

### **Modernization of zoos**

On persuasions of the Central Zoo Authority 14 zoos have moved/or in process of moving to new sites / extended the area for providing modern housing facilities for the animals:

1. Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara to Ajwa
2. Surat Zoo to Dr. S. K Nature Park, Surat
3. Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot to the outskirts of Rajkot
4. Mini Zoo, Haddo to Chidiyatapu, A&N Islands
5. Kohima Zoo to Rangapahar Zoological Park, Kohima
6. Jaipur Zoo to Nahargarh Biological Park, Nahargarh near Jaipur
7. Udaipur Zoo to Sajjangarh Biological Park near Udaipur

8. Jodhpur Zoo to Machia Biological Park nr Jodhpur
9. Kota Zoo to Abheda Biological Park near Kota
10. V.O.C. Park Mini Zoo, Coimbatore to Mettupalayam Road near Coimbatore
11. State Museum Zoo Thrissur to its outskirts
12. Lady Hydari Park, Shillong to Umtrew near Shillong
13. Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur (extension of area)
14. Kamla Nehru Zoo, Indore (extension of area)

**CENTRAL ZOO AUTHORITY VISION - 2010**  
**OUR ZOOS WILL HAVE HEALTHY ANIMALS**  
**IN ECOSYSTEM BASED NATURALISTIC ENCLOSURES,**  
**SUPPORTIVE TO IN SITU CONSERVATION WITH**  
**COMPETENT AND CONTENTED STAFF,**  
**GOOD EDUCATIONAL AND INTERPRETATIVE**  
**FACILITIES, THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE**  
**AND BE SELF - SUFFICIENT.**

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### **Letter from CBSG RSG, SAZARC participant - Mansoor Qazi**

I would like to thank you for providing me the opportunity to attend the CBSG/RSG meeting and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual SAZARC Conference in Ahmedabad. Also the visit to Geer Foundation was an excellent experience for me. Presentations of Pritpal Soorae, Mike Jordan, Dr. Pandey & other officials from the Forest Department of Gujarat regarding release of lion at Bardia were very much informative. It enabled me to understand technicalities & problems in release of different animals.



Karachi Zoo

The information which you gathered during the workshop regarding re-introduction/ release in South Asian region, can be used as a data base. I would inform you regarding the information relating Pakistan after verification from the concerned departments

The Dinosaur Park adjacent to the Geer Foundation is a fascinating sight where fossils and replicas were beautifully displayed. The signages and information about different species of dinosaurs and their fossil forms were commendable.

The arrangement of SAZARC Conference at Ahmedabad hosted by Dr. Sahu was excellent. Dr. Sahu provided us all needed and wanted facilities. The resort was located at a very peaceful place which was an aid for us to concentrate on the relevant topics of the conference.

During the whole conference I enjoyed vegetarian food very much and reduced my cholesterol level. The dinners arranged by Dr. Sahu were really very delicious and the environmental and cultural activities were also very pleasing. The schedule of conference cum shopping were very hectic but we enjoyed the whole activity very much.

Before attending the conference at Ahmedabad, India regarding zoo legislation I was not fully aware of its importance and now feel that the zoo legislation and its implementation is very essential for the upkeep of any zoo. I was very much impressed after having gone through the zoo legislation documents of Central Zoo Authority in India as well as those from other countries and WAZA. I will try my best to adopt similar legislation upto the level of Karachi City.

Visit of Gir Forest was remarkable one. Its no doubt, a very memorable experience of my life. It was very amazing sight for me to look at the lions, deer, peacocks & other animals freely roaming about over there in their natural habitat. I have never seen such a place in my life. In other words it is really a treasure of wildlife & the people who are managing this treasure are very professional & praiseworthy especially Mr. Bharat Pathak & Jayant S. Solanki are very well conversant with their field works & they deserve all appreciation for their wonderful work.

And the visit of Sakkarbagh Zoo headed by Mr. Vishvadipsinh J. Rana suggested that it is among one of the good zoos of India. Particularly their carnivore collection is very healthy & developments of new safari enclosures along the zoo are very beautifully made. They have built a true replica of Gir Forest where some of the free roaming herbivore were seen with great amazement. This too was an attractive sight for me.

**With best regards, Sincerely yours, Muhammad Mansoor Qazi, Director, Karachi Zoo and Safari Park, Karachi, Pakistan. E-mail: muddassir74@yahoo.com**