

**Siddharth Garden  
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo**

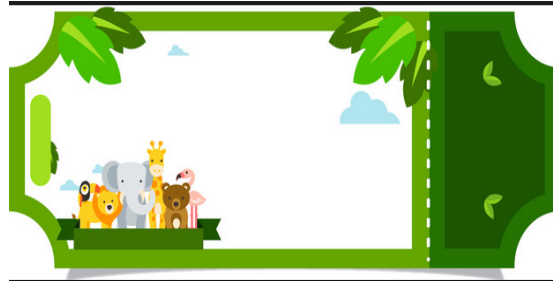
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Siddharth Garden Zoo is run by Aurangabad Municipal Corporation. After the approval of its Master Plan in Dec. 2014, AMC has planned to modernize this zoo as per the standards laid by CZA. Management of zoo initiated implementation of Master Plan for upkeep of zoo and for filling the vacant posts. We plan to keep this zoo well maintained up to 2024 subsequently it will be relocated at a new site at Mitmita. This zoo will be relocated to a large area of 100 acres at Mitmita Gut No.307, which is 6 Km. away from the city. Plantation at new site has been started and we have initiated the procedure for preparation of Master Plan. Presently two tasks are taken in hand by this zoo; first is to implement the approved Master Plan of the zoo and second is to prepare Master Plan for the new site at Mitmita.

This zoo is unique in Marathwada region and is a major attraction for viewers as Aurangabad city is a tourist destination. Cleanliness of this zoo, good health of animals, adequate public amenities and public awareness along with zoo education activities has made this zoo popular among visitors. Last year over 5, 18, 300 tourists visited this zoo and the number of visitors is increasing every year. This annual report gives in brief various facts of the zoo which I hope will enthuse the visitors towards preservation and protection of wildlife. The staff of Siddharth Garden Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo is dedicated to the protection of wildlife and their work is of exemplary nature. I would like to thank Dr. Nipun Vinayak, Commissioner Aurangabad Municipal Corporation and Shri Nandkumar Ghodele, city Mayor who have left no stone unturned in making this zoo a prime tourist attraction with the present resources they have at hand. With lot of conviction and zeal we move towards to etch a name for Siddharth Garden Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo in the field of management and conservation of endangered fauna in captivity.

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