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FOREWORD

I am pleased to present this edition of our Quarterly Report (Third Quarter), highlighting the continued growth and progress of Gorewada Zoo. This report showcases the dedicated efforts of our team in wildlife conservation, rehabilitation, and visitor engagement.

A special highlight of this quarter was the rehabilitation of an orangutan seized in Mumbai, a significant milestone in our commitment to animal welfare. Additionally, we celebrated Wildlife Week and Zoo Keepers' Day, recognizing the invaluable contributions of our staff.

Nagpur, as the winter capital of Maharashtra, hosts the Winter Assembly Session, and we were honored to showcase the zoo's conservation efforts to the

Secretaries of the Government of Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, our preparations for the upcoming summer season are well underway, including the maintenance of fire lines and waterholes to ensure the safety and well-being of our wildlife.

A heartfelt kudos to the entire team for their dedication in compiling this insightful report. Their relentless commitment continues to drive our mission forward, making Gorewada Zoo a beacon of conservation excellence.

Chandrasekaran Bala N, I.F.S
Chief Executive Officer,
FDCM Gorewada Zoo Limited

PREFACE

This report is a compilation of the efforts undertaken by Gorewada Zoo over the past quarter. We have made significant progress in areas such as habitat development, animal exchange programs, animal care, and the rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals, alongside our commitment to environmental sustainability. Notable initiatives include the successful transplantation of heritage trees, the removal of invasive weeds, and the implementation of innovative enrichment programs designed to enhance the well-being of our animals. Each of these efforts underscores our dedication to

preserving biodiversity and maintaining a harmonious balance between nature and development. Additionally, this quarter saw visits from officer trainees and interns from various academies, who came to deepen their understanding of ex-situ conservation practices.

Shatanik Bhagwat,
Zoo Director,
FDCM Gorewada Zoo Limited

1 Fur, Feathers and Scales: Animal Update

During this quarter, the Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park (BTGIZP) has further strengthened its wildlife collection and conservation initiatives through notable acquisitions and rescues. As part of animal exchange program with Sayajibaug Zoological Garden, Vadodara, the zoo received several new species, including Zebra Finch, Comb Duck, Night Heron, and Rosy-Faced Lovebird. Additionally,

the Thane Forest Division conducted a raid to seize various illegally held animals from a private individual. These animals were subsequently entrusted to BTGIZP for captive care until further instructions. The consignment includes six Ball Pythons, one Orangutan, one Indian Star Tortoise, six Tri-carinate Hill Terrapins, one Green Iguana, and one Golden Reticulated Python.



New Arrivals in the Zoo



Zebra Finches (*Taeniopygia guttata*) received from Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat



Comb Duck (*Sarkidiornis sylvicola*) & Night Herons (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) are received from Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat



Rosy-faced Lovebird (*Agapornis roseicollis*) received from Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat



Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*)



Ball Python (*Python regius*)



Rescued Orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) in the care of zoo

Births

Gorewada Zoo is delighted to announce the successful births of two Sloth bear cubs, marking a significant moment in our conservation efforts. The proud mothers, Pushpa and Katrina, have each given birth to one healthy cub, and both mothers and their young ones are thriving under careful observation by the zoo staff.

Pushpa, housed in the safari enclosure, delivered her cub in the safety of a den during the last week of November. The zoo team ensured she received nourishment and care without disturbing her natural maternal instincts.

Katrina, housed in a night shelter, gave birth to her cub during the second week of December. Both Katrina and her cub are in excellent health, receiving meticulous care and attention from the zookeepers to ensure their well-being.



Katrina - with her just born in the safe kraal den



Pushpa-
Carrying her young
on her back



3 Habitat Management & Eco-restoration



‘Grass-cutting’

a part of maintenance on every Monday for habitat preservation and better visitors experience



As part of habitat management, Lantana camara is removed and processed into chips, which are then used as an ingredient for composting.



“Transplantation of Trees

continues in Walking trail area of the Zoo

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Forest Fire management



Fire line cutting and burning operation

4 Enrichment Activities



As a part of dietary enrichment, empty Coconut shells filled with honey and insect based diet for enrichment of Sloth Bear in Kraal.



Flaming – a Bio-security measure for indoor housing of animals



Off-exhibit Reptile holding facility for housing rescued snakes.



Road Repair and Maintenance in Gorewada Reserve Forest before opening it to visitors after Monsoon.

