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This issue of news letter enters its fourth year of publication. In this quarter, the park has been visited by many officials, dignitaries as well as many institutions. The park has been enriched by inauguration of two newly built break point as well as Nature Interpretation Center. During this quarter, we celebrated "World Wildlife Day" by organising awareness programme as well as T Shirt painting programme with students of Siliguri Girls High School and Art Academy, Siliguri. In the last phase of the quarter, one Bengal Tiger named Snehasis has been transferred to the Zoological Garden, Alipore.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Visit of MIC, Forest Deptt. and Cultural Programme

On 5th of January, 2019, hon'ble Shri Binay Krishna Barman, MIC, Forest Deptt., Govt. Of West Bengal had visited the park on the occasion of one day Official park visit. During his visit, cultural programme was also organised showcasing the regional and cultural diversity of the North Bengal.



Little Girl Performing Rajbangshi Folk Song



Performing Nepali Dance



Girls Performing Adivasi Dance



A Lady Performing Rabindra Sangeet

Training (refreshment course) on Chemical Restraint of Wild Animals

Two day Training (refreshment course) on chemical restraint of wild animals was held on 22nd & 23rd of January, 2019 under the technical supervision of Shri. Subrata Pal Chowdhury, Technical Assistant, Wildlife Wing, Forest Deptt., Govt. Of West Bengal as well as Shri. Sujoy Sarkar, DR/FR. First day of the Scheduled training began with the registration of the trainer as well as the participants. It was participated by Asst. Director (NBWAP), Range Officer (NBWAP), Zoo Biologist (NBWAP), Veterinary Officer/ Veterinary Asst. (NBWAP), along with One Asst. Security Supervisor and Six Zoo keepers (NBWAP). It was also attended by animal attendants from Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling. It started with the introduction of all the participants as well as purpose of the training. It was majorly a theoretical class discussed with the help of PowerPoint presentation as well as display of arms and ammunition.

Second day of the training session was scheduled to be a practical session i.e., use of arms and ammunitions during emergency cases. The second day of the training session was joined by twelve members Squad-I Sukna Darjeeling Wildlife Division.

The two day training cum refreshment course ended with conclusive note from the trainer Shri. Subrata Pal Chowdhury, Technical Assistant and distribution of vote of thank & mementos to each of the participants.

Below is the detailed list of participants:-

Sl. No.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Shri Subrata Pal Chowdhury,	Technical Assistant, Wildlife Wing, Forest Deptt.,
2.	Shri Sujoy Sarkar	DR/FR
3.	Shri Asim Kr. Chaki, WBFS	Assistant Director, NBWAP
4.	Shri Deepak Rasaily, FR	Range Officer, NBWAP
5.	Shri Ravi Shankar Rai	Range Warden, Squad-I, Sukna
6.	Shri Pembu Lepcha DR/FR	Range Officer, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
7.	Shri Santosh Rai	Forest Guard, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
8.	Shri Rithey Thapa	Forest Guard, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
9.	Shri Surender Pd. Sha	Forest Guard, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
10.	Shri Nabin Gazmer	CDI, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
11.	Shri Manoj Thapa	CDL, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division

12.	Shri Durga Malpharia	CDL, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
13.	Shri Bishnu Malpharia	CDL, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
14.	Shri Jiwan Praja	DL, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
15.	Shri Anup Tamang	DL, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
16.	Shri Srikanta Jhara	DL, Squad-I, Sukna, Darjeeling Wildlife Division
17.	Dr. Nick Doley	Veterinary Officer, NBWAP
18.	Shri Biswajeet Sarkar	Veterinary Assistant, NBWAP
19.	Shri Aditya Mitra	Zoo Biologist, NBWAP
20.	Shri Binod Rai (Ex-Army)	Security, NBWAP
21.	Shri Avinash Chhetri	Animal Attendant, NBWAP
22.	Shri Raj Thapa	Animal Attendant, NBWAP
23.	Shri Kalyan Barman	Animal Attendant, NBWAP
24.	Shri Rakesh Karjee	Animal Attendant, NBWAP
25.	Shri Hem Kr. Mahapatra	Animal Attendant, NBWAP
26.	Shri Subhash Thapa Chhetri	Security (Night), NBWAP
27.	Bidhan Tamang	Animal Attendant, PNHZP
28.	Nipan Tamang	Animal Attendant, PNHZP
29.	Binod Kr. Subba	Animal Attendant, PNHZP



