

REDEVELOPMENT OF AMTE'S ANIMAL ARK (ORPHANAGE CUM RESCUE CENTRE) AT HEMALKASA, GADCHIROLI

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BACKGROUND

Amte's Animal Ark (Rescue Centre), established in the year 1974 by Dr. Prakash Amte, is an orphanage for young wild animals whose parents have been killed by the tribal people for food (not for fun or entertainment). It began with a baby monkey, whose mother had been killed for a meal. Touched by this, Dr. Prakash Amte adopted the monkey by exchanging it for grain. From there on, the organization has worked to save the lives of many young wild animals deserted in the forests. Today, the local tribals have become more sensitized to the issue of killing wild animals. Even if they kill an animal for food, they bring the orphan of the killed animal to the ark. The Animal Ark today has a wide variety of animals - leopard, sloth bear, snakes, birds, deer, owls, crocodiles, hyenas and monkeys etc. – to name a few.

The Animal Ark is an integral part of the “Lok Biradari Prakalp” (LBP), which is a non-governmental organization, based in the remotest and interior most forest area of Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra state, in India. This organization works for welfare of the Madia Gond tribes in the area. The LBP was established by Baba Amte, the world renowned social worker from Anandwan, Maharashtra, in the year 1973 and is headed by Dr Prakash Amte, Baba Amte's younger son. Besides the Animal Ark, this organization runs a hospital that caters to nearly 40,000 patients a year from approximately 1,000 villages in a radius of 150 kms., and also, a residential school for about 500 tribal children.



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The land on which LBP has been set up is an endowment from the State government. It is located in Hemalkasa village on Maharashtra-Chhatisgarh border. The nearest railhead is located at a distance of approximately 161 kms from here. The area was bereft of basic amenities such as electricity and roads etc. when LBP came into existence in a small hut with a thatched roof, twenty five years back. Even today, it can boast of only the most basic of such amenities

LBP area is surrounded by thick pristine forests on all four sides for miles and miles together. It is cut off from all types of civilizations except the Madia Gond tribals who live in these forests since ages. Hunting wild animals is an integral part of their life style. The concept of Amte's Animal Ark has made the locals understand the balance of nature. Dr. Amte's closeness with the animals has given rise to the realization among them that every animal in the wild is not their natural prey or natural enemy; in order to protect the forests, protecting the lives of these animals is very essential; an endeavor that has been successfully accomplished. As a result, many infant animals have been saved by this Animal Ark.

As the animal family in Amte's Animal Ark grew to more than 70, Dr. Prakash Amte thought it prudent to apply for recognition from the concerned authority. Accordingly, an application was made to the Maharashtra State Government, which was the concerned Authority at that time. Recognizing the constructive role being played by the Animal Ark in protecting and preserving wildlife, the Maharashtra State Government was kind enough to immediately issue blanket permission to Amte's Animal Ark for upkeep and maintenance of all animals.

Consequent to establishment of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), a Master Layout Plan was prepared for Amte's Animal Ark (Orphanage cum Rescue Centre) and submitted to CZA for approval. Vide their letter no. F 22-50/2004-CZA(480)(Vol. I)(NS)/7998 dated 18.11.2015, the CZA has accorded approval to this Master Layout Plan and directed to prepare a detailed Master Plan for CZA's final approval.

Hence, this Master Plan.

LIST OF ANIMALS

The details of rescued animals presently housed in Amte's Animal Ark are as follows –

