born Cubs by Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal



Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Miss Mamata Banerjee named the new born cub of Red Panda as “Smile” and cub of Snow Leopard as “Rare” on her visit to the Park on 04.08.2012.

PADMAJA NAIDU HIMALAYAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK, DARJEELING ANIMAL HISTOY CARD (SNOW LEOPARD)	
Species : SNOW LEOPARD	Scientific Name: <i>Uncia uncia</i>
House Name: <u>Rare.</u>	Sex: FEMALE
International Stud Book No:	Type of Marking:
National Stud Book No:	No:
Local ID:	
Sire: PRABHAT	Dam: RITU
Date of Birth: 19.06.2012	Acquired from:
Place of Birth: PNHZ Park	Date:
Physical Check ups: Stool tests done every month Dewormed that month if parasite found or any abnormal stool reported otherwise dewormed every three months	Genetic Check ups:  None so far
Date of death:	Remarks: <i>I am delighted to see this 'rare' one - 4.8.2012</i>  <i>Hon'ble Chief Minister - West Bengal.</i>

PADMAJA NAIDU HIMALAYAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK, DARJEELING ANIMAL HISTOY CARD (RED PANDA)	
Species : RED PANDA	Scientific Name: <i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>
House Name: <u>'Smile'</u>	Sex:
International Stud Book No:	Type of Marking:
National Stud Book No:	No:
Local ID:	
Sire: KAIJALAY	Dam: SAMBRIDHI
Date of Birth: 19.06.2012	Acquired from:
Place of Birth: PNHZ Park	Date:
Physical Check ups: Stool tests done every month Dewormed that month if parasite found or any abnormal stool reported otherwise dewormed every three months	Genetic Check ups:  None so far
Date of death:	Remarks: <i>Mamata Banerjee is smiling today. Smile-Smile-Smile</i>  <i>Always</i> <i>4/8/2012</i> <i>Hon'ble Chief Minister - West Bengal.</i>



## Birth of Animals

Following are the birth of animals and pheasants.

Sl No.	Name of Animals	Date of Birth	No. of Cubs
1.	Himalayan Tahr ( <i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i> )	16.05.2012	1
2.	Blue Sheep ( <i>Pseudois nayaur</i> )	23.05.2012	1
3.	Blue Sheep ( <i>Pseudois nayaur</i> )	30.05.2012	1
4.	Blue Sheep ( <i>Pseudois nayaur</i> )	08.06.2012	1
5.	Barking Deer ( <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i> )	13.06.2012	1
6.	Red Panda ( <i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i> )	19.06.2012	1
7.	Snow Leopard ( <i>Uncia uncia</i> )	19.06.2012	1
8.	Himalayan Tahr ( <i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i> )	11.07.2012	1
9.	Barking Deer ( <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i> )	11.07.2012	1
10.	Barking Deer ( <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i> )	21.07.2012	1
11.	Sambar Deer ( <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i> )	23.07.2012	1
		<b>Total No. of animals</b>	<b>11</b>
Sl no.	Name of Pheasants	Date of birth	No. of chicks
1.	Kalij Pheasant ( <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> )	05.04.2012	9
2.	Kalij Pheasant ( <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> )	10.05.2012	4
3.	Silver Pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	10.05.2012	5
4.	Silver Pheasant ( <i>Lophura nycthemera</i> )	21.05.2012	6
5.	Golden Pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> )	18.05.2012	2
6.	Golden Pheasant ( <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> )	19.05.2012	5
		<b>Total No. of Pheasants</b>	<b>30</b>



## Acquisition of Animals

On 27.08.2012, one male Himalayan Goral (*Naemorhedus goral*) was brought from Wildlife Division III, Rashikbeel, Cooch Behar to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park. The animal is under quarantine in the Veterinary hospital of the Park. The animal will be kept for display after quarantine.



## Zoo Inreach Programme

Following table gives the details of the Zoo Inreach programme for the last three months.

SI No.	DATE	NAME OF THE SCHOOL/COLLEGES	NO.OF STUDENTS/ TRANNIES	NO.OF TEACHERS	EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES IMPARTED
1.	03.04.2012	The Sanskar Valley School Bhopal (M.P.)	37	03	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
2.	16.04.2012	101 <sup>st</sup> Batchj DR/Fr. Trainees of W.B.F.School Dow Hill	32	03	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
3.	21.04.2012	Risheehat High School	85	10	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
4.	28.04.2012	Bright Academy	41	7	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
5.	14.05.2012	IPAC 18	2		Visit to Zoo and Interaction
6.	08.05.2012	Municipal Girls' High School	90	4	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
7.	11.05.2012	Montessori Darjeeling	22	4	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
8.	20.05.2012	Don Bosco School Sikkim	66	6	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
9.	25.05.2012	Birch Hill Academy	42	3	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
10.	25.05.2012	Turnbull Higher Secondary School	60	10	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
11.	29.05.2012	St. Teresa's Higher Secondary School	263	13	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
12.	08.06.2012	Municipal Girls' High School	90	4	Visit to Zoo and Interaction
13.	10.07.2012	St.Mary's High School	38	6	Visit to Zoo and Interaction



