

Training at Nandankanan Biological Park

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Training on Immobilisation and Chemical Tranquilisation of Wild Animals

This training was conducted by Nandankanan Biological Park from 6th to 8th December, 2004. The programme was sponsored by Wildlife Organisation (Forest Department, Orissa).

Nine Forest Rangers and one Forester of 10 different Wildlife Divisions attended the training programme. The theoretical and practical demonstration of tranquilisation equipments and drugs, target practice, sedation and recovery of animals (including elephant), implanting of microchips in the ear pinna of elephant etc are some of the highlights of the training programme.

Training Programme for Zookeepers

The Zookeepers' training for the year 2004-2005, was organized by Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneswar (Orissa) in the Zoo premises from 8th to 17th March, 2005. The training programme was sponsored by Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi.

Nandankanan Biological Park is one of the few centres selected by CZA for conducting this training programme, primarily meant for capacity-building / upgradation of skills of zookeepers and keeping their motivational level high.

Eighteen zookeepers from seven zoos namely, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Darjeeling), Alipore Zoological Gardens (Kolkata), Kananpandari Zoo (Bilaspur), Zoo of Tata Steel Zoological Society (Jamshedpur), S.V. Zoological Park (Tirupati), Jawaharlal Nehru zoological Park (Bokaro) and Nandankanan Biological Park (Bhubaneswar) participated in the training programme.

The trainees also visited two other Zoos (Nehru Zoological park, Hyderabad and Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam) on their field visit for wide ranging exposure and greater experience enrichment.

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Husbandry Manual Register

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The ASZK is providing this service free of any charge to individuals in an effort to facilitate access to these important documents, and in doing so improve the welfare of the animals in our care. Currently there are details on where to obtain over 300 manuals across a range of taxons, and the Registry also includes Manuals on rearing, training, enrichment, and Husbandry Manual guidelines from around the world. Some of these can be freely downloaded directly from the ASZK website, whilst for many others a link is provided to the web site where Manuals can be down-loaded directly. Where electronic versions are not currently known to be available, postal or e-mail contacts are provided.

Please note that the cost of obtaining some of these "non electronic" Manuals may involve paying a fee. More Husbandry Manual details will be added to the site over time, but if you know of any which are missing from the registry (or those that contact details have changed for) please let me know by e-mailing me at Geoff.Underwood@aszk.org.au

We hope that this service benefits both the Keeping profession and the animals in our care.

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