Training Session (discussion) on Chemical Restraint of Wild Animals



Training Session (Power Point Presentation) by Shri. Subrata Pal Chowdhury, Technical Assistant, Wildlife Wing, Forest Deptt.,



Training Session (Display of Arms)



Training Session (Field Practical I)



Training Session (Field Practical II)



Training Session (Field Practical III)



Training Session (Field Practical IV)



Training Session- Closing Ceremony



Training Session- Vote of Thanks Moments

Republic Day Celebration

On 26th of January, 2019, all the officials & staff members of Bengal Safari celebrated “Republic Day” within the safari premises. The major event of the celebration was flag hoisting which was scheduled at 8:30 AM. The flag was hoisted by Shri Asim Kr. Chaki (WBFS), Asst. Director, NBWAP followed by the National Anthem. Later, the auspicious event was concluded with a short briefing and distribution of sweets and best wishes among the staff.

Capacity Building of Mahouts in Assam

Shri Parimal Barman (Mahout) & Shri Jogesh Barman (Patawala) had attended two day training on “Capacity Building of Mahouts” which was held in Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati from 28.02.2019 to 01.03.2019.



Trainees with the Officials during the training of “Capacity Building of Mahouts” in Assam



“Capacity Building of Mahouts in Assam (Field Practical Session)”

T-Shirt Painting cum Awareness Programme

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), has decided to celebrate 03rd March as World Wildlife Day, which was proposed by Thailand, to celebrate and raise awareness of the world’s wild fauna and flora. It is also the day of the adoption of the convention on International Trade in endangered species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) by UNGA.

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North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), celebrated "World Wildlife Day" on 03rd of March, 2019 in the gallery of the NIC Building. Bengal Safari organized awareness campaign as well as T-Shirt Painting workshop among the participating students. The event was actively participated by all the students as well as their parents painting a t-shirt with a meaningful message. The students were allowed to paint a T-Shirt according to the theme of the event with a time limit of 2 hours. The theme of the said event was "Life under water- for people and earth".

The first half of the programme started with distribution of the folder, notepad & pen along with t-shirts, fabric colours and paint brushes. It continued with introductory note as well the discussion on the main purpose of

Sl No.	Name of the Participants	Name of the College
1.	Anushka Bhowmick	Siliguri Girls High School
2.	Arati Barman	
3.	Tanisha Barua	
4.	Brishti Roy	
5.	Sayantani Sanyal	Art Academy, Siliguri
6.	Priya sanyal	
7.	Prateeksha Gupta	
8.	Suraj Sah	
9.	Rahul Tiwari	
10.	Pankaj Sha	
11.	Dip Narayan Shis	
12.	Tanmoy Roy	
13.	Sagnik Guha	

The main purpose behind organising the awareness campaign was to make the young minds aware of the ongoing changes within the marine ecosystem, their effects, as well as about the conservation and management of the marine ecosystem.

