

## **DHAULAH DAR NATURE PARK GOPALPUR (KANGRA)**



### **BRIEF HISTORY**

Himachal Pradesh has been bestowed by Nature with diverse climatic conditions. The climate and terrain ranges from sub-tropical to alpine and cold desert conditions which inhabits a wide spectrum of flora and fauna. To enable the public and visitors to enjoy & know about Nature and Wildlife, Dhauladhar Nature Park was inaugurated on 23.4.1992.

### **OBJECTIVE**

- i) To create awareness among visitors about Nature and Wildlife.
- ii) Conservation & breeding of wildlife and related research.
- ii) To acquire knowledge of wildlife through research, education and study of animal behavior.

### **STRATEGY**

- Display of wild animals.
- Display of wildlife pictures, models etc.
- Distribution of stickers, cards, brochures on wildlife & nature.
- Publicity through films on wildlife and other audio-visual aids.
- Arrangement of ecological and nature awareness tours for school children & Eco-groups.

### **LOCATION**

Dhauladhar Nature Park is located at Gopalpur in District Kangra, H.P. at a distance of 20 km. from Dharamshala, 13 km. from Palampur and 6 km. from the famous Chamunda Devi Temple on Dharamshala – Palampur Road.

### **APPROACH**

1. By Road: Frequent buses from Dharamshala and Palampur.
2. By Rail: Nearest Railway Station is Chamunda Temple from where the park is 10 km by road.
3. By Air: Nearest Airport is Gaggal 32 km. via Dharamshala.

### **ATTRACTIONS:**

At present Zoo houses 181 animals of 20 different species. These 20 sp. are 9 mammalian sp., 2 reptile sp., 5 sp. of pheasants, and 4 sp. of birds.

#### **The main attractions are:**

- a. THE LION- *Panthera leo*  
Local Names- Sher, Sherbabar, Singh
- b. LEOPARD- *Panthera pardus*  
Local Names- Tendwa, Chita, Bagh
- c. THE HIMALAYAN BLACK BEAR- *Selenarctos thibetanus*  
Local Names- Reech, Rinch, Bhalu
- d. THE SAMBAR- *Cervus unicolor*  
Local Names- Sambar, Samar, Meha or Rall.
- e. THE GORAL- *Nemor haedus goral*  
Local Names- Goral, pij
- f. BARKING DEER- *Muntiacus muntjak*  
Local Names- Kaker
- g. PHEASANTRY  
The pheasantry house Red Jungle Fowl, Kalij, Pea fowl and Monals.

### **General Information**

ZOO AREA-	12.5 ha.
OPENS DAILY:	9 AM to 5 PM (Oct. – March)
EXCEPT ON MONDAYS:	9 AM to 7 PM April – Sept.
(MONDAY IS CLOSED)	



HIMALAYAN BLACK BEAR



SAMBHAR





HIMALAYAN GORAL

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