



2024
CALENDAR



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NANDANKANAN

ECO DAYS

- 5 National Bird Day
- 10 Save the Eagles Day
- 20 Penguin Awareness Day
- 20 National Squirrel Appreciation Day
- 28 Rattle Snake Round Up
- 31 International Zebra Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 15 Makar Sankranti
- 23 Subash Chandra Bose Jayanti
- 26 Republic Day

JANUARY 2024

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Common kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

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African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*)

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- 1 National Serpent Day
- 2 World Wetland Day
- 2 Hedgehog Day
- 15 National Hippo Day
- 16 World Whale Day
- 17 World Pangolin Day (Third Saturday)
- 27 International Polar Bear Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 14 Panchami

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Indian pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*)

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Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*)

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ECO DAYS

- 3 World Wildlife Day
- 14 National Learn About Butterflies Day
- 14 Save a Spider Day
- 15 Buzzard Day
- 16 National Panda Day
- 20 World Frog Day
- 20 World Sparrow Day
- 21 World Forest Day
- 22 World Water Day
- 22 International Day of the Seal

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 5 March- Panchayatiraj Dibas
- 8 Maha Shivaratri
- 25 Dola Purnima
- 26 Holi
- 29 Good Friday

MARCH 2024

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Slender-tailed meerkat (*Suricata suricatta*)

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Hamadryas baboon (*Papio hamadryas*)



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- 3 National Birding Day
- 8 National Zoo Lovers Day
- 14 National Dolphin Day
- 16 Save the Elephant Day
- 17 International Bat Appreciation Day
- 22 World Earth Day
- 24 World Day for Animals in Laboratories
- 25 World Penguin Day
- 27 International Hyena Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 1 Utkal Dibas
- 11 Id-UI-Fitre
- 17 Ram Navami

APRIL 2024

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Mandarin duck (*Aix galericulata*)

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Stump tailed macaque (*Macaca arctoides*)

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- 3 International Leopard Day
- 4 Bird Day
- 11 Endemic Bird Day (Second Saturday in May)
- 20 World Bee Day
- 22 International Biodiversity Day
- 23 International Turtle Day

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- 23 Budha Purnima

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Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)

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Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*)

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- 8 World Ocean Day
- 16 World Sea Turtle Day
- 17 World Crocodile Day
- 17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 21 World Giraffe Day
- 21 International Climate Change Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 6 Sabitri Amabasya
- 14 Pahili Raja
- 15 Raja Sankranti
- 17 Id-ul-Zuha

JUNE 2024

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Nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*)

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Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*)

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- 1-7 Van Mahotsav
- 3 World Seabird Day
- 14 World Chimpanzee Day
- 14 Shark Awareness Day
- 16 World Snake Day
- 26 International Mangrove Day
- 29 International Tiger Day
- 31 National Tree Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 17 Muharram

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Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*)



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Indian tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*)

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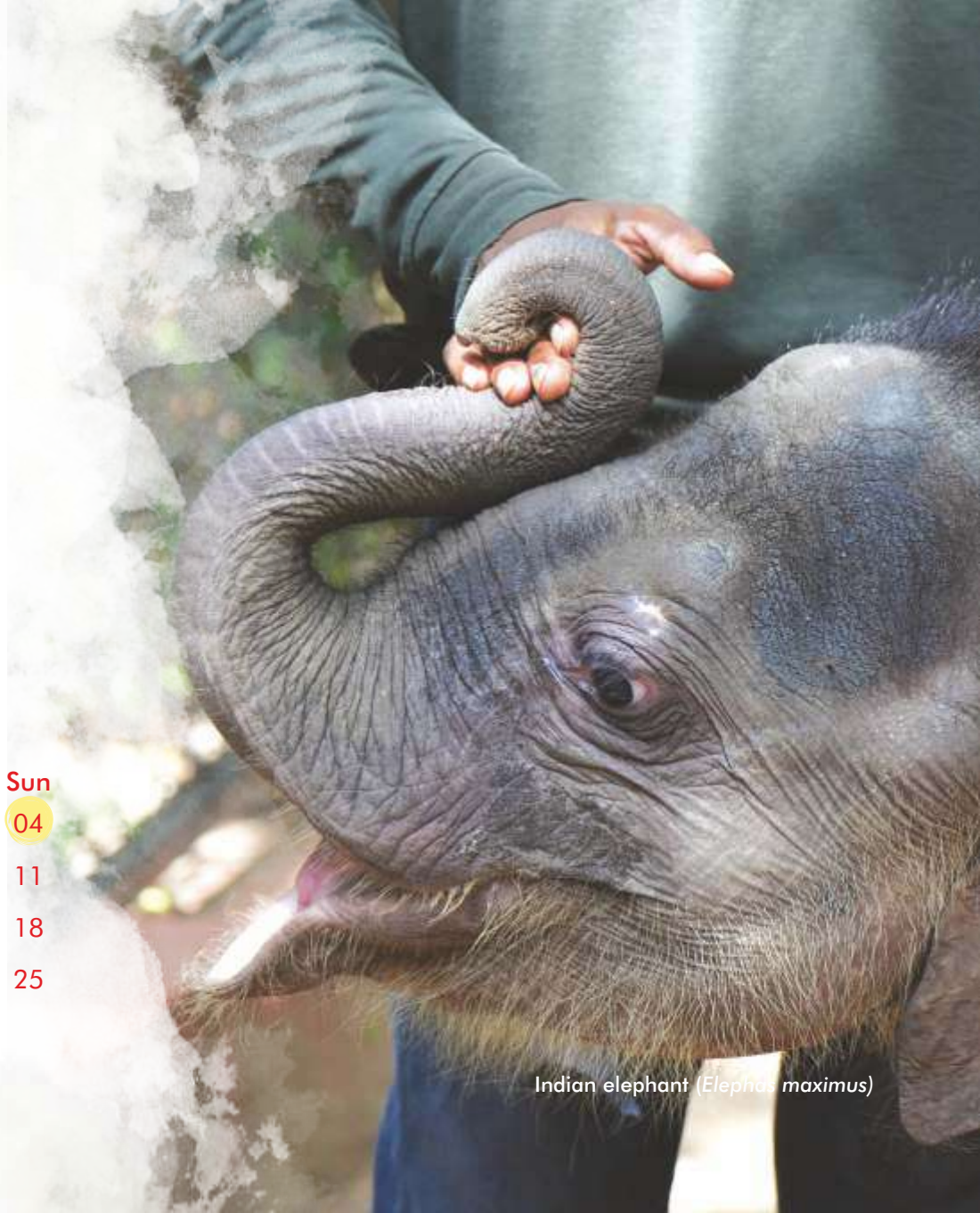
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- 14 World Lizard Day
- 19 World Orangutan Day
- 20 World Mosquito Day
- 30 International Whale Shark Day

