

# Management of Lucknow Zoological Gardens

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## History

The Prince of Wales Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Lucknow Zoological Gardens was established in the year 1921 to commemorate the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Lucknow. The idea of establishing Zoological Gardens at Lucknow emanated from Sir Harcourt Butler, the then Governor of the State and it was received enthusiastically by the prominent landlords and the leading citizens of the State who donated liberally for the construction of animal houses and cages and also presented animals for display from time to time.

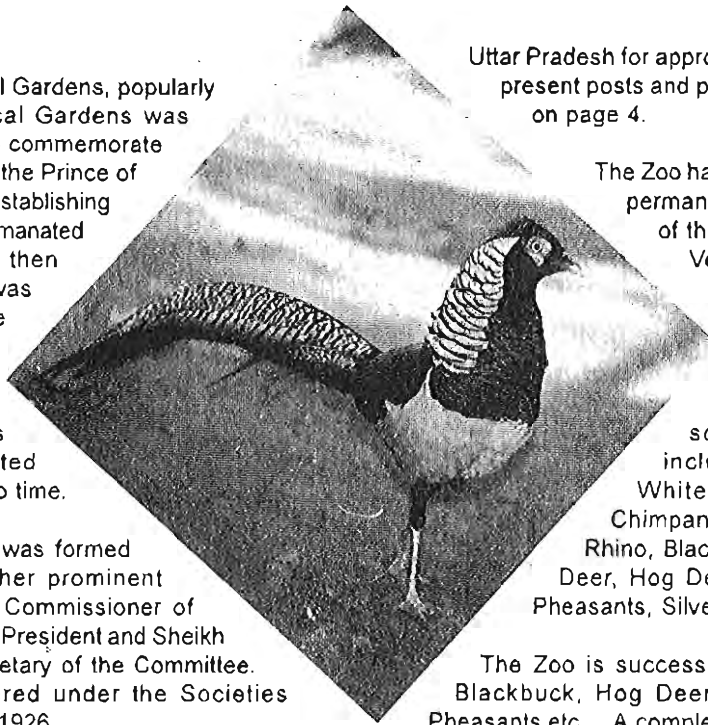
A Committee of management was formed consisting of donors and other prominent citizens. Colonel Fanthrope, Commissioner of Lucknow was appointed as first President and Sheikh Maqbool Hussain as first Secretary of the Committee. The Committee was registered under the Societies Registration Act on 17 August 1926.

The layout of the Zoo alongwith its buildings and cages was designed by Mr. Lintle Bogla, M.C., Chief Engineer of the Lucknow Improvement Trust and 26 buildings alongwith cages were constructed at a total cost of Rs. 2,08,800 from 1921 to 1926.

In 1950, the Managing Committee was dissolved and an Advisory Committee was formed with the Secretary to Government, Uttar Pradesh, Public Health Departments as its Chairman and the Director of Medical and Health Services, Uttar Pradesh as Ex-Officio Administrator. In 1966, the administrative control was transferred to the Forest Department and the Advisory Committee was also reorganised with Secretary to Government, Uttar Pradesh, Forest Department as its Chairman and the Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning) as ex-officio Administrator. The Gardens are managed as a Trust under the Charitable Endowment Act with the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, Uttar Pradesh, Allahabad as Treasurer and Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh as its Administrator.

## Scheme of Management

The present Scheme of Management has been issued by the Uttar Pradesh State Government., G.O. No.6716/XIV-3-94-76 dated 31 January 1978. According to it the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh will be ex-officio Administrator of the Trust and Deputy Conservator of Forest on deputation to Trust will be Director, and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust under the control of Administrator. The Director under the guidance of the Administrator shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Zoo, its premises and animals. He shall with the approval of the administrator, make rules for matters concerned with the administration of the Zoo. There are 92 posts sanctioned in this scheme (see Table on page 4). Over time, some of the zoo posts have become obsolete, so in their place new posts have been proposed. The proposal of the new scheme of management is under consideration by the Government of



Uttar Pradesh for approval. The comparative chart of present posts and proposed posts are given Table on page 4.

The Zoo has two Veterinarians, one being permanent and also Deputy Director of the Zoo. The other is Assistant Veterinarian working on contract with the Zoo.

## Animal Collection

The Zoo has a wide variety in the animal collection with some prime possessions including Royal Bengal Tiger, White Tiger, Hoolock Gibbon, Chimpanzee, Himalayan Black Bear, Rhino, Blackbuck, Swamp Deer, Barking Deer, Hog Deer, Asiatic Elephant, White Pheasants, Silver Pheasants etc.