## World Environment Day Celebration

World Environment Day was celebrated by the Park in collaboration with the Municipality Darjeeling and Telegraph on June 5, 2012. Various competitions were organized in the Conference Hall of the Park to observe this important event. Fifteen different Schools of Darjeeling participated in the competition. The Sit and Draw competition was organized for the students of Class IV-VII and the theme was **“Man and Environment”** and an essay competition for the students of Class VIII- IX. The topic of the competition was **“Restoring Darjeeling to its past glory- role of citizens of Darjeeling.”**



# World Environment Day Celebration

Mr. Bishnu Chettri Inspector Labours Deptt., Mr. G.P. Chettri IFS, DFO Working Plan (N) Darjeeling. Mr. J.B.Chettri WBFS, Dy. Director PNHZP evaluated the essays on 04.06.2012 and Mr. Kiran Moktan Ex Animal Supervisor of the Park; Mr.Nayan Pradhan Gyanoday Niketan Darjeeling and Mrs. Poonam Jha evaluated the Sit and Draw Competition on 05.06.2012.

**Following participants were declared winners.**

## **For Essay:**

- I<sup>st</sup> Prize- Miss Sahajaha Khatun  
Ghoom Girls' Higher Secondary School
- II<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Miss Rachaita Tamang  
Notre Dame Academy
- III<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Bhaskar Mainali  
Darjeeling Government Higher Secondary School

## **For Sit and Draw:**

- I<sup>st</sup> Prize- Master Ankit Pradhan  
Gyanoday Niketan
- II<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Miss Sikha Rai  
Municipal Girls' High School
- III<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Miss Pratiksha Subba  
Loreto Convent



On 11.06.2012 a day workshop was organized by Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in collaboration with West Bengal Pollution Control Board on the eve of Environment Day. Shri Trilok Dewan Hon'ble MLA, Darjeeling Constituency, Shri Amar Rai, Chairman, Darjeeling Municipality, Shri S.B.Bishwakarma Vice-Chairman, Darjeeling Municipality, Shri Anil Verma IAS, Administrator DGHC Darjeeling, Shri S. Sundriyal IFS, Conservator of Forests, Hill Circle, Prof.Jayanta Basu, West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Shri A.K.Jha IFS, Director, PNHZ Park, Darjeeling were the dignitaries of the programme. The participants included lecturers, teachers and students of different College and Schools.

The workshop was inaugurated by welcome speech from West Bengal Pollution Control Board followed by the garlanding and speech of dignitaries. Technical session started after the speech of dignitaries. Shri Anil Verma, IAS Administrator, DGHC Darjeeling presented a lecture on “*Growing Urbanization in Darjeeling and its effect on green environment with special reference to sewage, buildings and water*”. The next presentation followed “*Status of green cover in Darjeeling with special efforts to Joint Forest Management*” by Shri S. Sundriyal IFS, C.F.Hill Circle Darjeeling.

Dr. T.Mullick from Marble Palace Zoo Kolkata presented his PowerPoint on “Problems and



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Pollution”. Shri B. Parmar President Darjeeling Tea Association presented his paper focussing on “Tea Industry in Darjeeling and its role in preservation of Environment”. The last speaker of the day was Prof. Jayant Basu West Bengal Pollution Control Board presented his presentation on “Plastic and Noise Pollution”. The programme ended by vote of thanks from West Bengal Pollution Control Board.



## Visits of dignitaries to Darjeeling Zoo and their valuable comments

Sl No.	Date	Name	Designation / Place	Comments
1.	01.04.2012	Shri. K.S.Rajendra Kumar IAS.	Additional Chief Secretary Science and Technology West Bengal.	Happy to see that the Zoo remains a beauty spot in Darjeeling.
2.	04.04.2012	Shri. Shamim Basa	Sr. Airport Algr (Caugo) Kolkata	We were much impressed by forseeing the maintenance of Zoo. One of the best Zoo ever we have seen. My sincere greetings to the Director & his officials for their professional Management especially in hygienic condition, CCTV were positioned to monitor successful breeding programmes. We wish almighty for your sustained good work for years to go. Thank you.
3.	11.05.2012	Shri.G. Balagopal IAS (Retd.)`	7 Bol Air, 74 Brooke Fields Bangalore 560037	I am very happy to have this opportunity to visit PNHZ Park