Sr. no.	Species	Stock as on 01-04-2015 M:F:U:T	During the Year				Stock as on 31-03-2016 M:F:U:T
			Births M:F:U	Acquisition M:F:U	Disposal M:F:U	Deaths M:F:U	
	BIRDS						
1.	Peacock	3:2:0:5	-	2:2:0	-	-	5:4:0:9
2	Alexandrine Parakeet	1:1:0:2	-	-	-	-	1:1:0:2
3	Common Pariah Kite	0:0:2:2	-	-	-	-	0:0:2:2
4	Great Indian Horned Owl or Indian Brown Fish	0:0:1:1	-	0:0:1	-	-	0:0:2:2
	Total BIRDS	4:3:3:10	-	2:2:1	-	-	6:5:4:15
	MAMMALS						
1.	Jackal	2:1:0:3	-	-	-	0:1:0	2:0:0:2
2.	Leopard	2:2:0:4	-	0:2:0	1:1:0	1:2:0	0:1:0:1
3.	Jungle Cat	1:1:0:2	-	-	-	-	1:1:0:2
4.	Common Palm Civet	1:2:0:3	-	-	-	-	1:2:0:3
5.	Rhesus Macaque	7:4:0:11	-	-	-	-	7:4:0:11
6.	Bear Sloth	0:2:0:2	-	0:2:0	-	0:1:0	0:3:0:3
7.	Giant Squirrel	1:2:0:3	-	0:2:0	-	-	1:4:0:5
8.	Ratel	1:0:0:1	-	-	-	-	1:0:0:1
9.	Langoor	1:0:0:1	-	0:1:0	-	-	1:1:0:2
10.	Four horned Antelope	0:4:0:4	-	1:0:0	-	-	1:4:0:5

11.	Black Buck Antelope	0:1:0:1	-	-	-	-	0:1:0:1
12.	Porcupine	3:3:4:10	-	-	-	0:0:1	3:3:3:9
13.	Spotted Deer	7:11:0:18	-	1:0:0	-	-	8:11:0:19
14.	Nilgai	2:5:0:7	-	-	-	-	2:5:0:7
15.	Hyena Stripped	1:0:0:1	-	-	-	-	1:0:0:1
	Total MAMMALS	29:38:4:71	-	2:7:0	1:1:0	1:4:1	29:40:3:72
	REPTILES						
1.	Rat Snake	1:0:0:1	-	-	-	-	1:0:0:1
2.	Indian Python	1:0:0:1	-	-	-	-	1:0:0:1
3.	Crocodile	1:1:0:2	-	-	-	-	1:1:0:2
4.	Monitor Lizard	0:1:0:1	-	1:0:0	-	-	1:1:0:2
5.	Banded Krait	0:0:1:1	-	-	-	-	0:0:1:1
	Total REPTILES	3:2:1:6	-	1:0:0	-	-	4:2:1:7
	Total ANIMALS	36:43:8:87	-	5:9:1	1:1:0	1:4:1	39:47:8:94

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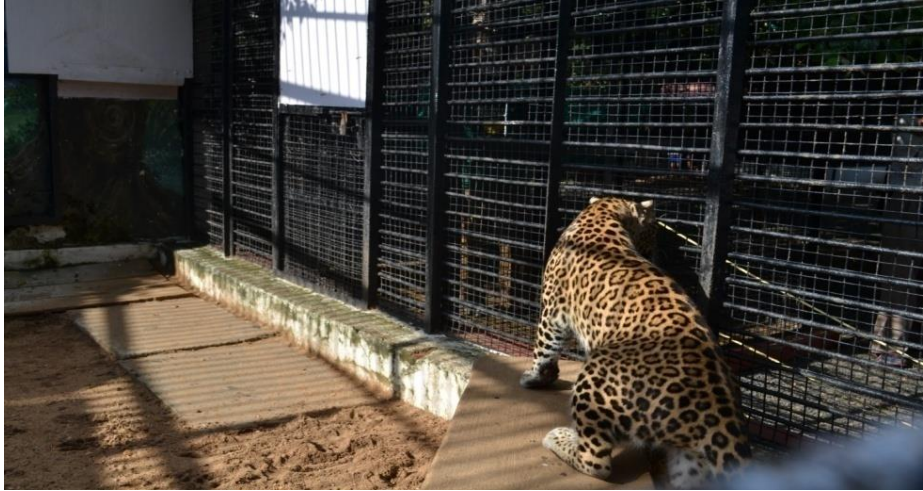


