

captive breeding centre scripts success story

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Imphal, December 07 2011: In a landmark achievement of Manipur Zoological Garden, Iroisemba four new-born does have been added to the population of the endangered Brow Antlered Deer (Sangai) recently. Informing that simultaneous birth of four Does at the Langol Hill Range campus of Sangai Second home, also known as the Captive Breeding Centre, in October and November months is a rare case, Manipur Zoological Garden officials expressed elation that the historic event is not only a fructification of the Zoo personnel's hardwork but also revived the hope for the survival of the endangered species. While October month witnessed birth of a Doe the following month three more new births took place at the Captive Centre thereby increasing the total population to 15, said the officials and pointed out that the birth of four Does in a single calendar year is an unprecedented record.



Sangais at the captive home

Confiding that another new born is expected in February next year, they regretted that earlier this year there had been a still-birth at the Captive Centre where four male and seven female Sangais are being kept. Conceding that in the past the number of new born was limited to only one or two in a calendar year, the Zoo officials further recounted that in the last 10 year period, infighting has resulted in the death of 3/4 adult Sangais. further conveying that gender of the four new-borns are yet to be determined, the officials also clarified with regard to a recent news report in this daily that there had been no birth of Nongin bird, the State Bird of Manipur. Information conveyed on the birth of the Does was misinterpreted, they maintained.