The Zoo is successfully breeding Swamp Deer, Blackbuck, Hog Deer and Barking Deer, Silver Pheasants etc. A complete list of the animals as on 31 March 2001 is given in the Table on page 4.

## Animal Health

The Zoo has one head keeper with keepers and sweepers. All of them work under the supervision of Veterinarian. The diet is properly checked, sterilized and incorporated with vitamins before being given to the animals. The animals are regularly checked for diseases and worms and such preventive and control measures are adopted accordingly.

## Wildlife Conservation Education Programme

### Mission Statement

The mission of Lucknow Zoological Gardens is to encourage people to develop a caring attitude towards flora and fauna; to serve as a dynamic nature conservation center by promoting breeding programs of rare and endangered species of Uttar Pradesh; and to offer excellent service, recreation, eco-awareness and education.

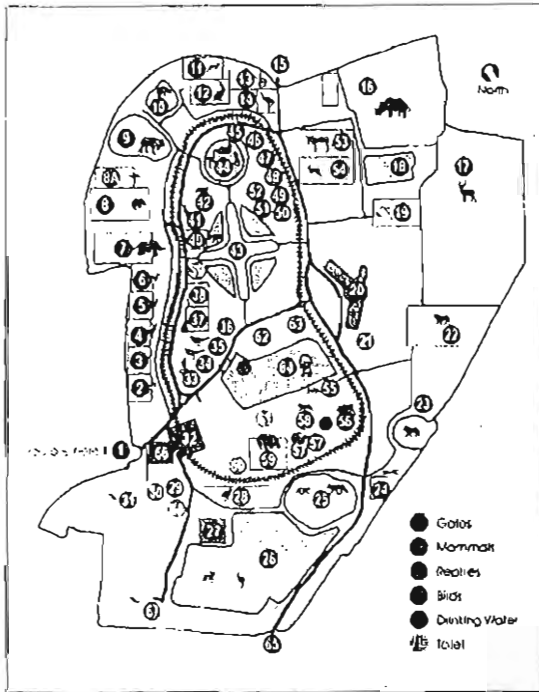
### Eco-education

Wildlife education for creating awareness is an area in which the Lucknow Zoological Gardens authorities lay great emphasis. Interpretation through display of animals, stuffed specimens, boards, charts and through the information platform at the entrance and audio visual aids give enormous knowledge to visitors. All animal enclosures are provided with scientific information on animal behaviour, feeding, distribution, reproduction and status in the wild. The zoo is the best place for nature education in the state.

### Publicity material

For their Wildlife Conservation Eco-education Programme Lucknow Zoo has produced printed material in the form of brochures, folders and Newsletters.

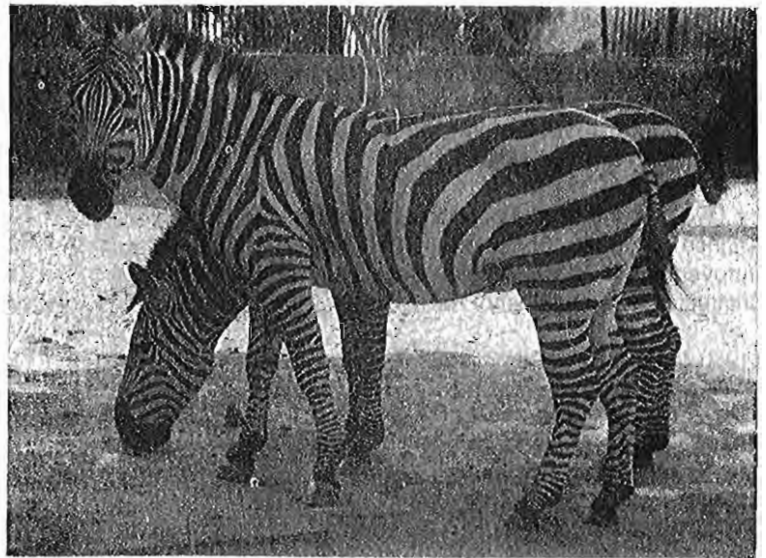
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Map of Zoo



White tiger (above) and Zebras (below) Photo by Suresh Choudhary



### Brochures

There are two types of brochures, one giving details about the adoption scheme and the other on general information about Lucknow Zoo, in which information about the animals and rules of the Zoo are given in detail.

### Folder

The Zoo published a special folder on Wildlife Conservation Education Programme in which the extension activities of the Zoo are given in detail.

