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From the Directors Desk...

A very Happy New Year to you all from the PNHZP family. It gives me great pleasure to present the last quarterly newsletter of this year. This quarter the park celebrated Children's day by exempting entry fee for all the students visiting from different schools & colleges. The developmental work included the renovation of bitumen road within PNHZP, Repair and upgradation of electrical work at PNHZP, construction of a keepers house near veterinary hospital at PNHZP, repair & extension of cement concrete pathway around Red Panda enclosure at old CBC, renovation of entomological section of BNHM and repair and extension of boundary wall around staff quarter compound at PNHZP.

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

**Director
PNHZ Park
Darjeeling**

NATALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Birth	No
1.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>)	01.10.2023	1:0:0
2.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>)	23.10.2023	0:1:0
3.	Sambar Deer (<i>Rusa unicolor</i>)	27.11.2023	1:0:0
4.	Bengal Hanuman Langur (<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>)	02.12.2023	0:0:1
5.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>)	06.12.2023	1:0:0

MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	No
1.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	01.10.2023	0:1:0
2.	Blue sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	11.10.2023	0:1:0
3.	Cheer Pheasant (<i>Catreus wallichii</i>)	27.10.2023	1:0:0
4.	Reeves Pheasant (<i>Syrmaticus reevesii</i>)	13.11.2023	0:1:0
5.	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	16.11.2023	0:1:0
6.	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>)	23.11.2023	0:1:0
7.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	24.11.2023	1:0:0
8.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	25.11.2023	1:0:0
9.	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	28.12.2023	0:1:0
10.	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	28.12.2023	1:0:0
11.	Russel's Viper (<i>Daboia russelii</i>)	30.12.2023	1:0:0
12.	Jungle Cat (<i>Felis chaus</i>)	30.12.2023	1:0:0

Acquisition of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Acquired From
21.11.2023	Cheer Pheasant (<i>Catreus wallichii</i>)	3:3:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
21.11.2023	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>)	1:1:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
02.11.2023	Jungle Cat (<i>Felis chaus</i>)	1:1:0	Garchumuk Deer Park, Howrah
21.11.2023	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	3:3:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
21.11.2023	Himalayan Goral (<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>)	1:2:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
10.12.2023	Siberian Tiger (<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>)	1:1:0	Pafos Zoo, Pafos

Transfer of animals

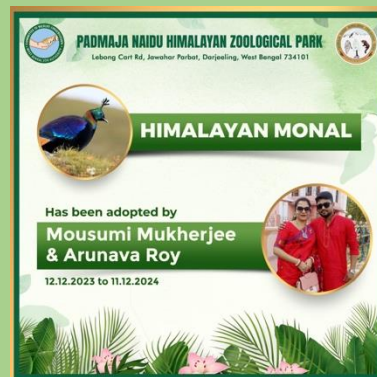
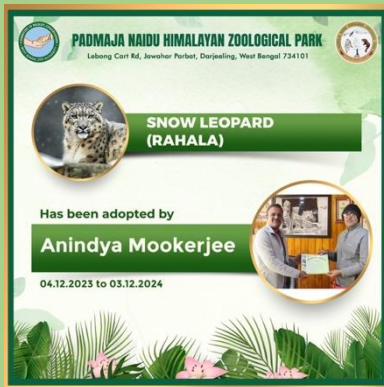
Date	Animals	Ratio	Transfer to
23.11.2023	Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	2:1:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
23.11.2023	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	3:3:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
23.11.2023	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	2:2:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
23.11.2023	Lady Amherst (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	2:2:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
23.11.2023	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	2:2:0	Himalayan Nature Park, Shimla, Kufri
08.12.2023	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	0:2:0	Garchumuk Deer Park, Howrah
08.12.2023	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	0:2:0	Garchumuk Deer Park, Howrah
09.12.2023	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	1:1:0	Pafos Zoo, Pafos
12.12.2023	Temminck's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	4:4:0	Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata
12.12.2023	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	2:2:0	Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata
12.12.2023	Golden Pheasant	8:8:0	Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata

	<i>(Chrysolophus pictus)</i>		
12.12.2023	Lady Armherst <i>(Chrysolophus amherstiae)</i>	6:3:0	Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata
12.12.2023	Silver Pheasant <i>(Lophura nycthemera)</i>	8:8:0	Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata
13.12.2023	Indian Rock python <i>(Python molurus)</i>	0:1:0	Garchumuk Deer Park, Howrah
13.12.2023	Sand Boa <i>(Eryx johnii)</i>	1:3:0	North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri

Adoption of animals in this quarter

This quarter the park has three adopters. The details of the adopters are listed below:

Sl. No	Name of the Adopter	Name of the animal Adopted	Period of Adoption
1.	ECO Club, North Sikkim Academy	Rose ringed parakeet	31.10.2023 to 30.10.2024
2.	Miss Sudipta Bhaumik & Mr. kaushik Bhaumik	Himalayan Black Bear (Guddu)	04.12.2023 to 03.12.2024
3.	Mr. Aninda Mookherjee	Snow Leopard (Rahala)	04.12.2023 to 03.12.2024
4.	Miss. Mousumi Mukherjee & Mr. Arunava Roy	Himalayan Monal (Female)	12.12.2023 to 11.12.2024