5 Events & Celebrations:

Nature Trail for Hislop College – On October 1st, 2024, Hislop College organized an educational trip to Gorewada Nature Park, involving graduate and post-graduate students on occasion of Wildlife week. The visit featured an insightful nature trail conducted by our Biologist Mr. Darshan Dudhane, focusing on the biodiversity of Gorewada Lake and its ecological importance. The students gained a deeper understanding of the lake's ecosystem and the critical need for conservation efforts, making the visit both enriching and inspiring.

The Gorewada Nature Park, part of the Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International



Zoological Park, is a nature trail in the forest with 5-kilometer pathway along the picturesque Gorewada lake. It offers visitors a chance to explore serene landscapes while observing a variety of resident and migratory bird species. This unique blend of natural beauty and wildlife diversity makes the park an exceptional destination for educational trips and outdoor exploration.



Students of Hislop college during their visit at Gorewada Bio-park

Wildlife Week 2024:

A Week of Celebration, Conservation, and Community Engagement



The Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park commemorated Wildlife Week 2024 with an exciting array of programs and activities from October 2nd to 8th, focusing on wildlife conservation, education, and community participation.

Inauguration Ceremony

The festivities began on October 2nd with an inaugural ceremony graced by distinguished dignitaries, including:

- Dr. Nitin Patil, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU)
- Dr. Shirish Upadhye, Dean (MAFSU)
- Dr. Nitin V. Kurkure, Director of Research
- Dr. T. Beula (IFS), General Manager(HQ), Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM)
- Mr. Chandrasekaran Bala (IFS), Chief Executive Officer (FGZ)
- Mr. Shatanik Bhagwat, Zoo Director, BTGIZP



Dignitaries during inaugural session

Following the inauguration, the Wildlife Research and Training Centre (WRTC), Nagpur, hosted a comprehensive training program on Wildlife Forensics. Experts, including Zoo Director Mr. Shatanik Bhagwat, Dr. Sujit Kolangath, Dr. Mayur Pawshe, and Dr. Shalini S., conducted sessions on key topics such as snakebite management, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and forensic investigation of wildlife crimes.



Participants during training on 'Wildlife Forensics'

• **Kiddos Adventure Cruise** : On October 3rd, Gorewada Zoo hosted the Kiddos Adventure Cruise Program, an exciting event tailored for children aged 5-7 years. With the support of the Maharashtra State Zoo Authority, the activity provided a fun-filled and educational experience, fostering a sense of adventure and curiosity about nature. A total of 40 young participants eagerly joined the program, making it a memorable day for the budding explorers.



'Adventure Cruise' at Gorewada Zoo

• **Yoga Session and Keeper Day** : On October 4th, a rejuvenating yoga session for zoo staff promoted health awareness. The same day, Zoo Keeper Day featured games and team bonding activities for keepers. All the zoo keepers enthusiastically participated in the events, embracing the benefits of yoga for a healthy lifestyle.



Team building activities for the zoo keepers

• **Health Check-Up Camp** : On October 5th, staff underwent health screenings to monitor and prevent zoonotic diseases.



The zoo keepers had a blast competing in exciting games, showcasing their teamwork and spirit.

• **Butterfly Walk :** A butterfly walk on October 6th at Gorewada Bio-park attracted 90 participants, guided by expert Dr. Ashish Tiple. A total of 50+ species were identified. and Smt. Tejaswini Mankar (Asst. Manager, FDCM)



Butterflies and their Life Cycle



Dr. Ashish Tiple shared insightful knowledge about butterflies and their life cycle



Pupal and adult stages of Common crow (*Euploea core*) were observed during this activity at Bio-park

Bird Watching : On October 7th, a bird-watching event near Gorewada Lake recorded 17 bird species, with Biologist Mr. Darshan Dudhane sharing insights into their habitats and behaviours.



Participants of Bird Watching Event

• **Zoo Keeper for a Day :** On October 4th, as part of Wildlife Week celebrations, Gorewada Zoo launched the "Zoo Keeper for a Day" program, offering children a unique, immersive experience where they shadowed zookeepers and gained hands-on insights into animal care. Zoo Director Mr. Shatanik Bhagwat played a pivotal role in guiding the zoo tour, sharing valuable knowledge about wildlife and conservation. At the animal night shelter, zookeepers Avinash Shende, Akash Nanhe, Ashish Kathane, and others provided detailed explanations about the animals' daily routines, feeding habits, and care practices, making the experience both educational and inspiring for the young participants.