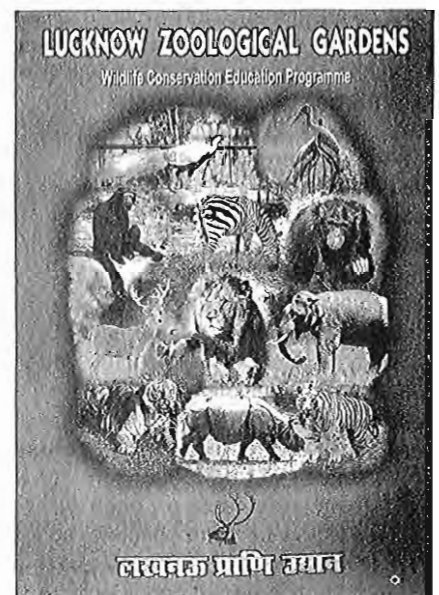
### Newsletter

To disseminate the Zoo activities among the visitors a newsletter, "Raja", was started in March 2001. This will be published twice a year giving details of the Zoo activities from time to time.

### Touch Table Shows

To give first hand experience to the visitor especially children, Touch Table Shows have been organized in the Zoo regularly.

In addition, special day celebrations like World Environment Day on 5 June, Van Mahotsav week 1-7 July, Wildlife Week from 1-7 October are celebrated in the Zoo with on the spot competitions, debate, film shows, photo exhibition on wildlife and environment related aspects. These have been received very enthusiastically by school children.



### Adoption Scheme

To involve people in welfare and conservation of wildlife, an adoption of animals scheme was started in the Lucknow Zoological Gardens on 15 August 1994. The Adoption Scheme is a welfare and conservation scheme under which any person who is interested in wildlife conservation and animal welfare can adopt an individual or a group of animals or an entire enclosure for the feeding, medication and maintenance for six months, one year or more by paying actual costs.

Any individual, government, semi-government, institute, voluntary organization, NGO, industrial house, society, nature club, eco-club etc., can adopt zoo animals under this scheme. Any one who is interested can approach Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh or Director, Lucknow Zoo either in writing or verbally, expressing his desire to adopt animals in the zoo.

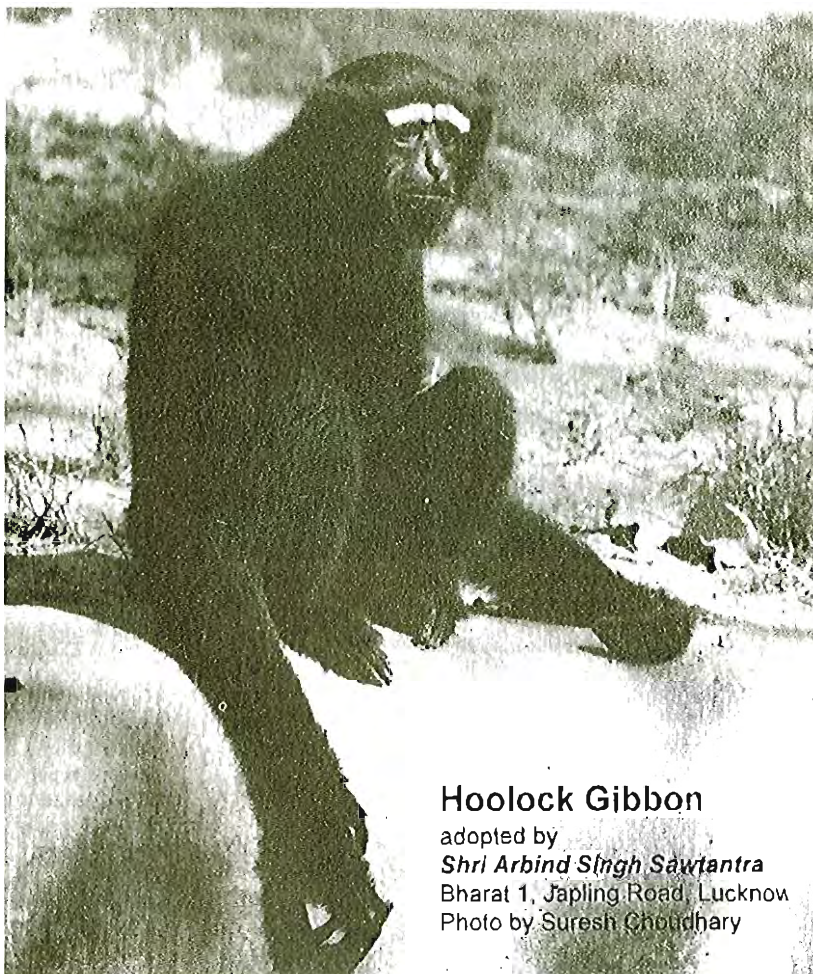
Under this scheme whoever adopts an animal will have his name displayed at the enclosure. One free pass will be issued to the adoptee to visit the zoo to check the maintenance of his adopted animal. The amount for which the animal is adopted in the zoo is exempted from Income tax under Sec. 80G of Income Tax Act. The adoptee can send the money to the Director in any form of draft, cheque or cash.

