

## **Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden, Lucknow**

Renovation and up gradation of the Lucknow Zoo, was a priority, on the agenda of the government.

Spread over 29 hectare, Lucknow Zoo is one of the oldest Zoos, of the country. Rs. 23.57 Crores was sanctioned, for up gradation of the toy train, improvement and enrichment of animal houses, improvement of visitor facilities etc. Work was started in May 2013 by the U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam, the nodal construction agency, who ,working at a steady pace, have developed and made available the following facilities, to the zoo visitors:

1. Brand New Toy Train was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 28 Feb, 2014.
2. Renovated children' play area with new swings and slides.
3. Renovated enclosures of birds, pheasants, monkeys.
4. Battery-operated vehicles were started in Nov, 2013 to tour around, within the zoo for the aged, handicapped visitors, ladies and small children etc.
5. Large number of benches and shaded sit-outs for visitors.
6. Improved, Drinking water and Toilet facilities.
7. Improvement of lawns and gardens.
8. Online e-ticketing for Zoo entrance.
9. Improved security staff.
10. New entry gate opened.
11. Animals, such as zebra, fishing cat have been brought to the Zoo and many other animal-exchange has been approved by CZA. With around 1100 animals of 87 species inhabiting the zoo and improved facilities, the Lucknow Zoo has become a much comfortable and attractive a place, for visitors.