Participants of 'Zoo Keeper for a day' Activity



Keepers' day – Team Gorewada



• **Drawing and Rangoli Competitions :**

Creative contests drew enthusiastic participation, showcasing artistic talent and celebrating wildlife themes.



Drawing competition on occasion of Wildlife week



Glimpses of drawing competition



In the rangoli competition, participant creatively depicted the wildlife.

(All programmes of wildlife week were coordinated and managed by Smt. Sarika Khot Asst. Manager)

Transplanted Heritage Tree Birthday Celebration: On October 8th, the zoo celebrated the first anniversary of replanting a 170-year-old banyan tree that was rescued during the Nagpur floods of October 2023. This event marked a significant milestone in conservation efforts and highlighted the importance of preserving natural heritage. Citizens who actively contributed to the transplanting of this iconic tree joined the celebration, which featured the ceremonial cutting of a tree-shaped cake, symbolizing the tree's resilience and the community's dedication to conservation.

Ms. Sarika Khot (Asst. Manager, FDCM) took the initiative for transplantation when she came to know about this tree. Further she successfully managed to transplant total 7 trees till date. She co-ordinates with all agencies right from onsite pruning of tree, uprooting, pre- transport treatment, transport, traffic management, site preparation, actual transplantation and aftercare.



Anniversary of Tree Transplantation



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



Zoo Keepers who were immensely involved in the process of trans-plantation were felicitated by Zoo Director and other officials



Officials present during Prize distribution



Felicitation of winner of Drawing competition



Wildlife Week celebration was graced by the presence of Mr. Sivabala, Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board, Mr. Nandkishor Kale, AIGF, NTCA, Mr. Uttam Sawant, General Manager, Nagpur Region, FDCM and Mr. Shatanik Bhagwat, Zoo Director.

ASTRO NIGHT

Gorewada Zoo and Raman Science Centre, Nagpur, jointly organized an Astro Night on October 19th. The Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) along with planets like Saturn and Venus were the 'star' attractions of the event. Mr. Mahendra Wagh enlightened visitors with a talk on galaxies and solar systems. An enthusiast crowd of 200 participants gathered for the Astro Night event.



Participants of Astro Night

Education & Outreach programs

Role of Zoos in Conservation: On November 29th, our outreach program made its way to Jijau Education Institute, Yavatmal. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd of 150 students, accompanied by their teachers. Mr. Darshan Dudhane, Biologist, delivered an engaging session on the vital role zoos play in conservation and education.



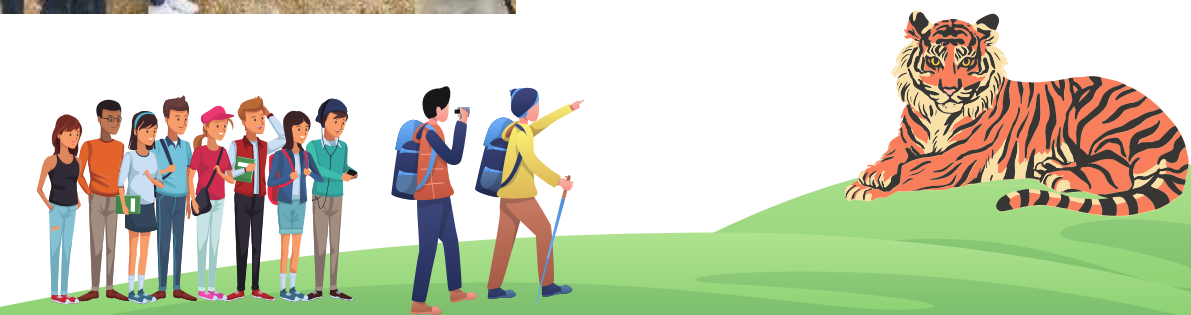
Students of Jijau Education Institute during outreach program

Kids for Tiger

On 7th December, 150 students from various schools visited the Gorewada Bio Park as part of the 'Kids for Tigers' program, an initiative by Sanctuary Asia. During this event, a nature walk was conducted within the bio park, showcasing the diverse flora and fauna of Gorewada. The program featured resource persons Dr. Tejinder Singh Rawal, Nitin Marathe, and Darshan Dudhane, and was successfully coordinated by Ms. Ekta Bhaiya and her team of volunteers.



