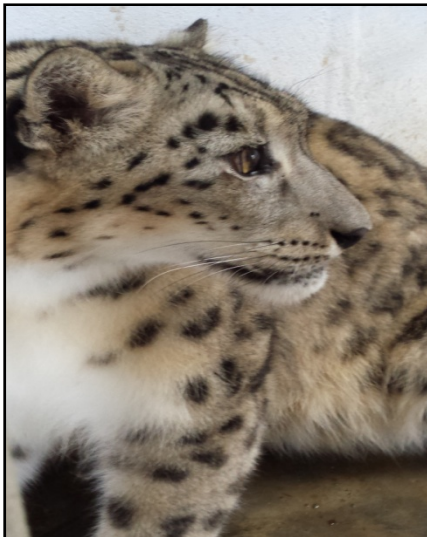


From the Director's Desk.....

I am very glad to present the first quarterly newsletter for the year 2014. The park in this quarter remained engaged with exchange programmes with various zoos within and outside the state, the most significant being the acquisition of one female captive born to a wild parents red Panda which shall add to the genetic variability of the current population, a few educational programmes and a publication related to 'Cryptochidism" in a male Blue Sheep.. The Park was also visited by the Chief Secretary of West Bengal and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests & Soil Conservation, Nepal.

I hope in the remaining quarters of 2014 we shall be able to update you all with the efforts that shall be made for the Conservation Breeding of Endangered species.



**Director
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PADMAJA NAIDU HIMALAYAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK

DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL

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Acquisition of animals

One female Red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) aged two years and eight months arrived at the Park on 22.02.2014 from Himalayan Zoological Park, Bulbulay Sikkim. The animal was quarantined in the Veterinary hospital of the Park after which the animal was shifted to the new facility at Topkedara on 05.03.2014 and was named “Shobha” by the Director of the Park on 08.03.2014.

On 15.03.2014, 1:1 Himalayan Goral and 1:1 Lady Amherst arrived at the Satellite Facility Dowhill, Kurseong from Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital.



Shobha in the new breeding facility



Lady Amherst and Himalayan Goral at Satellite facility, Dow Hill



Publications

Pankaj Kumar* and A.K. Jha** Cryptochidism in a male Blue sheep (*Pseudois nayaur*) at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological park, Zoo's Print, Vol XXIX, Number 2, February 2014.

Transfer of animals

Following animals and pheasants were transferred from PNHZ Park to different Zoos during the last quarter.

Sl No	Date	Species	Total No.	Sex	Transferred to
Pheasants					
	01.02.2014	Kalij Pheasant	1	1 F	Satellite Facility Dowhill, Kurseong
	20.02.2014	Temminck's Tragopan	2	1M 2 F	Satellite Facility Dowhill, Kurseong
	22.02.2014	Grey Peacock Pheasant	1	1 F	Himalayan Zoological Park, Bulbulay Sikkim
	22.02.2014	Golden Pheasant	2	1 M 1F	Himalayan Zoological Park, Bulbulay Sikkim
	01.03.2014	Kalij Pheasant	2	1 M 1F	Mini Zoo, Jhargram
	01.03.2014	Red Jungle Fowl	2	1 M 1F	Mini Zoo, Jhargram
	01.03.2014	Golden Pheasant	2	1 M 1F	Mini Zoo, Jhargram
	06.03.2014	Kalij Pheasant	3	1 M 2 F	National Zoological Park, Delhi
	06.03.2014	Golden pheasant	4	1 M 3 F	National Zoological Park
	06.03.2014	Lady Amherst	2	1M 1 F	National Zoological Park
Mammals					
	27.02.2014	Himalayan Tahr	2	1 M 1F	Satellite Facility Dowhill, Kurseong
	06.03.2014	Common langur	2	1 M 1F	National Zoological Park, Delhi
	06.03.2014	Blue sheep	2	1 M 1 F	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant High Altitude Zoo



Pheasants sent to Mini Zoo, Jhargram



Animals and Pheasants being sent to Delhi and Nainital Zoo

🚩 Outreach programme

Sl No.	Date	Name of the School/ Institutes	Number of students/ Trainees	Number of teacher/ Instructor	Educational Incentives
1.	05.02.2014	Bridge of hope, Pragati gram, P.B. Gurung road, Darjeeling	40	08	Visit to Zoo and interaction
2.	12.02.2014	HSH/RTE Course 2014	22	05	Visit to zoo and interaction
3.	10.03.2014	DRF Kurseong	22	01	Visit to zoo and interaction
4.	11.03.2014	Central School for Tibetans, Sonada	50	05	Visit to zoo and interaction



Students during the interaction session

🚩 VIP visits and their valuable comments

Date of visit	Name of the visitors	Designation / Address	Remarks
11.01.2014	Dr. R.Sharma	Hon'ble MLA, 24 Kurseong A/C	Visited the zoo. Impressed with the upkeep of animals. Interacted with the research scholars. They have done a great job. I wish them all the success in the venture. Impressed with the research activities. The authorities have given a new dimension to the project. Best wishes.
11.01.2014	Mr. Chandi Charam Dey	West Bengal Legislative Assembly	It is a nice zoo and in this hill region it is a very good and fantastic zoo.
11.01.2014	Dr. A.K. Ba	SSO, DST, G.W.B. Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata.	It is a splendid effort. Please keep it up. Thanks.
23.01.2014	Mr. Sanjay Mitra	Chief Secretary	Wonderful place. One of the best Conservation center of the country.
13.03.2014	Mr. S.J. Chandra Shekar	Deputy Director, Sr Chamarajendra Zoological Garden, Mysore (Mysore Zoo)	I visited along with my staff (Engineer, RFO & Administrative Asst.). Enrichment in the zoo is excellent, good place, nice weather. Interaction with the staff and research scholars enlightened us in many things. Good. Keep it up. Thanks a lot.
14.03.2014	Mr. Shanta Shrestha	NTNC, Kathmandu, Nepal	Rare species and good maintained as location.
14.03.2014	Mr. Raju Chaudhary	National Trust for Nature Conservation, Khumaltar, Nepal	Very good maintenance and good weather for every animals.
31.03.2014	Mr. Krishna P.Acharya	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests & Soil Conservation, Nepal.	Center of excellence.



The Chief Secretary during the inauguration of the new Red Panda enclosure at Topkedara



Officials of Mysore zoo



Staffs of NTNC, Nepal with zoo staffs

Bidding farewell to Shri. J.B. Chettri WBFS Deputy Director, PNHZ Park.

Mr. J.B. Chettri WBFS, who joined on 11th August 2008 as the Deputy Director of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, got transferred on 20.01.2014 afternoon as per the Government Order and joined as a Divisional Forest Officer, Kurseong Soil Conservation Division. During his tenure he served the Park with sincerity and dedication and was also in charge of the Satellite Facility at Dowhill Kurseong. The staffs of Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park organized a farewell for him on 06.02.2014.



