

KERALA FOREST DEPARTMENT
THRISSUR ZOOLOGICAL PARK PROJECT

(KIIFB Funded Project)

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Sub:-ThrissurZoological Park, Wildlife Conservation & Research Centre-
Appointment to the Post of Curator on Contract Basis-reg.

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 progressing at high pace. 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 269.75 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 nine numbers of Animal Enclosures, Reception Centre, Parking lot, Biodiversity Centre including Nocturnal Zoo and service road are included in Phase II, scheduled for completion by March 2021. Construction of eleven enclosures, tram and service road, zoo compound wall, water supply arrangements, electrification, sewage treatment, and rainwater harvesting are 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 May2022. Part of these facilities will cater to the relocation of existing animals in Thrissur Zoo and the rest for animals to be acquired for the new Zoo.

The Park site in Puthur forests, spread over 340 acres, has degraded natural forest in the hilltop and bamboo plantations in the foothills where zoo facilities are coming up. Existing low biodiversity forest is planned to be transformed in to biodiversity rich area as part of this project. Ten lakh saplings of more than hundreds of varieties of trees, bamboos, palms, shrubs, herbs, climbers and water plants will 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. 645million cubic meters 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 May2022 and to open the facility to public by that time.

II. JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Curator of a Zoo is responsible for the overall management of the animals in the Zoo. The major responsibilities will include, but not limited to the following;

- Overseeing exhibit designs to ensure they are safe, functional and representative of the animal's natural habitat.
- Study the habitat specific elements of the animals to be exhibited, developing enrichment plans in each exhibit and to advise the Project Authorities in executing the plans.
- Liaisoning with the Central Zoo Authority to get necessary permissions for shifting of animals from Thrissur Zoo to Puthur.
- Organizing animal diets, veterinary visits, transportation, quarantine, enrichment and anything else related to their care.

- Selecting and obtaining new animals from Zoos in India and abroad and advising the Project Authorities in this respect.
- Supervising breeding programs and species conservation programmes as per the Standard Operating Procedures developed by Central Zoo Authority and other agencies in this filed.

III. ELIGIBILITY.

1. Educational Qualification and Experience: Postgraduate degree in Zoology or Wildlife Biology or equivalent from a recognized University and having not less than one year experience as Curator in a Zoo in India OR Degree in Zoology or Wildlife Biology of equivalent and having not less than two years' experience as Curator in a Zoo in India.

2. Physical Standards.- Male candidates must have a minimum height measurement of 163 cm and 81 cm round the chest and must have chest expansion of 5cm on full inspiration. Female candidates must have a minimum height measurement of 150cm.

Note:-Minimum height and chest measurement for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates shall be relaxed 5cm and 2.5cm respectively. The minimum chest expansion of 5cm shall however be applicable to them also.

3. Medical Standards.-

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| i. | Ear | Hearing should be perfect |
| ii. | Eye | Must be certified to possess visual standards specified below without glass. |
| | (a) Distant vision | 6/6 snellen |
| | (b) Near vision | 0.5 snellen |
| | (c) Colour vision | Normal |
| | (d) Night Blindness | Nil |
| iii. | Muscles and Joints | No paralysis and all joints with free movements. |
| iv. | Nervous system | Perfectly normal. Free from any infectious disease. |

Note - For medical standards a certificate from a medical Officer in Government not less than the rank of an Assistant Surgeon is to be produced. This certificate shall be produced by selected candidate at the time of joining.

4. Age:-The candidate should have completed 19 years of age and has not completed 36 years of age on the first day of January 2022. Relaxation of age

limit as provided in Rule 10 (c) of Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958, shall apply to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other backward Communities. For this necessary certificates issued by competent authorities are to be produced.

III. NUMBER OF POSTS-1(ONE)

IV. PAY AND DURATION OF APPOINTMENT: - Consolidated monthly pay is fixed as Rs 40,000/-. The appointment will be for a period of one year or till the Project is commissioned whichever is earlier.

V. 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 and satisfactory physical standards 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.

VI. 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 at the time of 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

In the light of the Covid-19 situation, 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 25-05-2022 up to 05.00PM. Late applications will not be accepted.

Sd/-

Director, Thrissur Zoological Park.