

# Nehru Zoological Park



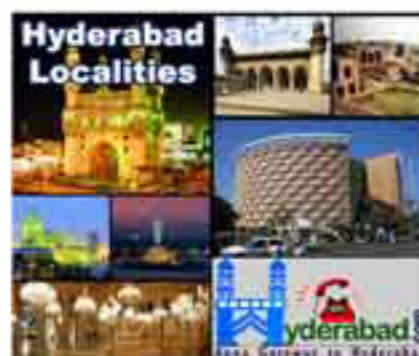
Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad was established in vide G.O.Ms. No.247, dated 26 October 1959. It was opened to the public on 6 October 1963. The Nehru Zoological Park is run by the Forest department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, and is named after the first prime minister of the country, Jawaharlal Nehru.



*The zoo occupies 380 acres (150 ha) and is adjacent to the 600-acre (240 ha) Mir Alam Tank. Nearly 100 species of birds, animals and reptiles are housed at the zoo, including indigenous animals like the Indian rhino, Asiatic lion, tiger, panther, gaur, orangutan, crocodile, python, as well as deer, kangaroos, antelopes, and birds.*

*The zoo's undulating landscape provides a natural setting to the animals and birds, which are displayed in large enclosures simulating natural habitats. The 200 year old 600-acre (240 ha) Mir Alam Tank, with its unique multiple arched bund (embankment), attracts hundreds of migratory birds, providing yet another attraction for the Zoo. The A.P. Tourism Development Corporation has introduced a ferry-boat and speed-boat, which also attracts a visitors for boat rides.*

*The nocturnal house at the zoo artificially reverses night and day for the animals so that nocturnal animals are active while visitors are at the zoo. This exhibit includes fruit bats, slender loris, slow loris, civets, leopard cats, hedgehogs, barn owls, mottled wood owls, fishing owls, and great horned owls.*



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