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- 19 Jhulana Purnima
- 26 Janmastami

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Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)

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Himalayan black bear (*Selenarctos thibetanus*)

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- 4 National Wildlife Day
- 5 International Red Panda Day
- 7 International Vulture Awareness Day
(First Saturday in September)
- 8 National Iguana Awareness Day
- 21 International Snake Awareness Day
(3rd Saturday in September)
- 22 Elephant Appreciation Day
- 22 World Rhino Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 7 Ganesh Puja
- 16 Birthday of Prophet Mohammad

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Red iguana (*Iguana iguana*)

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White backed vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*)



ECO DAYS

- 1 International Raccoon Appreciation Day
- 2-8 Wildlife Week
- 3 Butterfly and Hummingbird Day
- 4 World Animal Day
- 8 National Salmon Day
- 20 International Sloth Day
- 21 Reptile Awareness Day
- 22 International Snow Leopard Day
- 24 International Gibbon Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 2 Mahalaya/Gandhi Jayanti
- 10 Mahasaptami
- 11 Mahastami
- 16 Kumar Purnima
- 31 Diwali/Kali Puja

OCTOBER 2024

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Indain Fox (*Vulpes bengalensis*)

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Black swan (*Cygnus atratus*)

ECO DAYS

- 2 Bison Day (First Saturday in November)
- 3 Jellyfish Day
- 12 World Birds Day
- 29 International Jaguar Day

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- 15 Rasa Purnima

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Giant squirrel (*Ratufa indica*)

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Indian rock python (*Python molurus molurus*)

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- 4 International Cheetah Day
- 4 World Wildlife Conservation Day
- 10 International Animal Rights Day
- 14 International Monkey Day
- 27 Visit the Zoo Day
- 29 Nandankanan Biological Park Foundation Day

GOVT. HOLIDAYS

- 25 X-Mas Day

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Squirrel monkey (*Saimiri sciureus*)



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Red handed tamarin (*Saguinus midas*)





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UNIQUENESS of NANDANKANAN

- Only zoo in the world where melanistic tigers were born (2014) and displayed to the visitors.
- It is the host zoo for white tigers, white tigers were born to normal coloured parents in 1980, a unique event in the world.
- First zoo in the country where endangered Gharials were born in captivity in 1980.
- A unique white tiger safari was established in the Zoological Park on 1st October, 1991.
- Wonderful site for wildlife conservation and education where one can experience integration of *ex-situ* and *in-situ* conservation of wild fauna and flora.
- Presence of Kanjia Lake- A wetland of National Importance (2006)
- Conservation Breeding Centre for Indian Pangolin and Long billed vultures.
- Nandankanan has largest enclosures for housing Gharials and Hippopotamus.
- Second largest heronry for open billed storks in Odisha.
- Has a Captive Fodder Farm (over 33 Acs.) and a Slaughter house to cater the dietary needs of animals housed in the Zoological Park.
- First zoo in the country to become an Institutional member of World Association of Zoos & Aquarium (WAZA).
- First Zoo in the country where endangered Ratel was born in captivity.
- First zoo in the country after which an express train 12815/12816 Puri-New Delhi Express has been named as "Nandankanan Express".
- First zoo in the country to have Multi-Level Car Parking for visitors.

📍 Nandankanan Zoological Park