



ZOO NEWS

THE BENGAL SAFARI NEWSLETTER

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, 2016



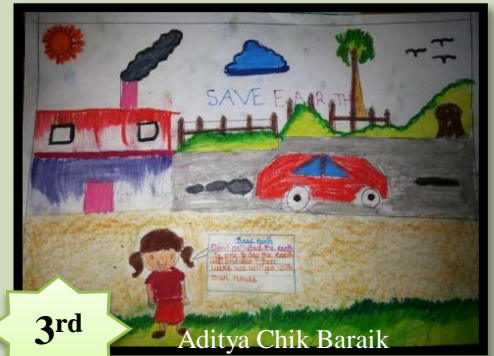
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Sagnik Dutta Majumder
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Sreyashee Sarkar
A.C.S



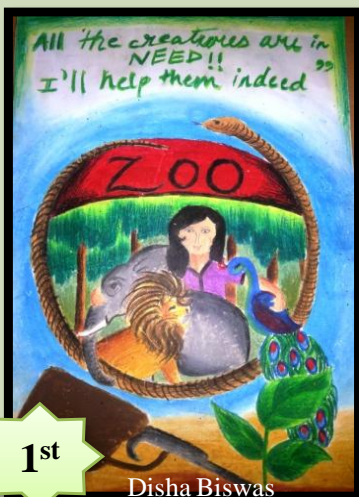
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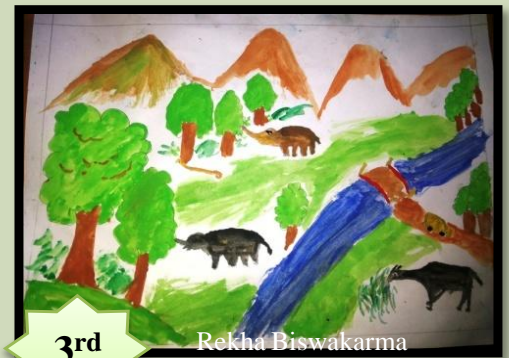
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Disha Biswas
Techno India Schl



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Priya Biswakarma
K.V.



3rd

Rekha Biswakarma
Salugara H.Schl

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CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, 2016



On the 5th of June, the Park celebrated its sophomore year of World Environment Day by organizing a Sit and Draw and Poster Competition for school students on the theme of “Save Environment” and “Open Zoo” respectively. Around 85 students from 20 different schools participated in the event.



The event was graced by the presence of **Mr. Nantu Pal, Member, WBZA** along with his family. The drawing competition was followed by a Quiz Competition and tree plantation. All the participants were gifted a free Safari pass.

The winning drawings are displayed on the 1st page in the order Group A, B & C respectively.

VACCINATION AGAINST FMD

An initiative is being taken by Park officials to vaccinate the local cattle in the adjacent village against the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) as a preventive measure to check the transmission of the virus to the zoo animals. This contagious disease is common during the monsoons and affects mostly hoofed animals. Affected animals should be immediately isolated and treated only after consultation with a veterinarian.



A team comprising of Asst. veterinarian, Mr. Sujoy Kr. Dutta along with other field staff has completed vaccinating around 47 Cows, 43 Calves, 2 Buffaloes and 1 Goat in around 19 houses. This noble deed would not only act as a preventive measure for the park wildlife but also create awareness in the local people and help to maintain cordial relationship with the Park. List of houses vaccinated is given on page 4.

RESCUE, HAND- REARING AND RELEASE OF AN ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET



Park officials rescued a baby Alexandrine Parakeet on 10th March from the snares of a crow. The baby bird's condition was feeble and after almost three months of careful supervision and hand-rearing the mature bird was finally released into the wild on 1st May.

PLANTATION

Monsoons are always the best season to plant trees, hence Park officials have taken effort to plant a variety of trees including Jarul, Dalim, Jamun, Ashok, etc. Grass such as Chepti, Daddha, dubo, Bamboo in and outside the Herbivore safari, which would not only add to the aesthetic beauty of the forest but also act as fodder plants for animals.

