Special Announcement

Revised dates

for the Indian Zoo Directors' Meeting and Calcutta Zoo Anniversary

The celebration of Calcutta Zoo Anniversary and IZDA Conference/ Workshop which was to take place 4-6 February 2000 has been deferred by the Managing Committee of the Garden to 25-26 March.
The event is to be held in collaboration with the Central Zoo Authority.

The date for the IZDA meeting is now 25-26 March 2000. The date of 125th Anniversary celebration will be fixed for sometime in April 2000.

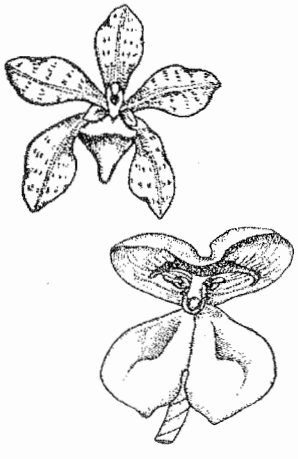
AA ZOO PRODUCES NEWSLETTER FOR ZOO CLUB MEMBERS

The ever innovative and productive Arignar Anna Zoological Park has brought out the first number of the Newsletter for and about their Zoo Club members. According to Director and Chief Editor, Krishna Kumar, the effort is the "outcome of the zoo education wing's effort to provide opportunities for the student volunteers from various colleges to participate and put forth their views of wildlife conservation and environmental upkeep."

The Zoo Club which started with 100 members consists of students from Chennai schools and colleges. They volunteer to help with the routine work of the zoo on weekends and holidays. They have helped control teasing and feeding of animals and plastic bags coming into the zoo. They educate visitors with touch tables and guide service.

The contents of the newsletter give the students a forum to express their ideas and feelings about the zoo (such as Sandhya's "My Experience with the Zoo Club") as well as contributing interesting information about animals (A Tale of Tails by I. Gopinath). Drawings are also reproduced in the newsletter and photographs of the students activities, such as producing a drama on the occasion of World Forestry Day.

The newsletter has been produced attractively but inexpensively in two colours on plain paper with imaginative and attractive graphics. Well done, Arignar Anna Zoo -- as usual !



Mumbai Zoo Site of 5th Workshop on Horticulture

The Veermata Jijabai Bhosle Udyan Zoo will be the site of the 5th Exhibition-Workshop on Horticulture - 2000 organised by the Tree Authority and Garden Department of Brihanmumbai Mahanagarpalika. The exhibitions have been a great success in past years, helping the Tree Authority and Zoo to motivate people in conservation of flora.

The exhibition will display many varieties of ornamental plants, shrubs, avenue trees, aromatic and medicinal plants, seasonal flower plants, hanging baskets, roses, cacti, succulents, orchids, creepers, flora of the Konkan region, vegetables and fruits. It is free of cost to participants.

The workshop will consist of lectures and practical demonstrations for cut flower arrangements, bonsai, propogation of plants, uses of medicinal plants, roses, kitchen garden, vermiculture, etc. Registration for the workshop is Rs. 1000/-. Business stalls will be available on rent of Rs. 4,000/- for sale of plants and plant material. Submitted by Shri K. L. Velodi, Superintendent of Gardens.