The students with great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the nature walk, displaying a keen interest in their surroundings



Training Program on Wildlife Health Management

A weeklong training program on "Wildlife Health Management for veterinarians" was successfully conducted at the Gorewada Rescue Centre in collaboration with the State Forest Department and CAMPA from 2nd to 6th December 2024. The program aimed to enhance the professional skills of veterinarians working in wildlife areas, zoos and national parks across Maharashtra, focusing on advanced practices in wildlife health care and management. 30 veterinarians across Maharashtra attended the program

Topics Covered in workshop:

- Wildlife disease diagnosis and management.
- Zoonotic disease prevention and control.
- Best practices in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.
- Nutrition and habitat management for wildlife health.
- Advances in diagnostics and treatment for endangered species.



One-week training programme on 'Wildlife Health Management' for Veterinarians on 2nd to 6th December at Gorewada Rescue Center .



Christmas Celebration 25th December 2024

Christmas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Gorewada Zoo, where a range of fun games and activities were organized for visitors. The winners of these events were delighted to receive chocolates and other gifts from Santa Claus, who was impersonated by one of our employees. The employee, dressed in a Santa costume, distributed chocolates to visitors at the entry plaza, adding to the festive atmosphere. The success of this event was due to the tireless efforts of General Curator Dipak Sawant, Biologist Darshan Dudhane, and other office staff, including Ms. Priyanka Nimbarte, Sneha Dadhe, Mayuri Khandare, and Shraddha Dhagamwar, who were all heavily involved in the planning and execution of the celebration. To further enhance the visitor experience, a special camel ride was also arranged outside of the zoo.



Glimpses of our Christmas celebration at Gorewada Zoo

SCHOOL/ COLLEGE TRIPS



Sr. No.	Date	Day	School/College	No. of Students
01	03-12-2024	Tuesday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
02	04-12-2024	Wednesday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
03	05-12-2024	Thursday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
04	06-12-2024	Friday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
05	07-12-2024	Saturday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
06	08-12-2024	Sunday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
07	09-12-2024	Monday	PM. Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kamptee	124
08	07-12-2024	Saturday	Datta Meghe Institute of Management Studies, Atrey Layout, Nagpur	85
09	10-12-2024	Tuesday	Little Millennium School, Jaripatka, Nagpur	42
10	10-12-2024	Tuesday	Devta Life Foundation, Dharampeth, Nagpur	33
11	10-12-2024	Tuesday	Matoshri K.G.S. International School of Honours, Amravati	184
12	11-12-2024	Wednesday	Z.P. Upper Primary School, Bela, Bhandara	139
13	12-12-2024	Thursday	Little Millennium School, Jaripatka	42
14	12-12-2024	Thursday	N.P. Urdu Madhyamik Vidyalaya Anjangaon Surji, Amravati	91
15	12-12-2024	Thursday	St. BT. Convent, Mominpura, Nagpur	186
16	12-12-2024	Thursday	Balodyan Uccha Prathmik Shala, Amravati	34
17	13-12-2024	Friday	Desire Kids School Godhani, Nagpur	26
18	13-12-2024	Friday	Starkids Preschool, Sausar, Madhya Pradesh	21
19	13-12-2024	Friday	SharadChandra Uccha Prathmik Shala, Sindhevahi, Chandrapur	99
20	13-12-2024	Friday	New Moon English School, Arjuni mor, Gondia	89
21	13-12-2024	Friday	Z.P. Uccha Prathmik Shala, Davdipar, Bela, Bhandara	66
22	13-12-2024	Friday	I.E.S Girls & Boys High school & Junior College, Paratwada	50
23	13-12-2024	Friday	Bhagvantrao High School & Kanishta Mahavidhyalaya, Aheri, Gadchiroli	88
24	17-12-2024	Tuesday	Sant Shivram Maharaj Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Bhandara	88
25	17-12-2024	Tuesday	Mahind Vidyalaya, Amravati	85
26	17-12-2024	Tuesday	MotherTeresa New English Convent School, Amravati	146
27	17-12-2024	Tuesday	Little Angels Kindergarden, Laxmi Nagar, Nagpur	22
28	17-12-2024	Tuesday	Dinesh Vishv Shishu Mandir, Raghuji Nagar, Nagpur	130
29	18-12-2024	Wednesday	Starkids Kindergarden, Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur	86
30	18-12-2024	Wednesday	Kidzee Pre School, Surya Nagar, Nagpur	29
31	18-12-2024	Wednesday	Padmashri Smita Patil Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Koradi Nagpur	53
32	18-12-2024	Wednesday	Shivaji High School, Gadchiroli	134
33	19-12-2024	Thursday	Urdu High School, Pobaru Layout, Yavatmal	37

