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From the Directors Desk...

Greetings to all from the PNHZP family. It gives me great pleasure to present the second quarterly newsletter of this year. This quarter includes birth of animals, mortality, an awareness camp on Himalayan Goral. This quarter the park bid farewell to the animal supervisor and celebrated various educational events and as well as world environmental day. The developmental work was not initiated 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.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	09.04.2022	1:0:0
2.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	20.04.2022	1:0:0
3.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	22.04.2022	1:0:0
4.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	24.04.2022	3:0:0
5.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	24.04.2022	1:0:0
6.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	26.04.2022	0:1:0
7.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	02.06.2022	0:0:4
8.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	03.06.2022	0:0:3
9.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	04.06.2022	0:0:2
10.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	04.06.2022	0:0:2
11.	Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	05.06.2022	1:0:0
12.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	07.06.2022	0:0:5
13.	Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	07.06.2022	0:1:0
14.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	07.06.2022	0:0:2
15.	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	08.06.2022	0:0:5
16.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	10.06.2022	0:0:6
17.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	13.06.2022	0:0:2
18.	Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	13.06.2022	1:0:0
19.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	14.06.2022	0:0:5
20.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	15.06.2022	0:0:4
21.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	17.06.2022	1:0:0
22.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	17.06.2022	0:0:3
23.	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	19.06.2022	0:0:3
24.	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	19.06.2022	0:0:3
25.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	20.06.2022	0:0:2
26.	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	23.06.2022	0:0:2
27.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	25.06.2022	0:0:3
28.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	27.06.2022	0:0:2
29.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	30.06.2022	0:0:2
30.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	30.06.2022	0:0:1

MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	Ratio
1.	Common Palm Civet (<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>)	19.04.2022	1:0:0
2.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	23.02.2022	0:0:1
3.	Himalyan Monal (<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>)	25.04.2022	0:1:0
4.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	25.04.2022	0:1:0
5.	Reeves Pheasant(<i>Syrmaticus reevesii</i>)	27.04.2022	0:1:0
6.	Snow Leopard (<i>Panthera uncia</i>)	09.05.2022	0:1:0
7.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	21.05.2022	1:0:0
8.	Reeves Pheasant (<i>Syrmaticus reevesii</i>)	21.05.2022	0:1:0
9.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	22.05.2022	1:0:0
10.	Markhor (<i>Capra falconeri</i>)	09.06.2022	0:1:0
11.	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	05.06.2022	0:1:0
12.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	23.06.2022	0:1:0

Educational visit

Sl. No	Date of visit	Name of the School/ Institution	No. of Students	No. Of teacher/ Faculty	Total No
1.	08.04.2022	Darjeeling Montessori House of Children	80	33	113
2.	09.04.2022	Government College of Education, Banipur	64	11	75
3.	20.04.2022	Berhampore Girl's College, Murshidabad	59	7	66
4.	23.04.2022	Dowhill Forest Academy	28	2	30
4.	03.05.2022	Serampore College, Barrackpore	17	4	21
5.	06.05.2022	Springdale Nursery School, Darjeeling	10	2	12
6.	06.05.2022	North Point School, Kalimpong	64	11	75
7.	10.05.2022	Berhampore Girl's College, Murshidabad	52	9	61
8.	12.05.2022	Sripat Singh College, Jiaganj, Murshidabad	28	2	30
9.	13.05.2022	A. B. N. Seal College, Cooch Behar	40	5	50
10.	20.05.2022	Sikkim Government College, Namchi	45	5	50
11.	24.05.2022	Kerela Agricultural University	98	4	102
12.	27.05.2022	Bal Yuwa Primary School, Kalimpong	36	7	43
13.	13.06.2022	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Vidyamandir, Malda	32	8	40



Educational visit of North Point School



Educational visit of Dowhill Forest Academy



Educational visit of Serampore college



One day awareness program on Himalayan Goral

PNHZ Park had organized one day awareness program on Himalayan Goral on 08.04.2022 to raise awareness about the importance of the species for the local people of Latpanchar. The program was inaugurated by the Deputy Director, PNHZP followed by a speech from the AWLW, Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary. The program consisted of the morphology, habitat, and a technical session on Himalayan Goral followed by a concluding speech from the Estate Officer, PNHZP, Darjeeling.



Earth Day

Earth day is celebrated around the world every year on 22nd April. The theme of the Earth Day 2022 was 'Invest In our Planet'.

This year the park celebrated Earth Day by installing bird feeders (made up of mud pots) for wild birds on the tree branches around the zoo premises.



Biodiversity Day

The International Day for Biological Diversity or World Biodiversity Day is celebrated every year on May 22nd internationally to promote biodiversity issues. This year the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity chose the slogan: “**Building a shared future for all life**” to continue building momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference #COP15.

This year on the occasion of Biodiversity day Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park organized an 'Online slogan writing competition' for individuals of all age groups. The event witnessed active participation. The submitted slogans were judged by the Director, PNHZP Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, IFS. The winners of the competition were awarded with prize and certificate.

The winning slogan of the competition is:

**“Harmonious coexistence with all life
In nature will lead to a bright future”**

- Nirvighna Peetha
STD: V, Age- 9



World Environment Day

“World Environment Day (WED)” was first celebrated in 1974 under the slogan “Only one Earth”. Later the day has developed as a platform to raise awareness on the problems facing our environment such as air pollution, plastic pollution, illegal wildlife trade, sustainable consumption, sea-level increase, and food security, among others.

PNHZ Park celebrated WED this year by organizing an “Extempore Competition” for the students of STD XI & XII of local schools. The park had invited various schools to send in their students to participate in this program. So far and so on the program had seen active participation from the students which gives the idea that the world is changing and the youth is more enthusiastic about the conservation of our environment.

The program for the day was:

10:30 am: Assembly at the conference hall, PNHZP

10:45am: Registration for the students

11:00am: Welcome address by the Director, PNHZP

11:30am: Extempore competition for class XI & XII

01:00pm: Prize Distribution

01:30pm: Dispersal of students

Prize	Winner	School	STD
1 st	Ms. Mercy Rai	St. Micheal's Higher Secondary School	XII
2 nd	Mr. Alvin Lepcha	St. Robert's Higher Secondary School	XII
3 rd	Ms. Diksha Gurung	St. Micheal's Higher Secondary School	XII





International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day is celebrated on June 21st every year to spread awareness about the invaluable benefits of Yoga. The worldwide acceptance of Yoga is a matter of pride for us as Yoga is an integral part of our cultural and spiritual heritage. This year on the occasion of 8th International Yoga Day PNHZ Park conducted a small yoga session for the staffs of the park.



Staff Retirement

On 30th June 2022, Shri. Purna Ghising, Animal Supervisor retired after 38 years of service. The park conducted a small farewell function to bid farewell and honour Shri. Purna Ghising for his dedication and contribution towards animal welfare. The function was attended by all members of the staff including the Director, Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, IFS who along with other officials appreciated Shri. Purna Ghising for his service and honoured him by presenting him with a gold ring. The program ended with a group photo of all the staffs followed by lunch.



Enrichment in this quarter



Installation of resting platform for Asiatic Black Bear Enclosure