Educational visit

Sl. No	Date	Name of the School/ Training Institute/ College	Number of Students	Number of faculty	Educational Incentives
1.	06.10.2023	Baranagar Rajkumari Memorial Girl's High School	48	10	-
2.	11.10.2023	Lake Town Govt. sponsored Girl's High School	55	8	-
3.	28..10.2023	Himalayan run & trek institute	25	1	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
4.	18.10.2023	Greenhill English School	85	10	-
5.	14.11.2023	Rabi Junior High School	22	8	-
6.	14.11.2023	Loreto Convent School, Darjeeling	280	8	-
7.	14.11.2023	Good Start Academy Montessori School, Darjeeling	40	8	-
8.	24.11.2023	Department of Zoology, Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri	27	4	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials
9.	14.11.2023	Hayden Hall Institute	65	5	-
10.	02.12.2023	Sai Grace Academy	19	6	-
11.	08.12.2023	St. Teresa Girl's Higher Secondary School	374	18	-
12.	08.12.2023	Saraswati Vidyadaan Academy	40	5	-
13.	08.12.2023	Younker's Academy, Darjeeling	35	9	-
14.	12.12.2023	Ashoke Trust for Research in Ecology & the Environment	33	5	Zoo Pamphlets & educational materials

15.	13.12.2023	Mrinalini Dutta Mahavidyapita	15	2	-
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Visit of Dignitaries



Fig: Visit of Minister in charge of Forest, Miss. Birbaha Hansda at PNHZP on 20.12.2023

Children's Day Celebration

Children's day in India is celebrated every year on 14th November to increase the awareness of people towards the rights, care and education of children. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park celebrates Children's day every year with various educational programs. This year the Park invited many schools and students to share knowledge about high altitude animals and birds, threats faced by them, conservation measures and the role of PNHZ Park in wildlife conservation and education. This year on the occasion of Children's Day the park exempted entry fee for all the students visiting from different schools & colleges.



Fig: Educational visit of Pulbazar Junior basic School



Fig: Educational visit of Netaji Primary School



Fig: Educational visit of Mount Blessings Academy



Fig: Educational visit of Crayons preparatory School

Staff training in this quarter

Sl. No.	Name and designation of the zoo personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the Training attended
1	Mr. Anil Tamang	Best Zoo keepers Award	24.09.2023	Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata

Taxidermy work done in this quarter

List of Specimen

Sl. No.	Name Of Specimen	Date of Collection	Accession No.	Remarks
1	Black Leopard	26/011/2023	BNHM/M/215	Skinned, Tanned, and under mounted process.
2	Himalayan Tahr (Head)	29/12/2023	BNHM/M/216	Skinned, Tanned, and under mounted process.

Enrichment in this quarter



Fig: Building of swings, hanging ball, arial walkways & cubbing box at Leopard Cat enclosure



Fig: Building of arial walkways & cubbing box at Pheasantry



Fig: Building of arial walkways & cubbing box at Pheasantry



Fig: Building of arial walkways, nests, water bath & sand bath at Mixed aviary

Development in this quarter



Fig: Extension of boundary wall around the staff quarter compound at PNHZ Park



Fig: Construction of keepers house near veterinary hospital at PNHZ Park



Fig: Renovation of bitumen road within the PNHZ Park



Fig: Repair and upgradation of electrical work at PNHZ Park



Fig: Repair and extension of cement concrete pathway around Red Panda enclosure at old CBC

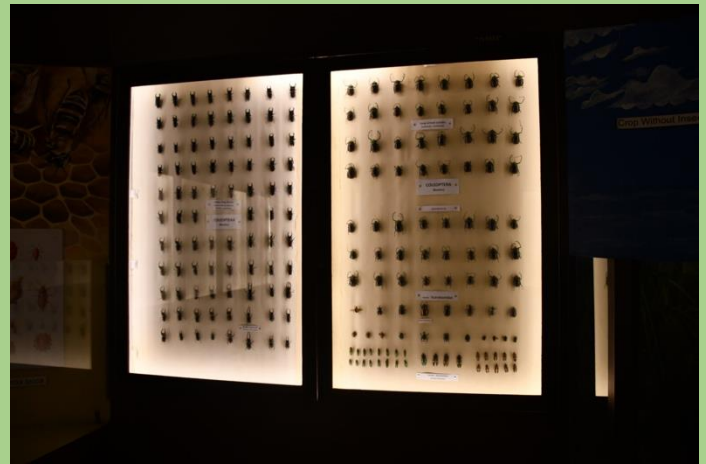


Fig: Renovation of entomological section at BNHM



Fig: Renovation of rest house at PNHZ Park