

South Asian Zoo News

Dhaka Zoo news

Dhaka Zoo is now working with school children. Recently We did a very effective art competition (in relation to wildlife conservation) with school children in the Victory day of Bangladesh. Our Director General and High officials from ministry were present on that occasion. Mr. Azharul Islam and Mr Saiful Islam, Publicity officer recently involved primary school children with some activities such as workshops, art competition and essay writings. We are hoping that we will make a conservation education centre in our Zoo in the next fiscal year, a project has approved to do it.

National zoo legislation has not come out in the light. It is still in ministry and awaiting their approval. Recently two Secretary has changed. For that reason it works delaying. National Zoo association meeting will be held very soon. Our new Curator Kazi Fazlul Haque is very much interested.

New Curator's address is Kazi Fazlul Haque Curator Dhaka Zoo, Bangladesh. Email: curator_dhakazoo@yahoo.com
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Salim Iqbal received his certificate from the International Training Centre at Durrell Wildlife Preservation Trust, He was awarded distinction in Diploma.

Lahore Zoo news

Research study review at Lahore Zoo during Last five Years by different Educational and Research Institution under supervision of Zoo Veterinarian and Education Officer.

- Study on blood parasites in big cats
- Study on feeding behaviour of tigers
- Study on Anaesthesia of Cranes with Alphaxolone-Alphadolone
- Study on sex identification of Cranes through laproscopy
- Study on haemoparasites of Cranes
- Study on sex identification in Parrots
- Comparative study of efficacy of different anthelmintics on endoparasites in big Cats
- Study on breeding behaviour of Hog Deer, Urial and Blackbuck in captivity
- Study on causes of mortality in Houbara Bustard
- Environmental Enrichment of SUZI (African Elephant)
- Conservational Strategies of Lahore Zoo.
- Paternalism in Vervet Monkey.
- Study of Visitor Attitude at Lahore Zoo.
- Breeding Behaviour of Guinea Fowl
- Feeding Behaviour of blue Yellow Macaw.

Brief about Lahore Zoo Education

Lahore zoo which has been the centre of attraction for city and tourist visitors since the time of its inception in 1872. Ever since its existence Lahore Zoo is playing vital role in public education.

Zoos are not considered merely recreational places in this modern age but centres for spreading conservation education. The following are a few features of Lahore Zoo education and awareness programme:

The Zoo printed educational materials e.g. small books, posters, stickers and brochures, guide books and other books i.e. Endemic animal of Pakistan and Kids' Elephant book. We added a "Talk Time" and "Touch Table" throughout the week as well as educational games i.e. elephant walk, animal dialogue, zoo keeper and zoo patrol. quiz competitions, painting competitions, photography and essay writing also make the zoo more attractive to schools and youngsters.

Zoo Volunteers are working under supervision of the Education Officer and Zoo Veterinarian. These Volunteers are mostly animal lovers and students from Colleges, especially from Biology and Zoology departments and from Veterinary University. About 25 students have been working as Zoo Volunteers for animal welfare, education and animal care.

Zoo Animal Adoption Scheme. There are two kinds of adoption schemes operating at Lahore Zoo
1. Young Friend Adoption Scheme: About 20 students have adopted 30 zoo animals under this scheme.
2. Parents Adoption scheme: About 47 different educational institutions and firms have adopted 60 zoo animals under this scheme.

The Zoo also provides an immense chance for research for students studying on Biodiversity, Environmental sciences, animal behaviour, feeding and nutrition and Management under supervision of Zoo Director, Deputy Director and Education Officer. Last year several students and Volunteers have completed their projects at Lahore Zoo. Zoo has also arranged functions to enhance love for animal through functions like birthday party, naming ceremony, and adoption function etc through its educational programmes. The next and important step is publishing Lahore zoo News Letter in coming month.

Lahore Zoo Outreach Programme: Lahore Zoo actively participated in *In-situ* observation of blind Indus Dolphin in cooperation with WWF-Pakistan and Sindh Wildlife department and rescued about 74 stranded dolphins till date.

Lahore Zoo also celebrated Wildlife Week, Animal Health Day, birthday of oldest animal and arrangement of summer school activities.

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