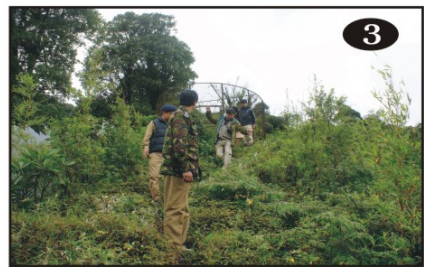
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Sl No.	Date	Name	Designation / Place	Comments
				after many years. I am particularly delighted to see how all the captive breeding project for Snow Leopard is going. It started when I was DM (temporarily Director) in 1986. To contribute over 50 births of an endangered species is a great achievement. I congratulate the Director and all staff of PNHZP.
4.	15.05.2012	Brig Gen Abu Sayeed Kham	BDR	Excellent experience on the wild animals. I wish you success. All the best.
5.	15.05.2012	Shri. B.P. Ravi IFS	Mysre Zoo Director, Mysore.	Small but beautiful Zoo. Enrichment of enclosures is worth emulating. Endangered mammals of Himalayas are rare & housed in best of the conditions.
6.	17.05.2012	Smt. Neelam , Javed Razi	201/'A', Rajkamal Raheja Complex, OFF Yari Rd, Andheri (W), Mumbai- 61	One of the most enriching, memorable experiences. A very well maintained Zoo with animals like Red Panda never seen before. Rich in flora and fauna. Congratulations to the staff, the Research Department. Excellent and breathtaking view of the Kanchenjunga mountains. Keep up the good work!!!
7.	03.08.2012 & 04.08.2012	Shri. Samar Ghosh IAS	Chief Secretary Govt. of W. Bengal	Well maintained. Beautiful ambience.
8.	03.08.2012 & 04.08.2012	Shri Basudeb Banerjee IAS	Home Secretary Govt. of W.Bengal	Had a great time.
9.	07.08.2012	Shri B.S.Bonal IFS	Member Secretary CZA	One of the best Zoo in country. Please keep it up. Best wishes to newly born Snow Leopard cub of Ritu the "Rare" and "Smile" the cub of Samridhi the Red Panda. Best team work from top to bottom.





## Visits of Dignitaries to Darjeeling Zoo



(1,2,3) : Visit of Sri B. S. Bonal IFS, Member Secretary CZA to Darjeeling Zoo., Dowhill Satellite Zoo and Gairibas Soft release center.  
(4) : Visit of guests of Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal. (5,6): Visit of Brigadier General BDR and delegates of Bangladesh.  
(7,8) : Visit of Sri Samar Ghosh, Chief Secretary & Chairman ZAWB to Darjeeling, (9) : Visit of Smt. P. Narayanan Hon'ble First lady of West Bengal Raj Bhawan, Kolkata.



## Workshop and training attended by Zoo officials and staffs

A two day workshop was held at Alipore Zoological Garden, Kolkata from 13 -14 May 2012 “Zoo management”. Shri.Hiten Barman Hon'ble MIC Forests, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri. Subesh Das IAS, Addl.Chief Secretary, Forests, Govt of West Bengal, Shri. B.S. Bonal, IFS, Member Secretary Central Zoo Authority, Shri. T.V. N Rao IFS, Member Secretary WBZA, Shri. A.K. Jha IFS, Director PNHZ Park, Shri Niraj Singhal, IFS Director Alipore Zoo, Dr. Brij Raj Sharma IFS, CCF Wildlife North, Shri S. Pattnaik (Retd IFS) , Dr. P.C. Tyagi , IFS, Wildlife Institute of India, Shri. Bahuguna IFS, Addl. PCCF, W.B. and other dignitaries graced the occasion. The participants included representatives from PNHZ Park, Alipore Zoo, Mini zoos, Rescue Centres, Deer Parks, Snake Parks etc.

The two days workshop focused on Zoo Management that included presentations on various aspects like – “Enclosure Designing”, “Record keeping”, “Managing large population of species in zoos”, “Central Zoo Authority Rules and regulations for Indian Zoos”, “Collection Plan of animals in different categories of Zoos”, “Conservation Breeding” etc. Certificate of participation given to all the participants.





# Farewell of the Staff

On 06.07.2012 the staffs of Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling organized a farewell to Dr. Raju Roy, Veterinary Officer of the Park. He served the Park for a short period of two years and one month. He contributed a lot in the field of veterinary care and animal's health.



# From the newspaper