Sr. No.	Date	Day	School/College	No. of Students
34	19-12-2024	Thursday	Adarsh Vidhyalaya, Amravati	103
35	19-12-2024	Thursday	M N P Hindi Prathmik Shala, Amravati	48
36	20-12-2024	Friday	Indian Public School, Yavatmal	51
37	20-12-2024	Friday	Z.P. Prathmik Shala, Bhramhapuri, Chandrapur	68
38	20-12-2024	Friday	Abhinav Vidyalaya, Amaravati	49
39	20-12-2024	Friday	Adarsh Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Washim	96
40	20-12-2024	Fiday	Nutan Kanya Vidyalaya, Wardha	52
41	20-12-2024	Friday	Vivekanand Kanishtha Mahavidyalaya, Yavatmal	58
42	20-12-2024	Friday	Z.P. Upper Primary School, Tumsar, Bhandara	75
43	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Pandit Neharu Uccha Prathmik School, Umred	43
44	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Urdu High School, Pobaru Layout, Yavatmal	37
45	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Bhayyaji Patil Bhandekar High School, Chandrapur	48
46	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Lokmanya Tilak Kanya Prathmik Shala, Chandrapur	62
47	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Blue Bells Convent High School, Achalpur, Amravati	32
48	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Shri Sudama High School & Kanishtha Mahavidyalaya, Nagra ,Gondia	96
49	24-12-2024	Tuesday	Public High School & Kanishtha Mahavidyalya, Umred , Nagpur	55
50	26-12-2024	Thursday	Abhinanadan Vidyalaya & Kanishtha Mahavidyalaya, Mauda, Nagpur	112
51	26-12-2024	Thursday	Drishti Learning Center, Khare Town, Nagpur	32
52	26-12-2024	Thursday	Z.P. High School, Rajura, Chandrapur	57
53	26-12-2024	Thursday	Savitribai Fule Vidyalaya, Gadchandur, Chandrapur	90
54	27-12-2024	Friday	Kailasvashi Anandrao Meghe High School, Wardha	219
55	27-12-2024	Friday	Rainbow Higher Secondary School Pandhurna, Chhindwara (M.P)	120
56	27-12-2024	Friday	Vinayak Vidyalaya, Gadchiroli	276
57	27-12-2024	Friday	Shri. Sant Bhakre Maharaj Vidyalaya, Narkhed, Nagpur	90
58	27-12-2024	Friday	Gurukul English Medium School, Yavatmal	95
59	31-12-2024	Tuesday	Yashwant High School, Hingni Selu, Wardha	50
60	31-12-2024	Tuesday	Kanya Vidyalaya, Paratwada, Amravati	81



Students during their visit at Gorewada Zoo



Zoo Biologist Darshan Dudhane explaining about 'The wild wonders in our surrounding'

Dignitaries' visit



Shri. O.P. Gupta IAS, PS (Expenditure), Smt. Abha Shukla IAS, PS(Energy), Shri. R S Deol IAS, PS (Food & Civil Supplies), Shri. Parag Jain IAS, PS, GAD, Shri. Sanjeev Gaur IFS, MD, FDCM



Ex. Minister Shri. Rajkumar Badole and others

Trainee Officers



Gujarat State Forest Academy, 16th October 2024



Trainee officers from Chandrapur Forest Academy of Administration and Management
30th November 2024



Trainee officers from Chandrapur Forest Academy of Administration and Management
03rd December 2024

The Faces behind the Scene

Meet Imran Ali Molla

Imran Ali Molla, 25, After completing his higher secondary schooling, began his journey as a casual labour at Zoo. Driven by his passion for animals, he joined Gorewada Zoo and has been handling Sloth Bears.

