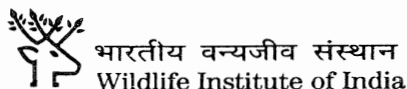

ENDANGERED SPECIES AND ZOO MANAGEMENT COURSE



Every year, the Central Zoo Authority sponsors several training programmes. Probably the main event of the year is the winter course for Zoo Directors and Curatorial and Technical Staff on alternate years.

In the past the Wildlife Institute of India under the auspices of the Zoo Consultancy Project had organised the course. Now, Wildlife Institute of India conducts the course under the direction and sponsorship of CZA.

The first time this Training Programme was offered, it was held in the Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneswar. This year also it is taking place at Nandankanan Zoo. In subsequent years the programme has been held at Wildlife Institute of India itself with field visits to Kanpur Zoo and Lucknow Zoo and at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad; Arignar Anna Zoo, Madras; National Zoo, New Delhi; Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysore.

This year the course includes a field visit to Visak Zoo. The course itself is organised around specific themes such as History of Zoos, Role of modern Zoo, Setting up a captive

animal facility, Master Plan and Management Plan, Exhibit Design and Themes, Collection Plan and Policy, Acquisition of animals, Animal Health, Reintroduction, Record Keeping, Nocturnal Zoo, Education and Interpretation, etc.

There will be a keynote presentation on each theme with case studies and participants presentations and discussion on different aspects of the theme.

After the Training Programme there is to be a seminar on Research in zoos which will encapsulate all the Regional Workshops which were held in Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Chandigarh and come out with a Draft Guidelines on Research in Zoos for Central Zoo Authority, Wildlife Institute of India and all Indian zoos to assist them in prioritising and initiating research programmes for captive wild animals.

FIRST EDITION OF

INDIAN ZOO YEARBOOK

RELEASED AT ZOO DIRECTORS' MEETING



The first edition of the Indian Zoo Yearbook was released at the meeting of Zoo Directors' held in New Delhi last month. The production of such a book had been recommended at the 1994 CZA / IZDA meeting in New Delhi and was funded by Central Zoo Authority.

Editor's S. K. Patnaik and L. N. Acharjyo assisted by Dr. A. T. Rao and Dr. D. N. Mohanty have done a very good job with the ten articles from zoo personnel and related persons on a variety of subject matter ranging from breeding endangered species, environmental enrichment, disease, education and conservation biology.

In addition the Editors have compiled into one volume just about everything anyone would ever need to know about the Indian Zoo Directors' Association, the Central Zoo Authority and the wildlife legislation of the country. There is a very useful list of Indian zoos with their addresses and phone numbers state-by state.

Also included is a list of Scheduled Animals kept in Indian Zoos as on 5 September 1995 including birds, mammals and reptiles, listed zoo- and sex-wise.

The book is attractively bound in hardback with a colourful cover in blue, silver and gold. It is being distributed to ZOOS, CZA members, and others involved in the zoo field.

This is to be a yearly venture but the list of zoos and legislation and other matters should not have to be repeated. Therefore there will be space for many more articles from zoo personnel.

It should be a matter of pride for the Indian Zoo personnel to fill up this volume next year with articles which cover a complete spectrum of zoo issues and endangered species.