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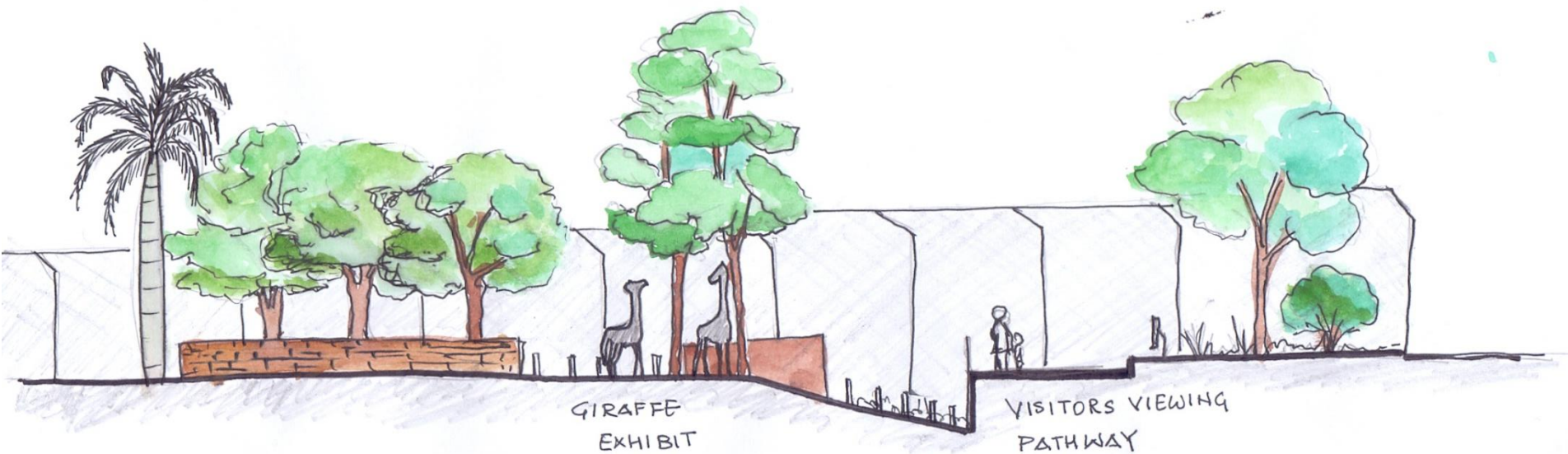
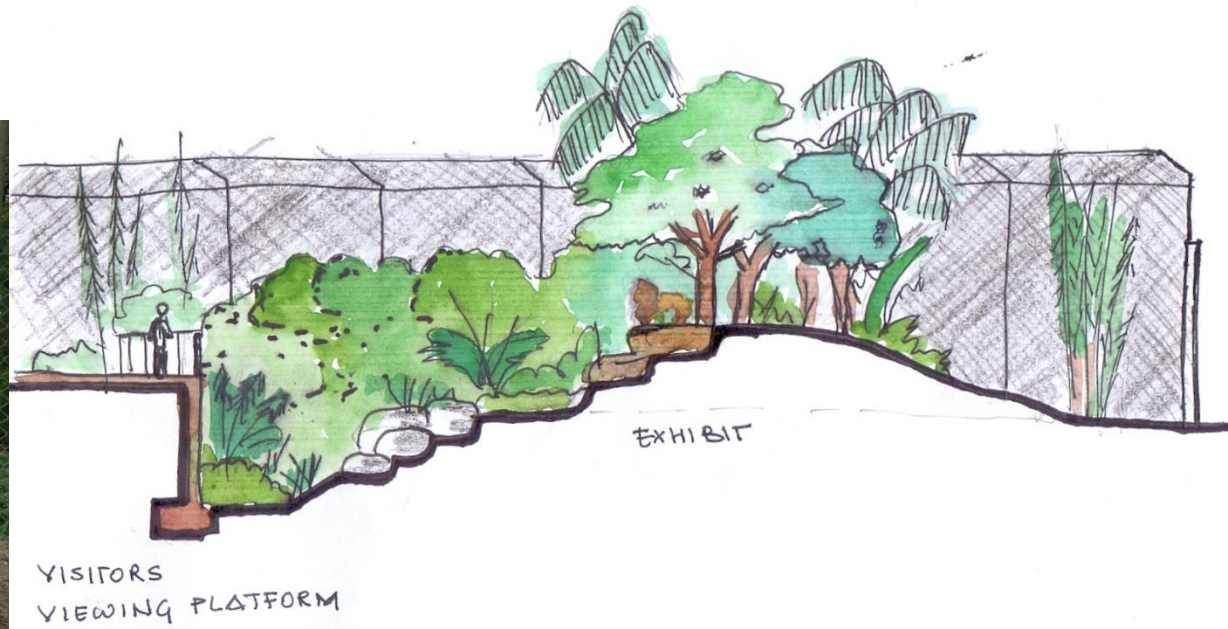
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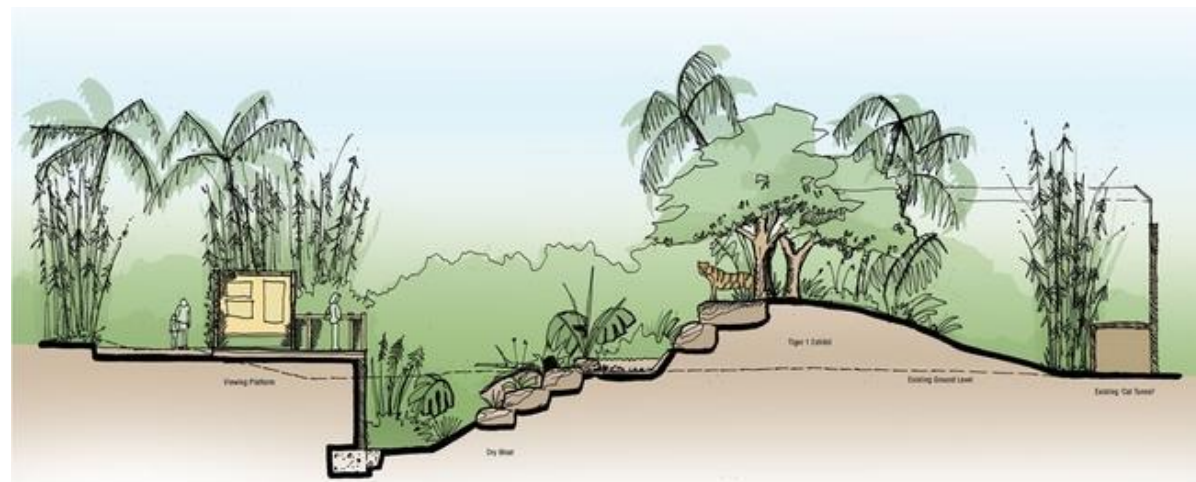
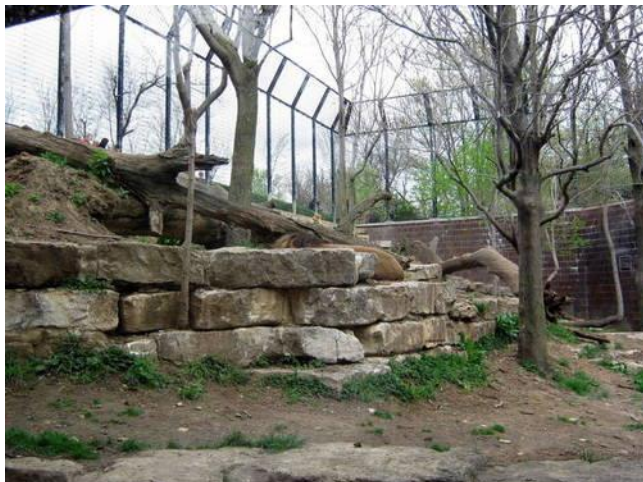
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EXPENDITURE

Sr. No.	Description of work	Expenditure during the year (RS. LAKHS)			Total (Rs. LAKHS)
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
1	Excavation; back filling and dressing; creation of pond/water bodies; construction of compound wall/fence along the periphery; construction of entrance gates; and, construction of internal roads	250.0	--	--	250.00
2	Landscaping & area development including sprinklers and irrigation system	6.25	28.55	50.20	85.00
3	Construction of animal houses; holding area; and, feeding area including fencing & habitat enrichment	75.67	140.37	190.68	406.72
4	Civil works of kitchen and store; veterinary hospital; workshop; and, administrative building	16.35	24.27	69.30	109.92

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5	Furnishings, equipment and material for enclosures; kitchen and store; veterinary hospital; workshop & administrative building etc.	--	38.69	81.14	119.83
6	Water supply scheme including bore well, sump well and pump house etc.	34.49	36.55	--	71.04
7	Electric supply & IT	19.59	18.17	13.71	51.47
8	Sewerage system	24.49	25.95	--	50.44
9	Consultancy fees & contingencies including pre-opening cost	20.10	22.00	21.45	63.55
GRAND TOTAL		446.94	334.55	426.48	1207.97