This scheme has evoked a good response from both individuals and corporate houses, not only to look after the animals but also help in the maintenance of other establishments of the Zoo like Children's Train, Children's Park, Baradari etc.

This scheme has not only reduced the financial burden of the zoo but also reduced the dependency for funding and made the zoo self-sufficient for the maintenance of certain animals.

The implementation of such types of schemes in the zoo not only helps the budget crunch in the zoo but also earns the good will of individuals, corporate houses and NGOs for the cause of conservation of wild animals. The success of this scheme in Lucknow Zoological Gardens is a good example.

The list of the contribution under Adoption Scheme and contributors for 2000-01 to 2001-02 is given alongside.



### Hoolock Gibbon

adopted by  
**Shri Arbind Singh Sawtantra**  
Bharat 1, Japling Road, Lucknow  
Photo by Suresh Choudhary

**Table of Contribution Amounts under the Lucknow Zoo Adoption Scheme from 1994-2000**

<u>Year</u>	<u># Adopted Animals</u>	<u>Rs. Amount</u>
1994-95	22 (Twenty Two)	1,87,770.00
1995-96	09 (Nine)	1,33,500.00
1996-97	11 (Eleven)	2,26,850.00
1997-98	25 (Twenty five)	4,03,600.00
1998-99	24 (Twenty four)	3,15,903.00
1999-2000	16 (Sixteen)	3,85,000.00

### Contributors Under the Lucknow Zoo Adoption Scheme for the Year 2000-02

2000-01	Rhino, Python adopted by M/S Hindalco Industries Ltd. 23, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow for Rs. 1,20,000.00	2000-01	Golden Monkey adopted by Smt. Radhika Kamdar 9/4, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow for Rs. 5,000.00
2000-01	Duck Pond adopted by State Bank of India PR & Community Services Deptt. Local Head Office, Lucknow for Rs. 1,00,000.00	2001-02	Rhino, Python adopted by M/S Hindalco Industries Ltd. 23, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow for Rs. 85,000.00
2000-01	Capuchin Monkey adopted by Smt. Renu Pandey 9/4, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow for Rs. 5,000.00	2001-02	Hoolock Gibbon adopted by Shri Arbind Singh Sawtantra Bharat 1, Japling Road, Lucknow for Rs. 8,000.00

