



ZOO NEWS

**THE BENGAL SAFARI
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The Park, which is the first of its kind in Siliguri and perhaps the entire Bengal was inaugurated by our Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee on 21st January, 2016. It is situated on the outskirts of Siliguri amidst the serene beauty of the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary and houses species endemic to the riverine forest type. The Park comprises of an area of 297 hectares and houses species like The Indian One Horned Rhino, Sambar, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Jungle Cat and Pheasants. Apart from which visitors can also catch glimpses of free ranging Indian Peafowls, Rhesus macaques and various endemic birds.

The Park already has thrown open the mixed Herbivore Safari to visitors. The Tiger, Himalayan Black Bear and Leopard safari are yet to be completed.

Management
Bengal Safari



PARK ATTRACTIONS



MIXED HERBIVORE SAFARI



LESSER CAT ENCLOSURE



AVIARIES



VISITOR AMENITIES



MEET BHEEM



Bheem
consumes
approx.
100kgs of
feed per day

Hates
being
disturbed

Loves eating
Corn
(Bhutta)

Bheem, the Indian One Horned Rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), famously known as Kaankata or Kaanhala, who was wandering around the Mahananda forest alone after his companion was brutally poached, was transferred to the Park On 11.12.2015 with efforts from Forest Officials. The objective was to provide him with a safe and secure environment with better care and veterinary facilities.

ACQUISITIONS

Sl. No	Date of Acquisition	Animal	Sex Ratio	Acquired From
1	08.10.2015	Sambar Deer	0:1:0	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
2	08.10.2015	Barking Deer	8:4:1	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
3	28.11.2015	Spotted deer	8:6:0	Kunjanagar
4	28.11.2015	Sambar Deer	2:4:0	Kunjanagar
5	29.11.2015	Spotted Deer	6:4:0	Kunjanagar
6	02.12.2015	Spotted Deer	20:17:0	Rasikbeel Mini Zoo, Coochbehar
7	05.12.2015	Sambar Deer	4:4:0	Kholta
8	06.12.2015	Spotted Deer	9:7:0	Kholta
9	11.12.2015	Indian One Horned Rhinoceros	1:0:0	Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary
10	31.12.2015	Sambar Deer	0:1:0	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
11	06.01.2016	Barking Deer	2:3:0	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
12	06.01.2016	Red Junglefowl	3:3:0	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
13	06.01.2016	Golden Pheasant	3:3:0	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
14	06.01.2016	Silver Pheasant	1:2:0	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
15	08.01.2016	Jungle Cat	2:0:0	Salt Lake Deer park, Kolkata
16	12.01.2016	Spotted Deer	7:18:0	Adina Deer Park, Malda
17	13.01.2016	Spotted Deer	10:13:0	Adina Deer Park, Malda
18	14.01.2016	Spotted Deer	3:7:0	Adina Deer Park, Malda
19	14.02.2016	Spotted Deer	0:1:0	Sukna Rescue Centre
20	14.02.2016	Barking Deer	0:1:0	Sukna Rescue Centre

SCHOOL VISITS

Sl. No.	Date of Visit	Name of the Institute	No. of Students	No. of Teachers
1	29.01.2016	Isabella School	97	03
2	04.02.2016, 05.02.2016, 09.02.2016, 10.02.2016, 11.02.2016,	Jermel's Academy	98 100 79 93 87	07 07 07 09 08
4	05.02.2016	Kidzee	64	15
5	06.02.2016	Caesar School	150	10
7	09.02.2016	New Little Flower School	28	6
8	09.02.2016	Joydhar Roy Primary School	42	8
10	10.02.2016	New Little Flower School	29	07
12	11.02.2016	Gandhi Memorial High School	40	05
13	12.02.2016	Tarijote Senior High School	20	04
14	18.02.2016	Nabadisha Academy	36	07
15	18.02.2016	Holy child Academy	43	08
16	19.02.2016	Toisote Sr. High School	15	02
17	20.02.2016	Modella Caretaker Centric School	67	15
18	08.03.2016, 09.03.2016, 11.03.2016, 15.03.2016	Carmel High School, Kurseong	28 37 22 20	04 02 03 02
19	16.03.2016	Amarpati Lions Citizens Public School	66	12

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>)	60	64	11
Jungle Cat (<i>Felis chaus</i>)	2	0	0
Red Junglefowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	3	3	4
Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	3	3	0
Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	1	2	0

DIGNITARIES AND THEIR COMMENTS

Sl. No.	Date of Visit	Dignitaries	Designation	Comments
1	05.02.2016	Mr. Barun Kumar Roy	Divisional Commissioner, Jalpaiguri, Govt. of West Bengal.	Excellent arrangement and very good sighting of animals.
2	06.02.2016	Mr. Rajesh Kumar Yadav	DIG, Siliguri, Govt. of West Bengal.	The animal Safari has really come up very well. We enjoyed the trip to the forest tracts and sighting of the animals.
3	24.02.2016	Mr. Azam Zaidi	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoFF, Govt. of West Bengal.	A very nicely developed Animal Safari Park, close to Siliguri town, will be an attraction for the tourists coming to this part of the country. Well executed work by the officer and staff of the Forest Department.
4	12.03.2016	Mr. Anurag Srivastava	District Magistrate, Darjeeling, Govt. of West Bengal	Had a great experience. Saw peacock dancing in full glory along with many deer. Had a great day. This park has got huge potential.
5	20.03.2016	Mr. Bipul Chakrabarty	Director, Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamshedpur.	Good beginning for North Bengal. Hopefully this Park should be a model to be emulated in rest of the country.

SPECIAL MENTION

The Park also has a wide variety of naturally flowering orchids. Species like *Dendrobium sp.*, *Dendrobium aphyllum* and *Vanda roxburghii* (clockwise from top-left) are most commonly found.

