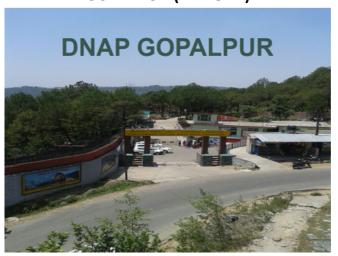
# DHAULAHDAR NATURE PARK GOPALPUR (KANGRA)



# **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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