

KERALA FOREST DEPARTMENT
THRISSUR ZOOLOGICAL PARK PROJECT
(KIIFB Funded Project)

Appointment of Biologist Trainee on contract

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I. ABOUT THE PROJECT.

Thrissur Zoo, forming part of one century old State Museum and Zoo at Thrissur is getting relocated to a sprawling Zoological Park in 340 acres at Puthur forest, 12 Kilometres from Thrissur Town. Designed by Jon Coe, international Zoo Designer, the Puthur Zoo will become the first zoo in the country with state-of-the-art design. Animals will be exhibited in spacious enclosures meeting all standards of safety, security and ecological requirements of animals in the wild. Works of twenty four special enclosures for animals including three aviaries spread over four kilometres in the foothills of three interconnected hills in Puthur village are almost completed. Spacious parking lots, network of service roads, tram roads and visitor paths, Zoo Hospital Complex with modern facilities, Entrance Plaza with Orientation Centre, Cafeteria, tram stations and toilet blocks, etc are being built at a cost of Rs 360 Crore, Rs 330 crore from KIIFB and the rest from State budget.

Under Phase I, construction of four Animal Enclosures, Administrative Office and Zoo Hospital Complex have been completed and formally inaugurated on 13-02-2021. Construction of eight Animal Enclosures, Reception Centre, Parking lot, Biodiversity Centre including Nocturnal Zoo and service road are included in Phase II, and this phase is also completed except the enrichment works in Biodiversity Centre. Construction of eleven enclosures, tram and service road, zoo compound wall, water supply arrangements, electrification, sewage treatment, and rainwater harvesting works in Phase

III. Work of water treatment plant and compound wall have been completed. All other components are scheduled to be completed by end of May2025. Part of these facilities will cater to the relocation of existing animals in Thrissur Zoo and the rest for animals to be acquired from other zoos in India and abroad.

The Park site in Puthur forests, spread over 340 acres, had degraded natural forest in the hilltop and bamboo plantations in the foothills where zoo facilities are coming up. Existing low biodiversity forest has already transformed in to biodiversity rich area as part of this project. Ten lakh saplings of more than hundred varieties of trees, bamboos, palms, shrubs, herbs, climbers and water plants have change the face of this forest. This project has a *Jalagamrudhi* component also. The rainwater from the forest will be collected in artificial ponds built within the site and four abandoned quarry ponds outside the periphery. 645 million liters of rainwater, sufficient to run the zoo for three years will be conserved, bringing out lasting improvement in the hydrology of the locality.

It is planned to complete the shifting of animals in Thrissur Zoo to Puthur by May2025 and to open the facility to public by that time.

II. JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

It is expected that the Biologist Trainee of Thrissur Zoological Park which is in the final phase of establishment will get trained on the job to give technical assistance to the Project Team in the management of animal collection and conducting various research and field conservation projects. The major responsibilities will include, but not limited to the following;

- Gaining knowledge of management of animals in captivity including ecosystem development.
- Participating in meetings, workshops, and other learning opportunities.
- Observing and learning from experienced Project Team.

- Study the animals in their habitat, evaluate their interaction with the ecosystem that has been created and submit report to the management.
- Assisting the Project management in enclosure enrichment activities.
- Completing all assigned tasks and assisting in day-to-day operations.
- Taking detailed notes and liaising with Curator, Managers, Supervisors and other senior staff.

III. ELIGIBILITY.

1. Educational Qualification and Experience: Postgraduate degree in Zoology or Wildlife Biology or equivalent from a recognized University.
2. Having not less than three years research experience in an academic or research institution in Wildlife Biology or equivalent field.

Age:-The candidate should have completed 19 years of age and has not completed 40 years of age on the first day of January 2025. This is applicable to all categories of applicants and no relaxation of age limit is prescribed.

IV. NUMBER OF POSTS- 1(one)

V. PAY AND DURATION OF APPOINTMENT: - Consolidated monthly stipend is fixed as Rs 25,000/-. The appointment will be for a period of six months.

VI. METHOD OF SELECTION:- Based on the applications a short list of eligible candidates will be prepared. Shortlisted candidate will be interviewed by the Selection Committee constituted by the High Power Committee. Based on the performance in the interview a list of successful candidates will be prepared and submitted to the High Power Committee for approval. Appointment will be made from this approved list. Medical fitness certificate is to be produced at the time of appointment.

VII. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:-Intending candidates have to apply in the format attached to this advertisement published in the official website of Kerala Forest Department- www.forest.kerala.gov.in. Window advertisement will be published in dailies having circulation in Kerala also. Self-attested photocopies of necessary documents have to be attached to the application.

Originals of the documents will be produced before the interview. The applications have to be submitted to the following address:

The Director

Thrissur Zoological Park

Puthur P.O

Near Kurisumoola

Thrissur-680014.

Kerala.

E-mail:

thrissurzoologicalpark@gmail.com

Applications through e-mail also will be accepted provided the same is received before the last date and time.

VII. Last date for receipt of application is 20-02-2025 up to 05.00PM. Late applications will not be accepted.

More information can be had from the office of Thrissur Zoological Park or from the contact mobile number 9447979176.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Thrissur &
CEO of the SPV for Thrissur Zoological Park.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS
BIOLOGIST TRAINEE IN THRISSUR ZOOLOGICAL PARK.**

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1	Name of Applicant			
2	Address			
3	Mobile No.			
4	E mail id			
5	Date of Birth and Age as on 01-01-2025			
6	Eligible Educational Qualification (Post graduate Degree and Research)			
7	Educational Qualifications:			
	Course of Study	Name of Institution	Year of Completion	Percentage of Marks
7.1	10 th Level			
7.2	Plus 2 level			
7.3	Degree			
7.4	Post Graduate Degree			
7.5	Research Experience			
8	Details of present job			
9	Any other relevant information			

Note: 1. Pleaseattach self-attested copies of documents relating to date of birth, eligible qualification etc.

I certify that the details furnished by me in the above application are true to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I further certify that I meet the eligibility criteria as prescribed in the advertisement for this post.

Name and signature of the applicant with Date.

