

**WRRC Annual Report  
2023-2024**

# MISSION STATEMENT

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- Promote welfare and prevention of cruelty to animals, prevent killing of wild animals, with a focus on endangered species.
- Educating and sensitizing children.
- Rescue wild animals in distress, provide treatment and rehabilitate them.
- Protect wildlife and environment from destructive forces.
- Strive for balance in man-animal-nature relationship.
- Campaign against confinement or captivity of wild animals for entertainment or commercial use.
- Inculcate kindness and compassion towards animals and respect for the environment.



# Rest in Peace



**RAJANI BADAMI (1950-2024)**

**HON. TRUSTEE AND PAST PRESIDENT  
AT CUPA  
ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVIST  
FRIEND TO ALL, BIG AND SMALL**





# WRRC CENTRES AND ADDRESS

## **ELEPHANT CARE FACILITY (ECF)**

Lakshmisagara, Kolar Karnataka 563130

## **BANNERGHATTA REHABILITATION CENTRE (BRC)**

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# CONSTITUTION OF WRRC 2023-24

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# ABOUT WRRRC

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The Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre (WRRRC) is a sister organisation to CUPA. It was founded with the purpose of rescuing and rehabilitating animals in both urban and rural Bangalore. The WRRRC not only rescues and rehabilitates wild animals, but also seeks to prevent cruelty through humane education, campaigns and legal battles, and research and surveys, on captive elephants. WRRRC was established in July 1999 as a public charitable trust by the trustees of Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA) and manages two facilities in Bangalore: The Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre (BRC) and the Elephant Care Facility (ECF).

The Foreign Contributions Regulations Act permits WRRRC to accept foreign contributions and grants income tax exemption under Section 80G for all donations. Additionally, WRRRC is registered with the Animal Welfare Board of India, MoA, Government of India, and as a charity trust (under Registration No. IV/1999-2000). It has also been approved by the Karnataka Forest Department.



# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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The Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre (BRC) stands as a crucial first step towards recovery for a diverse array of urban wildlife. Often victims of circumstance or illegal activities, these smaller creatures, including delicate baby parakeets rescued from the cruel pet trade, find a chance at a new beginning within BRC's safe confines. The subsequent release of these parakeets back into the National Park serves as a poignant reminder of the hope that dedicated intervention can provide. However, the persistent arrival of animals like macaques, frequently relinquished by well-meaning but ultimately unprepared individuals who once kept them as pets, underscores the ongoing challenges of human-wildlife interaction and the need for greater public awareness.

In parallel, the Elephant Care Facility (ECF), a sprawling 50-acre sanctuary established through the collaborative vision of the Karnataka Forest Department and entrusted to WRRC, offers specialized refuge for elephants rescued from the often-harsh realities of private ownership. These majestic animals frequently arrive bearing the physical and emotional burdens of their past, requiring intensive and tailored care. Within the ECF's tranquil environment, a dedicated team of mahouts, shelter staff, and veterinarians works tirelessly to address their complex needs.

Among the cherished residents are Aneesha, Gowri, Durga, Rani, and Janumani, each with their own unique story of resilience. More recently, the ECF has welcomed Lakshmi, a spirited 28-year-old who, despite past hardships, is flourishing under specialized attention and finding vital social connections within the established herd. Champa, a wise 58-year-old, now enjoys a peaceful retirement at the ECF, receiving meticulous medical management for chronic ailments.



Finally, there is the unforgettable Ganga, a venerable 68-year-old who, after enduring a lifetime of confinement, finally experienced the simple joy of unchained freedom and formed a tender bond with Lakshmi in her twilight years, leaving behind an inspiring testament to the power of compassionate care in her final chapter. The elephants at ECF are gradually acclimating to their expansive surroundings, with carefully planned transitions to forest grazing areas on the horizon, promising a richer and more natural experience.

Across both the bustling BRC and the serene ECF, a sobering truth prevails: the animals seeking sanctuary bear the undeniable scars - both visible and invisible - of human actions, be it through direct abuse, neglect, or displacement from their natural habitats. While the scale of the challenge can feel overwhelming, the unwavering commitment of the WRRRC staff, bolstered by the compassionate support of donors and friends, creates a tangible lifeline for these vulnerable beings. This annual report serves not only as a record of our collective achievements but also as a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the tireless dedication of everyone involved in this critical mission to protect and heal Karnataka's precious wildlife.



*Bganguly*

Suparna Baksi Ganguly  
Hon. Trustee & President

# BANNERGHATA REHABILITATION CENTRE

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The Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre (BRC), established in 1999 within Bannerghatta Park, plays a vital role in safeguarding Bangalore's urban wildlife. This dedicated facility, managed by the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRRC), provides crucial rescue and rehabilitation services to a diverse range of animals, from life-saving surgeries to long-term care for the sick and injured. Over the past two decades, BRC has successfully treated over 15,000 wild animals, including reptiles, mammals, and birds. These animals often arrive at the centre due to unfortunate encounters with humans, such as involvement in superstitious rituals, human-wildlife conflict, exploitation for profit, or illegal pet trade. Recognizing the importance of minimizing human intervention, BRC emphasizes rehabilitation strategies that prepare animals for successful reintroduction into their natural habitats, reducing their reliance on human assistance. However, the rapid and largely uncontrolled urbanization of Bangalore presents significant challenges. The city's expanding footprint, coupled with a decline in green spaces, is disrupting animal habitats and leading to a dramatic increase in animal admissions at BRC. It is crucial that citizens, policymakers, and conservationists work together to address this critical issue.

