Inauguration of the Open Air Moated Enclosure for White Tigers at Zoological Garden, Alipore

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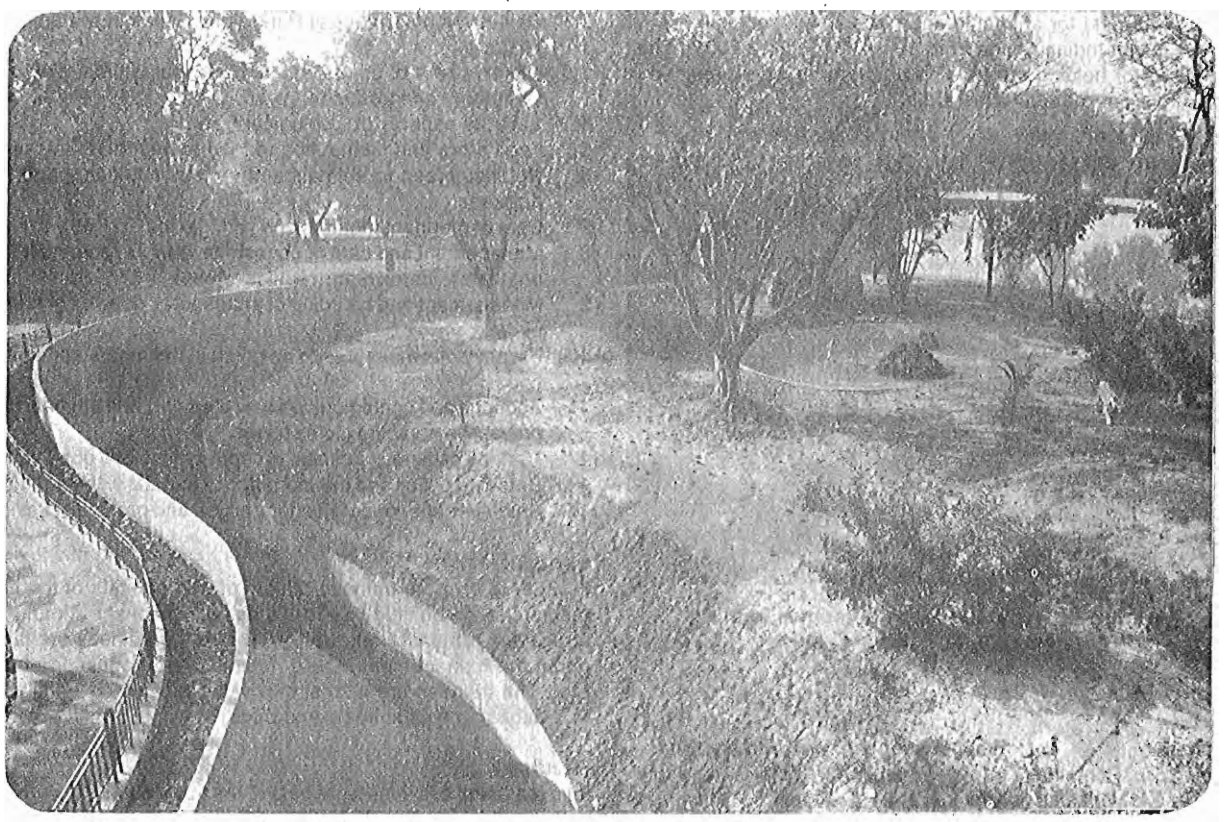

The newly built open air moated enclosure for White Tigers which has been inaugurated by Smt. Supriya Acharyya, President of the Managing Committee of the Alipore Zoological Garden, is another landmark in the annals of the history of the progressive development of the Alipore Zoological Garden, since its establishment in 1875. With the establishment of the Central Zoo Authority in India in 1992, the progress of development of the Alipore Zoological Garden on the modern concept of management of wild animals in captivity has been accelerated.

With the financial assistance of the Central Zoo Authority of India, the Managing Committee of the Alipore Zoological Garden had already constructed two open air moated enclosures for Elephants & Primates. The cost of construction of the newly built enclosure for White Tigers is Rs.42,87,000.00, the entire of amount of which has been funded by the Central Zoo Authority of India.

The Salient features of the enclosure are :

* A large area of 14,784 Sq.ft. having a Central Water Pool.
* A dry concrete moat, 250 ft. long, 13 ft. wide from the inner moat wall and 16 ft. 5 inches deep.
* A rock wall 328 ft. long & 16 ft. 5 inches high on the back of the open air space.
* A gangway 75 ft. long has connected the tigers' dens and the open air arena for the entrance of the tigers into the open air space.
* A cesspool at the deepest point of the dry concrete moat to pump out stormwater.
* Visitors' gallery 233 ft. long and 5 ft. wide, paved with chequered tiles fenced on the outer side of the moat wall for viewing tigers from safe distance.

The newly built enclosure will be used for exhibition and breeding of the most highly endangered species, the White Tiger.

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