Following are the list of Programme schedule of the event:

Programme Schedule

10:00 am	: Students and Parents reporting time
10:00 am- 10:30 am	: Registration
11:00 am- 11:15 am	: Welcome note
11:15 am- 11:30 am	: Distribution of painting brush, t-shirt, & fabric colour
11:30 am- 01:30 pm	: Painting schedule
1:30 pm- 2:00 pm	: Concluding thanks giving note, distribution of mementos & lunch



T-Shirt Painting- Girls working with their skills



T-Shirt Painting- Hard work pays off

Field Visit of Forest Guards

On 3rd March, 2019, Forest guards along with Miss Priyadashika Rai (DR/FR) from Dowhill, Kurseong, have visited the park on a field visit activities. The field visit began with a bus Safari ride followed by a walk within the safari premises. They were briefed by Shri Asim Kr, Chaki, WBFS, Asst. Director, NBWAP, Shri Deepak Rasaily, (FR), Range Officer, NBWAP in the seminar hall. Later, they were shortly briefed on Bengal Safari and its free living flora and fauna (using PowerPoint presentation) by Shri Samir Thapa, Education Asst. The field visit concluded by queries after briefing which was followed by vote of thanks and best wishes note by Shri Asim Kr. Chaki, WBFS, Asst. Director.



Inauguration of NIC Building & Watch Tower Break Point

On 5th March, 2019 with the inauguration of newly built Nature interpretation Centre (NIC Building) and Break Point (Watch tower cum Cafeteria near the exit gate of Bear Safari premises), Bengal Safari added two new feathers dedicating to the visitors. The inauguration day was attended by various forest officials, dignitaries as well as by various media houses. The chief guests among the dignitaries were Shri Binay Krishna Barman, MIC, Forest Deptt. Govt. Of West Bengal, Shri Rabindranath Ghosh, MIC, North Bengal Development Deptt., Govt. Of West Bengal and Shri Gautam Deb, MIC, Tourism Deptt., Govt. Of West Bengal. They were welcomed by Shri Rajendra Jakhar, IFS, Director, NBWAP as well as Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Member Secretary, WBZA.





NIC Inauguration- Inauguration of NIC Building and a visit by Hon'ble Ministers, Govt. of WB

Middle Officials Training Programme in New Delhi

Shri Asim Kr. Chaki, WBFS, Asst. Director had attended the "Middle Officials Training Programme" working in Indian Zoos which was held at New Delhi, on 15th & 16th of March, 2019



Middle Officials Training Session in New Delhi

Book Keeping and Management Training in Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling

Shri Biswajeet Sarkar, Veterinary Asst., has attended the "Book keeping and Management Training" held in Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling from 23.03.2019 to 25.03.2019. He was taught how to manage the records and book keeping in a veterinary section.

Deer capture Training in Zoological Garden, Alipore

On 27th & 28th of March, 2019, two animal attendants namely Shri Joyjit Barman & Shri Kalyan Barman from Bengal Safari had participated in Deer Capture Training in Zoological Garden, Alipore. During the training session, they were taught and demonstrated how to capture and handle deer, crocodile etc, in a field practical.

VETERINARY CORNER

Visit of Member of Health Advisory Committee

On 18th of January, 2019 Dr. Pralay Mandal, Asst. Director, ARD (Vety), IAH&VB (Member, Health Advisory Committee) on a three day visit had inspect the husbandry, upkeep and managerial practices of the Park as

ANIMAL'S CORNER

Translocation of One Bengal Tiger

In accordance with the approval received from Central Zoo authority, New Delhi, Snehasis, a male Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*) has been translocated from North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), to Zoological Garden, Alipore on 13th of March, 2019 as breeding loan.

VISITOR'S CORNER

Institution Visits

Sl. No.	Date	Name Of Institution	No. Of Teachers	No. Of Students
1.	19/03/2019	Students under HRDD (South), Govt. Of Sikkim	03	82
2.	16/03/2019	Euro Kids Pre-School	06	18
3.	22/02/2019	Atharakhai Balika Vidyalaya (H.S)	04	120
4.	21/02/2019	Daroga Basti Jr. High School	02	60
5.	15/02/2019	Shyamdhunjote High School (H.S)	04	115
6.	14/02/2019	Isabella School, Siliguri	03	40
7.	08/02/2019	Nand Prasad High School (H.S)	03	100
8.	02/02/2019	Bibhuti Bhushan B.Ed. College, Khedapara, Bongaon	02	140
9.	10/01/2019	Little Flowers' English Higher Secondary School, Birtamode, Nepal	06	120
10.	10/01/2019	Sonaulla Primary School, Jalpaiguri	60	14