A variety of orchids have also been identified at the Park. The list is as follows on the next page.

<u>LIST OF ORCHIDS AT BENGAL SAFARI</u>	
1	<i>Acampe ochracea</i> (Lindl) Hochr
2	<i>Acampe papillosa</i> (Lindl) Hochr
3	<i>Acampe rigida</i> (Buck-Ham. Ex Sm.) P.F. Hunt
4	<i>Aerides multiflorum</i> Roxb
5	<i>Aerides odoratum</i> Lour
6	<i>Agrostophyllum khasianum</i> Griff
7	<i>Arundina graminifolia</i> (Don) Hochr - Terrestrial orchid
8	<i>Ascocentrum ampullaceum</i> Lindl. ex. Wall
9	<i>Bulbophyllum careyanum</i> (Hook. F) Spreng
10	<i>Cleisostoma appendiculatum</i> (Lindl) Benth & Hook. F. ex. Jackson
11	<i>Coelogyne flaccida</i> Lindl
12	<i>Cymbidium aloifolium</i> (L) Sw.
13	<i>Dendrobium anceps</i> Sw.
14	<i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i> (Roxb) Fischer
15	<i>Dendrobium crepidatum</i> Lindl
16	<i>Dendrobium farmeri</i> Paxt
17	<i>Dendrobium fimbriatum</i> var. <i>oculatum</i> . Lindl & Hook. f
18	<i>Dendrobium formosum</i> Roxb
19	<i>Dendrobium jenkinsii</i> Wall. Ex. Lindl
20	<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i> Steud
21	<i>Dendrobium moschatum</i> Sw
22	<i>Dendrobium moschatum</i> var. <i>cupreum</i> . (Buck-Ham) Sw.
23	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i> Lindl
24	<i>Dendrobium transparens</i> Wall. Ex. Lindl
25	<i>Ephemerantha macraei</i> (Lindl) P.F. Hunt & Summerh
26	<i>Eria bractescens</i> Lindl
27	<i>Eria flava</i> Lindl
28	<i>Papilionanthe teres</i> (Roxb) Schltr
29	<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i> (Aiton) Bl- Terrestrial orchid
30	<i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i> Reichb. F.
31	<i>Pholidota imbricata</i> (Roxb) Hook. F.
32	<i>Podochilus malabaricus</i> Wt
33	<i>Rhyncostylis retusa</i> Bl
34	<i>Smitinandia micrantha</i> (Lindl) Holtt
35	<i>Vanda tessellata</i> (Roxb) Hook. F. ex. Don

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Signature	Vaccine	Remarks
1	Light of Life	Changpura	Changpura	FMD	
2	Gangotri Higher Secondary School	Kalimpong	Kalimpong	FMD	
3	Father Leblond	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
4	Bright Academy	Punjab	Punjab	FMD	
5	Shri Ram Centennial	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
6	Fusion Group	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
7	We 3 Events and Innovation	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
8	Father Leblond	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
9	Hello Kids Primary School	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
10	Arjun Sharma	Arjun	Arjun	FMD	
11	Arjun Sharma	Arjun	Arjun	FMD	
12	Arjun Sharma	Arjun	Arjun	FMD	
13	Sanjay Rai	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
14	Tanuj Sachin	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
15	Sanjay Rai	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
16	Melinda Kaur	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
17	Dharmendra Chakraborty	Chandernagore	Chandernagore	FMD	
18	Arjun Sharma	Arjun	Arjun	FMD	
19	Arjun Sharma	Arjun	Arjun	FMD	

List of Houses Vaccinated against FMD

School Visits

Sl. No.	Date of Visit	Name of the Institute	No. of Students	No. of Teachers
1	16.04.2016	Light of life Academy, Melli	28	07
2	30.04.2016,	Gangotri Higher Secondary School, Kalimpong	12	08
3	04.05.2016	Father Leblond School	38	09
4	19.05.2016	Bright Academy, Punjab	26	06
5	24.05.2016	Shri Ram Centennial School	48	17
6	26.05.2016	Fusion Group	45	06
7	29.05.2016	We 3 Events and Innovation	80	03
8	02.06.2016	Father Leblond School	45	05
9	10.06.2016	Hello Kids Primary School	24	08

