

# Rhino Births in Kanpur Zoo

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The Kanpur Zoo has had a good breeding record of Rhinos. The first Rhino "Lachit" was purchased from Guwahati State on 23 May 1974. He was 2 years 10 months on arrival at Kanpur Zoo. His mate was 'Mayangkumari' from the wild. Their first baby was born in Kanpur Zoo on 1.10.1982 and was named "Rashmi". She was sent to Japan under a exchange programme on 31.03.1985. Since then the details of birth in Kanpur Zoo have been as given in the Table below.

Lachit died of Rabies on 8.8.1992 at Kanpur zoo at the age of 18.

On 22 June a female baby was born at Kanpur Zoo much to the joy of the staff. This was the first female baby after 1982. At present Kanpur Zoo is looking for zoo who needs a male rhino in exchange for a female rhino.

Table : Great Indian One-horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros dicornis*) births Kanpur Zoological Gardens from 1982

|   | Name of Rhino | Sex | Date of birth | Location | Remarks  |
|---|---------------|-----|---------------|----------|--|
| 1 | Rashmi        | F   | 1.10.1982     | KAN-1    | Sent to Japan  |
| 2 | Lohit         | M   | 6.12.1984     | KAN-2    | Sent to Dudhwa 28.4.92; Lucknow Zoo on 6.4.95; back to Kanpur 25.11.97 |
| 3 | Mohit         | M   | 17.6.1987     | KAN-3    | In Kanpur Zoo at present   |
| 4 | Rohit         | M   | 23.6.1989     | KAN-4    | In Kanpur Zoo at present   |
| 5 | Mudit         | M   | 5.7.1991      | KAN-5    | In Kanpur Zoo at present   |
| 6 | Tarun         | M   | 29.4.1996     | KAN-6    | In Kanpur Zoo at present   |
| 7 | Manu          | F   | 22.6.2002     | KAN-7    | In Kanpur Zoo at present   |