Zoo Exposure Programme of Euro Kids, Siliguri and Nand Prasad High School (H.S), Naxalbari

Visitor Database

CATEGORIES	JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019
No. of Zoo (OTC) Visit	13301	5530	6707
No. of Zoo (Online) Visit	202	88	102
No. of Herbivores Safari (OTC) Visit	0	0	0
No. of Herbivores Safari (online) Visit	0	0	0
No. of Elephant Ride (OTC) Visit	226	146	252
No. of Elephant Ride (Online) Visit	79	63	89
No. of Tiger Safari (OTC) Visit	0	240	763
No. of Tiger Safari (Online) Visit	0	0	0
No. of Combo-I (OTC) Visit	245	493	3579
No. of Combo-I (Online) Visit	0	0	0
No. of Combo-II (OTC) Visit	1256	114	0
No. of Combo-II (Online) Visit	110	0	0
No. of Grand Safari (OTC) Visit	14588	10328	10830
No. of Grand Safari (Online) Visit	1643	587	994
Camera	3	2	2
No. of Zoo (Students Celebration) visit	0	0	0
DISCOUNT	6300	11150	14430
NET REVENUE (Rs.)	3576300	2336530	2817230

ARTICLE'S CORNER

The Leopard Cubs of Bengal Safari

Ms. Ruma Mandal, Intern

Bengal Safari (North Bengal Wild Animals Park) is home to many species of animals including herbivores like Deer (Barking Deer, Spotted deer, Sambar deer, Swamp deer), Rhino, Elephants and carnivores like Tigers, Bears and of course leopards. Like every other park it also receives and respond to the rescued animals and their young ones. Here three leopard cubs have been rescued and introduced to the park when they were merely couple of days old. Without mother their chances of survival in the wild is less to none so the park members make it possible to raise these kids with care and follow all the wildlife, scientific as well as veterinary protocol to avoid any contamination that threatens these kids lives. Along with passing months, these cubs grow and here they are:

Shisir, the little one:

Shisir was introduced to the park along with his brother Simba when they were only two months old. Now they both are (approx) 11 months old living in leopard night shelter with his brother. He has yellowish fur and is little small compared to his sibling. But he is very active, curious and likes to play all the time. He plays more than his brother and tends to like swimming more. Although he is kept in a much enriched enclosure but live prey is not provided to them, however, Shisir shows some primary instincts of predators. He mostly shows chase and attack behavioural instincts when no one is looking on them. Shisir doesn't show aggression towards strangers although he becomes very curious.



Shisir eats 1.5kg of meat two times a day that is in morning and evening. As leopards like to spend most of their time above ground so he spends most of his time playing or climbing tree trunk. He is healthy, active and growing bigger every day.

Simba, the bigger one!!

Simba is little bigger in size than Shisir and has whitish fur. He is also more dominating and aggressive in nature. Simba is not active like Shisir, he likes to spend time basking and sleeping. He growls much more than his brother. He shows little running, jumping and other activity. He is a healthy cub with a healthy diet. He is very attentive to strangers and gets agitated and starts pacing in the enclosure. However, Simba tends to groom his brother more and his domineering attitude makes him different than his brother.



Nayan, the Isolated one:

Nayan, the female leopard rescued cub, housed at the Park veterinary hospital is also approx. 11 months old possessing yellow fur. She is very friendly with humans as she grew up in the park hospital completely away from other cubs. Her diet also includes meat. She attacks at the iron door playfully to see if people are interested in playing or not. Without any external stimulation she just shows some repetitive behaviour like sitting, pacing and mainly sleeping. During feeding unlike other carnivores she doesn't growl to humans if they are so close to her food. Basically she likes human company and she is being raised princess and pampered all the time.

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