Dignitaries and their Comments

Sl. No.	Date of Visit	Dignitaries	Designation	Comments
1	03.04.2016	Mr. R. Hithendra	IPS Addl. Commissioner Admin Bangalore City	Visited the North Bengal Safari. The staff is courteous and showed its facilities. The Rhino, deer and peacocks were fantastic. They also told me that they will add some more animals to this facility. This facility is a great place for children and animal lovers. I wish all the good luck to them.
2	14.04.2016	Mr. Arun Shinde	IAS Maharashtra	Good initiative by the Forest Dept. the incharge officer is co-operative. Biologist is quite knowledgeable. Forest safari give real feel. The general public sounds very happy with this experience. I wish best of luck in future. I am thankful to forest officials who offered this opportunity to visit safari.
3	09.05.2016	Mr. Anurag Chaudhary	IFS Member Secretary, MZA, Nagpur	Very good initiative for tourist coming to North East India. We serve great purpose of educating the tourist.
4	22.05.2016	Mr. Ravi Dubey	IFS (Rtd) Ex PCCF	Excellent endeavour for the benefit of people visiting North Bengal. Wishing a grand success to develop this small effort into a one of the best safaris.
5	24.06.2016	Dr. S.S. Negi	DG Forest Govt. of India New Delhi	A very interesting beginning has been made. It will attract common citizens towards nature and conservation. Good wishes.

Dr. S.S. Negi, Director General Forest (3rd from left) along with his wife and other Forest Officials



Excellent. Wonders to visit again and see other to visit this park once.
 25/5/14
 793302 - 793413

Very nice and very beautiful

Attractive for children not for adult. Please add tiger.
 Akhtaruddin Islam
 9932460674
 MSB, 792202

We are waiting for more wild animals. Still the project refreshes in very much. wait for further amusement. Please, don't ignore the condition of Toilet. They are so dirty.
 Shabir Khan
 7933028268

I have been here after a long time & really its totally changed. Improved a lot go ahead. keep it up.
 Avinash Choolop.

Washroom's cleanliness remarkable.
 Really an Amazing experience.
 Sahil Dey
 9933345750

Kanshik Choudhary
 9493340713

Excellent

Need more animals like, Rhinoceros, Elephant, Tiger, and if not, be like best safari in India. Everything is good.

Very good organized well maintained
 2016

25/5/14
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Very nice experience but want to see some more animals!!
 - Tanushree (Kolkata)

EXCELLENT SERVICE APPRECIATED. NICE EXPERIENCE. VERY NICE INITIATIVE

25/05/14
 Enjoyed a lot with all my family members. we watched many deer and peacock and enjoyed with them.
 Pooja Aggarwal
 7602904063
 12-05-16

25/05/14
 Very nice experience but animal number and variety should be increased to attract more visitors.

25/05/14
 The idea of Safari is awesome, & would be good to see more animals along the way.

A Visitor comments board was placed at the exit gate of the Park for better understanding the necessities of the visitors. Among the many positive comments, there have been few negative comments as well. We have tried our best to meet the needs of the visitors and improve ourselves as well. For eg, a comment had come on the cleanliness of the washrooms, someone wanted sitting places inside the park. All these have been tended to and the park is open to more improvements in the future.

Stock Of Animals At The Park

ANIMAL	PRESENT STOCK		
	M	F	U
Indian One Horned Rhinoceros (<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>)	1	0	0
Sambar Deer (<i>Cervus unicolor</i>)	6	9	2
Barking Deer (<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>)	10	7	2
Spotted Deer (<i>Axis axis</i>)	58	64	15
Jungle Cat (<i>Felis chaus</i>)	2	0	0
Red Junglefowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	3	3	2
Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	3	3	0
Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	1	2	0

Visitor Database

MONTHS	VISITORS FOR ONLY ZOO ENTRY	VISITORS FOR SAFARI
APRIL	3049	5959
MAY	3457	7439
JUNE	2787	7213