

Zoo “Middle Management Officers Training Programme” - Report

The Central Zoo Authority CZA has identified various capacity building training schedule programme at regular intervals for Indian Zoo Directors, Veterinarian, Biologists, Education officer and Animal keepers.

As part of this, Zoo Middle Management Officers training programme was organized by CZA on 15-16 March, 2019. The training was attended by Curators, Assistant Directors, Zoo veterinarian, Biologists and Education Officers. Negi, Additional Director General of Forests, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change inaugurated the training and gave impressive and motivational talk on cause of wildlife conservation through ex-situ centre in the country. Anup Kumar Nayak, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority highlighted on the role of wildlife act, policy and



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guidelines for operation and management of zoos in India. Brij Kishor Gupta, Scientific Officer emphasized master plan to reach the scientific standard.



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Anupam Srivastav, Captive Breeding and Zoo Management Cell, Wildlife Institute of India handled the sessions on studbook as tools for wildlife population management and species-specific environmental enrichment in captive facilities.

The day long programme was continued with the following topics viz., zoo animals health management, enclosure design



Kshithija, IFS, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad presenting group activity results on preparation of strategic plan for translocation of captive animals to wild.

protocols, education and interpretation, animal diet chart, protocols of health care management of captive animals.

The next day interactive session dealt with the topics on health care management of wildlife and improvement of the conservation centre. Some of the major topics covered were: record keeping, species-specific enrichment, zoo landscape, latest approach on disease diagnostic in wild animal, ex-situ and in-situ conservation agency linkage, disaster management and management of reptiles, amphibians in captivity.

Umapathi, Senior Scientist – CCMB, Hyderabad gave a talk on conservation of endangered animals using biotechnology success and who visualized the recent mouse deer breeding success in the Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad; artificial insemination, modern technique of fertilization, collection of semen from

wild animals were eye opening to the participants.

Group activities on various themes related to zoo management were conducted. Kshithija, IFS, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, Akhilesh Pandey, Veterinarian, M. Sekar, Biologist and the author prepared strategy plan for translocation of captive population to the wild and submitted to the training committee. On the final day the participants were taken to the National Zoological Park, New Delhi, for on the spot exposure on management of wild animals. The author is thankful to C.H. Padma, IFS., Wildlife Warden, Chennai for her constant encouragement to have hands on experience for the betterment of the zoos.

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