

PRESS RELEASE

Nandankanan Zoological Park has celebrated its 60th Foundation day today on 29.12.2019. During last sixty years journey, Nandankanan witnessed lot of changes and improvisation. The journey begins with 11 animals and ended with 3600 animals of 158 species that where we stand at present. It has the distinction of becoming the first Zoo in the world where white tiger and melanistic tiger born in captivity. Similarly it has made a step forward becoming first and only zoo in the world to carry out conservation breeding Programme of Indian Pangolin. It has also created a history for release of nearly eight hundred Gharial Crocodiles in its natural habitat under species recovery programme and this process is continuing now. Vulture conservation has also added to its feather during the year 2018.

60th Foundation Day- 2019:

Following two new enclosures were inaugurated by the esteemed guests today on the eve of its 60th Foundation day.

A. EXOTIC PRIMATE ENCLOSURES

Three Exotic Primate Enclosures were created over an area of 281.25 sq.m.with a total expenditure of Rs. 20 lakhs from the society budget of Nandankanan to house three exotic primate species namely; Tufted capuchin, Red hand tamarin and Common squirrel monkey. Each enclosure has 60 sq.m. exhibit area along with two retiring cells and species specific enclosure enrichments. Superior-strength glass fronted viewing area provides proper visibility and better visitor experience. A pair of tufted capuchin, a pair of common squirrel monkey and one female red hand tamarin are exhibited in respective enclosures. A pair of red hand tamarin will be procured shortly.

B. INDIAN WOLF ENCLOSURE

An Indian wolf enclosure was created over an area of 1087 sq.m. with a total expenditure of Rs. 53.84 lakhs from the society budget of Nandankanan to house Indian wolf. The enclosure has an exhibit area of 207sq.m. with species specific enrichment, two back kraals, 6 retiring cells and keeper's corridor. The construction works was executed as per CZA guidelines and design for better management and health care of species. One female Indian grey wolf is exhibited in the enclosure. The zoo management is in contact with different Indian zoos namely, Kamala Nehru Prani Sangrahalaya, Indore, Nahargarh Zoological Park, Rajasthan and Machhia Biological Park, Rajasthan for procurement of more number of wolf.

Apart from the inauguration of above enclosures, two male melanistic tiger cubs born from sire Samrat and dam Renuka on 22.12.2018 were released to the enclosure 33A and exhibited to the public on this auspicious day. Naming ceremony observed for the cubs, where visitors and guests have participated and named the cubs.