Imran has developed exceptional skills in understanding animal behaviour, particularly with young ones, whom he cares for with great dedication. His natural ability to handle animals and his commitment to their well-being have made him an invaluable part of the Gorewada team.

Imran's journey from humble beginnings to becoming a trusted caretaker is an inspiration. His dedication reflects Gorewada Zoo's mission of wildlife care and conservation, and we are proud to have him as part of our family.



a
trusted
caretaker



Meet Mukesh Bhoyar and Purushottam Ambadale

Mukesh Bhoyar and Purushottam Ambadale, valued members of the Gorewada family, have made exceptional contributions to plant care and conservation. Initially appointed as casual laborers at Gorewada Nursery and Nature Trail, they began by managing the medicinal plant section. With their traditional wisdom, they now recognize every plant in the Gorewada Reserve Forest.

This year alone, Mukesh and Purushottam contributed for raising nearly 50,000 saplings of native trees from seeds collected in the forest. Over time, they have also developed skills in birdwatching and nature interpretation, enhancing the visitor experience. Their knowledge of medicinal plants plays a key role in supporting conservation through nursery plant sales.

Their dedication and passion for preserving the environment make them invaluable to Gorewada's mission. Mukesh and Purushottam embody the spirit of conservation, contributing to the sustainability of the forest ecosystem.



Purushottam Ambadale



Mukesh Bhoyar

**Mukesh &
Purushottam**
created nearly
50,000 saplings

Katrina

A Story Sweeter Than Honey

It was the beginning of 2018 when a female sloth bear's fate took a tragic turn. Caught in a wire snare, in an open forest her front right paw was severely injured. In her desperate struggle to escape, the wire cut deep into her muscles, reaching the bone. By the time the forest department rescue team arrived, gangrene had set in, leaving no option but to amputate her paw.

With her disability, survival in the wild was impossible. Katrina, as she was later named, was sent to a rescue center, where she spent the next four years. During this time, she enjoyed company of several orphaned bear cubs, but as they grew and were moved to zoos, she was left alone. When the breeding season arrived, Katrina's loneliness became evident—she became restless, irritable, and even aggressive. Despite good nutrition, her hair started falling out, and she would spit and scream at anyone who approached her.

Recognizing her distress, a proposal to transfer Katrina to the Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, was readily approved by the Central Zoo Authority where she could live among other sloth bears. Though she could not be released into the safari, she was given a large enclosure alongside Rocky, Panda, Bagga, Julie, Pushpa, and Lali.

However, Katrina's initial days were far from peaceful. She fought with her new companions and showed aggression towards her caretakers—Imran,

Ghanshyam, Chakradhar, and Ravi. Undeterred, the team implemented a positive reinforcement training program designed by the zoo's curator Mr. Deepak Sawant. Katrina was rewarded with her favorite treat; honey, —whenever she exhibited good behavior. Over time, patience and care worked their magic. Katrina calmed down, her hairfall stopped, and she began trusting her keepers and interacting with the other bears.

Slowly, she started forming bonds. At first, Bagga tried to befriend her, but Katrina refused his advances. Then, Imran noticed her growing fondness for Panda, and soon, a beautiful connection blossomed. The two spent hours together, and nature took its course. One day, Imran brought delightful news—Katrina was pregnant!

As the months passed, her behavior changed. Her diet was adjusted to meet her needs, and with the arrival of December, the zoo eagerly awaited the birth. Then, on December 4, Katrina welcomed a beautiful cub into the world.

Since then, Katrina's life has taken a joyful turn. She dotes on her little one, proudly showing off her baby to Imran and Ravi, expecting a sweet reward in return. The keepers happily oblige, offering honey as a token of their affection.

Katrina's journey—from a tragic accident to a loving mother—proves the power of patience, care, and the right decisions. Thanks to the Central Zoo Authority and the unwavering dedication of her keepers, Katrina found a new life, sweeter than honey.

The power of **Patience, Care,**
and The Right Decisions.

TESTIMONIALS

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

Had an amazing experience at this jungle safari!

Conveniently accessible by AC/Non-AC buses within the zoo. The 1-hour safari got me up close with incredible animals like tigers, leopards, bears, and more.

Plus, amenities like a canteen are available for a comfortable visit.

Definitely worth the trip..

– Suraj Gudde, Visitor



The model of Long-billed Vulture (*Gyps indicus*)
at Gorewada Zoo



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