

**NISARGAKAVI
BAHINABAI
CHAUDHARY
PRANISANGRAHALAYA**

**PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION**

SAMBHAJI NAGAR, CHINCHWAD, PUNE -411 019.

MAHARASHTRA, INDIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

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FOREWORD

We have a great pleasure to bring about this annual report for the year 2008-2009. Our dedicated colleagues in Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation have been working hard to develop this facility for the benefit of public and animals as well. We are deeply indebted to all of them. We express our gratitude to the following officials and dignitaries of the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, without whose help this zoo would never have taken shape.

Sh. Asheesh Sharma, *I.A.S.*, Commissioner.

Sh. Subhash Dumbre, Additional Commissioner.

Mrs. Mangala Kadam, Hon. Corporator.

We are also thankful to the Central Zoo Authority, Zoological Survey of India, Zoo Outreach Organization, Department of Animal Husbandry (Govt. of Maharashtra) and the State Forest Department, for regular co-operation, help, guidance, assistance and encouragement rendered by them.

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INTRODUCTION

Bahinabai Choudhary Pranisangrahalay, previously known as Snake Park & Aviary, is a Small Zoo established by Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation recognized by the Central Zoo Authority. It was officially declared open to public on 1st Jan.1990. This zoo has witnessed continuous visitorship since then.

LOCATION

A total 7.5-Acre land has been earmarked for this project. It caters for the Twin City of Pimpri-Chinchwad and surrounding areas, developed mainly due to rapid urbanization and industrial growth. This township is extended towards north of Pune City along the National Highway No.4, joining Pune and Mumbai. The captive population of this city is around 10 Lakh, with the daily floating population of around 1 Lakh. This zoo is the only animal facility in the area. It is situated towards 4 km. East from Akurdi town, 5 km. Northeast from Chinchwad railway station, 7 km. West from Bhosari and 6 km north of Pimpri.

VISITORS

The zoo remains closed for visitors on every Tuesday. It is open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is extended during summer vacation from 10:30 am to 7.00 pm.

Entry Fee Adults : Rs.2 : 00 (Two Rupees).
 Children : Re.1 : 00 (One Rupee).

VISITORSHIP

Year	Adults	Children	Total
2006 – 2007	1,28,494	51,087	1,79,581
2007-2008	1,45,692	52,909	1,98,601
2008-2009	1,82,221	64,059	2,46,280

Income during last three years :

2006 – 2007	Rs. 3,08,075/-
2007 – 2008	Rs. 3,44,293/-
2008 – 2009	Rs. 4,28,501/-

AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE ZOO

1. To educate the students and visitors about importance of wildlife and emphasize the need for conservation of nature and natural resources.
2. To rescue the snakes, birds and sometimes other animals that enter into human habitation and release them back in the wild.
3. To undertake breeding programmes of different snake species and release the offspring back into the declining population areas.
4. To organize guided tours for school children and provide necessary information lectures, demonstrations, slide shows and related printed material.
5. To disseminate the current information on Biodiversity amongst the general public.

HEALTH, HYGIENE AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Food and drinking water is examined daily.
- De-worming and vaccination is done quarterly.
- De-beaking and nail cutting of birds is being undertaken every two months.
- Perching is being repaired regularly.
- Animal waste is recycled to produce compost.
- Lawns, flowering beds etc. are grown on bio-compost instead of chemicals.
- *Cage Resting* and dis-infection is done as per requirement.
- Exhibit furnishings are modified annually and/or changed whenever necessary.

- Heat convectors, Air coolers, Humidifiers and Air conditioners are used during climatic extremities.
- Volunteers and staff control the vandalism.

SALIENT FEATURES (2008-2009)

The most unforgettable moment in the year under consideration was the occurrence of a 12 feet long Python (*Python molurus*) in the city. One female python was seen in human habitat on 20th December 2008. The python had eaten a male Barking Deer. It was treated and successfully released into wild.

Another rare bird Sirkeer Malkoha, with a fractured leg was found in the city which died during the treatment.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

A special lecture on *Management of Birds in Captivity* was delivered to the participants of the Ornithology Course, jointly organized by Abasaheb Garware College and Ila Foundation, Pune.

The lecture delivered to newly joined security guards in the PCMC about the wildlife in PCMC and how to tackle the problem regarding the wildlife.

On the occasion of 'Industrial Safety Week' the lecture delivered in Mercedes Benz regarding 'Introductions of Snakes and Safety against snake bite'

CELEBRATIONS

Nagapanchami Mahotsav was celebrated on 6th August 2008. Different competitions were organized for ladies like Traditional cooking, Foogadi, Mehendi, Traditional Dress ups and Speech Competition, etc. The competition was lead by Ex. Mayor and Corporator Mrs. Mangala Kadam. Mrs. Shivali Sharma was the Chief Guest. Street Play on misbiliefs on snakes was organized by students of Kamalnayan Bajaj School.

MASTERPLAN TWETY-TWENTY

Masterplan Committee has been formed to prepare a long term Masterplan of the Zoo. The team consists of the following members.

Mr. Subhash Dumbare	Addl. Commissioner	Chairman
Mr. Anil Khaire	Zoo Director	Member Secretary
Mrs. Mangala Kadam	Corporator	Member
Mr. Suresh Salunke	Chief Garden Supdt.	Member
Dr. Satish Gore	Veterinary Officer	Member
Mr. Y.L.P.Rao	Conservator (Wildlife)	Member
Dr. Anil Mahabal	Joint Director (ZSI)	Member
Dr. Rajendra Jagdale	Director General (STP)	Member
Mr. Bipul Chakrabarti	Wildlife Biologist	Member
Mr. Pankaj Jain	Ecological Planner	Member
Dr. M.S. Pradhan	Senior Zoologist	Member
Mr. Neelimkumar Khaire	NGO	Member

The final theme on Reptiles, Amphibians and Butterflies has been prepared and is approved by the CZA. The detail work is proceeded accordingly.

BIODIVERSITY STATUS OF PIMPRI CHINCHWAD

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation had decided to the study the overall status of the biodiversity of this area. Accordingly, a team of experts and eminent scientists were appointed by the Science & Technology Park, University of Pune to undertake areawise surveys in the city and observe the various elements in different habitats such as riverine system, Hillocks, Grasslands, Plantations and Gardens. Zoo director was working as principle coordinator for this project. First report has been prepared.

TRAINING

Dr. Satish Gore was deputed to New Delhi to attend Training Programme for Zoo Veterinarian, sponsored by the Central Zoo Authority during 1st March 2008 to 9th March 2008.

ZOO EVALUATION

This year, the Zoo was evaluated on 23rd September 2007 by Dr. Brij Kishore Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the CZA has extended the recognition upto March 2009. Application for renewal has been forwarded to the CZA.

SUMMARY OF DEATH REPORT

Sr. No.	Name of the Species	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death	Reason
1.	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	Female	30/06/08	Intestinal Hemorrhage
2.	King Cobra	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	Male	13/09/08	Selinity

STOCK POSITION

No. of Species	Stock Position on the close of the preceding year	Births	Acquisition	Death	Disposal	Stock as on the close of the current year
Mammals	13	02	00	00	01	15
Birds	77	02	10	01	16	72
Reptiles	56	00	25	01	24	56
TOTAL	146	04	35	02	40	142

Month wise Visitorship of 2008-2009