List of the Mammals, Birds and Reptiles  
in Lucknow Zoo as on 31.3.2001

Comparative Chart of Existing and  
Proposed Posts of Lucknow Zoo

Mammals		Birds		Existing Post	#	Proposed Post	#
<b>Carnivores</b>		Bar-headed Goose 0.0.1.1		<b>(A) Administrative Section</b>			
	M.F.U.T.	Whistling Teal	0.0.11.11	Director	1	Director	1
Himalayan Black Bear	3.5.0.8	Pintail	0.0.11.11	Sr Asst cum Office Incharge	1	Head Assistant	1
Sloth Bear	0.2.0.2	Garganey Teal	0.0.3.3	Accountant	1	Senior Assistant	1
Asiatic Lion	0.1.0.1	Swan	0.0.0.0	Assistant Account	1	Senior Clerk	1
Hybrid Lion	1.4.0.5	White Stork	0.0.3.3	Junior Clerk	1	Junior Clerk/Steno typist	1
Bengal Tiger	1.2.0.3	White-necked Stork	0.0.3.3	Curator	1	Curator	1
White Tiger	1.1.0.7	Black Stork	0.0.1.1	Deputy Ranger	1	Deputy Ranger	1
Leopard/Panther	5.2.0.7	Black-necked Stork	3.3.0.6			Store-Keeper	1
Indian Wolf	3.3.0.6	Adjutant Stork	1.0.0.1			Dakia	1
Jackal	1.1.0.2	Grey Heron	0.0.1.1	<b>(B) Wildlife Medical Section</b>			
Hyena	3.1.0.4	Spoonbill	0.0.5.5	Deputy Director	1	Dy Dir/WL Veterinarian	1
Jungle Cat	0.0.0.0	White Ibis	0.0.12.12			Assistant Veterinarian	1
Civet	1.1.0.2	Common Crane	0.0.1.1			Hospital attendant	1
		Demoiselle Crane	0.0.5.5	<b>(C) P.R./Zoo Education Section</b>			
<b>Herbivores</b>		Sarus Crane	4.2.1.7	Senior Booking Clerk	1	In-charge PR/Zoo Education	1
Indian Elephant	1.0.0.1	Cockatiel	6.9.19.34	Junior Booking Clerk	4	Senior Booking Clerk	1
Indian Rhino	1.0.0.1	Cockatoo	1.2.0.3			Junior Booking Clerk	5
Hippopotomus	2.4.0.6	Blossom-headed Parakeet	6.4.0.10			Receptionist	1
Zebra	1.3.0.4	American Parakeet	1.0.0.1	<b>(D) Wildlife Welfare Section</b>			
Blackbuck	15.14.9.38	Black-capped lorry	1.0.0.1	Head Keeper	1	Head Keeper	1
Hog Deer	9.9.5.23	Rose ringed Parakeet	6.4.0.10	Serpentarium Keeper	1	Senior Keeper	4
Swamp Deer	11.13.1.25	Large Indian Parakeet	1.1.0.2	Senior Keeper	6	Keeper	8
Spotted Deer	37.49.33.119	Red Yellow Macaw	1.1.0.2	Junior Keeper	8	Assistant Keepers	8
Sambar Deer	2.3.3.8	Brahmini Duck	1.0.0.1	Senior Sweeper	3	Asst Keepers-cum-Sweeper	8
Brow-antlered Deer	2.1.0.3	Shell Duck	0.1.0.1	Junior Sweeper	4	Fisherman	1
Barking Deer	6.13.2.21	Common Duck	0.0.0.0	Fisherman	2	Junior Fisherman	1
Chinkara	0.1.0.1	Muscovy Duck	0.0.1.1	Senior Mahawat	1	Mahawat	2
Nilgai	0.2.0.2	Lesser Flamingo	0.0.1.1	Junior Mahawat	3	Chara-Cutter-Cum-Safaikar	2
Porcupine	2.1.1.4	Grey Hornbill	0.0.1.1			Cook	2
		Malabar Pied Hornbill	0.0.1.1	<b>(E) Mechanical Section</b>			
<b>Primates</b>		Great Hornbill	1.0.0.1	Balrail-driver-cum-mechanic	1	Balrail-driver-cum-mechanic	1
Hoolock Gibbon	1.1.0.2	Turkey	0.0.0.0	Black-smith-cum-welder	1	Jeep Driver	1
Bonnet Macaque	6.7.0.13	Spur Fowl	0.0.1.1	Electrician-cum-mechanic	1	Tractor Driver	1
Pigtailed Macaque	0.1.0.1	Common Peafowl	1.1.0.2	Conductor Guard (Balrail)	1	Black-smith-cum-welder	1
Stump tailed Macaque	2.2.0.4	White Peacock	1.4.4.9			Electrician-cum-mechanic	1
Chimpanzee	1.1.0.2	Guinea Fowl	0.0.0.0			Conductor Guard (Balrail)	1
Hamadryas Baboon	1.0.0.1	Red Jungle Fowl	0.0.0.0			Cleaner	1
Golden Monkey	1.0.0.1	Silver Pheasant	7.3.0.10			Tube-well operator	1
Japanese Monkey	0.2.0.2	Lady Amherst Pheasant	1.0.0.1	<b>(F) Security Section</b>			
Capuchin Monkey	4.1.0.5	Kali Pheasant	1.1.1.3	Senior Day Chaukidar	1	Security Incharge	1
Albino Monkey	2.1.0.3	Grey Partridge	1.3.0.4	Chaukidar	20	Security Guard	15
Slow Loris	1.0.0.1	Emu	0.1.1.2	<b>(G) Garden Section</b>			
		Rosy Pelican	4.8.7.19	Garden Supervisor	1	Head Mali	1
<b>Rodents</b>		Purple Moorhen	0.0.6.6	Head Mali	1	Senior Mali	3
Giant Squirrel	0.1.0.1			Mali	18	Mali	7
				Temporary Mali	1		
				Kuli	3		
				Bhisti	1		
<b>Mammals Total</b>	<b>127.153.54.334</b>	<b>Total Birds</b>	<b>49.48.101.198</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Reptiles</b>							
Indian Python	0.1.0.1						
Cobra	0.0.1.1						
Rat Snake	1.1.1.3						
Sand Snake	0.0.5.5						
Turtle	3.2.2.7						
Mugger	1.1.0.2						
Gharial	3.5.0.8						
<b>Reptiles Total</b>	<b>8.10.9.27</b>						