By promoting sustainable urban development, conserving green spaces, and raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation, we can strive to safeguard Bangalore's rich biodiversity and ensure the well-being of its urban wildlife. WRRRC extends its sincere gratitude to the Karnataka Chief Wildlife Warden, the Chief Conservator and Executive Director of Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP), and the dedicated staff of the Karnataka Forest Department and BBP for their invaluable support. The centre also expresses its appreciation to Dr. Roopa Satish, Dr. Nirupama Jaisingh, Amith Tapse, and the entire BRC team for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in caring for these vulnerable animals. Finally, WRRRC acknowledges the invaluable contributions of volunteers and rescuers who play a vital role in wildlife conservation efforts.



# From The Vet's Diary

BY DR ROOPA SATHISH



This unique journey has been a testament to the unwavering support of our donors, supporters, and friends. Their consistent dedication, year after year, has been instrumental in overcoming challenges and achieving our goals. This Annual Report celebrates these collective successes, made possible by their invaluable contributions. We also express our profound gratitude to the dedicated staff of WRRC, whose tireless efforts are the cornerstone of our mission to assist wildlife in need. Their commitment and dedication have been truly inspiring."

This period presented us with a variety of interesting and challenging situations, including some truly unique and unexpected cases.



## Black magic on Grey Slender loris (Loris lydekkeriannus)

An infant Grey Slender loris weighing 60g was rescued on 18th April 2023 from the local tribal village called Hakki Pikki colony. On physical examination we noticed point-sized circular marks on her thumb and nose tip. Her appetite was poor but she slowly accepted the bottle milk fed daily, and fruits like banana and papaya. Insects such as cockroaches were gradually introduced which she looked with curiosity but refused to consume. In spite of all efforts her body weight remained constant at 60g. She was dewormed for intestinal parasites and given multivitamin tonic to boost her appetite and immunity. Daily sunbathing and exercise were done to increase her body weight. Due to the handling her for feeding and grooming daily in the initial stages of her arrival at centre, she had imprinted on us and as she grew up wanted to be with her caregivers. So we gradually reduced the handling and during the day she was left in a large enclosure with plants, soil and hiding space for her to learn to be on her own. But she didn't like being left on her. After two months of no increase in her body weight, her appetite dropped and her weight started going down. Her condition deteriorated very quickly and she passed away after three months of arrival at centre.

This appears to be a case of Black magic where her mother may have been killed after being fed certain items and physical wounds done intentionally. The infant who had consumed the same via the mother milk was not affected immediately but gradually. Also, presence of marks on the infants thumb and nose indicate some foul play. This cruel illegal practice targeting wild animals like slender loris, Barn owls, Tortoises, Turtles and Black kites is still being practiced in forest fringes where the wild animals are available.



## Large Bengal Monitor lizards (*Varanus bengalensis*) rescued by Forest Mobile Squad

On July 14th, 2023, four Bengal monitor lizards were rescued from Rayalpad, Kolar district, by the Forest Mobile Squad and Range Forest Officer and brought to BRC, WRRC, for rehabilitation. The lizards, weighing between 1.4 kg and 3.1 kg, were examined, rehydrated, and treated upon arrival. The largest, likely male, had a tail wound that received attention. All were infested with ticks and showed signs of prolonged captivity and starvation, indicated by their thin tails. The rehabilitation process included deworming, anti-parasitic treatment, and fluid administration. Housed in separate enclosures with food, water, and basking spots, the monitors quickly became active. After a week of recovery and with necessary permissions, all four were successfully released into a suitable protected forest in the presence of the Range Forest Officer. Documentation of the release, including a video, photos, and a detailed report, was provided to the Police Forest Mobile Squad.



## Kidnapped Young Rhesus Macaque (*Macaca mulatta*) released back into wild

A tiny Rhesus macaque, weighing just 550g and full of bright-eyed curiosity, was rescued from a Bengaluru home where he was being kept illegally as a pet. Tragically, this little one had been snatched from his family group in Pune, Maharashtra, and trafficked to Bengaluru.

Recognizing that Bonnet macaques were the local monkey species, we housed the young Rhesus with them. As highly social animals, the Bonnets could teach him essential skills for troupe life. He quickly learned to groom, interact, and understand the social structure and dynamics of a monkey group.

Over the next two and a half years, the little macaque thrived, growing into a 6.5 kg, agile, and spirited sub-adult. His cleverness often led to successful escapes from his enclosure, during which he consistently maintained a healthy distance from humans, indicating his readiness for release and avoidance of human conflict.

Initiating the necessary paperwork with the forest department to transport him back to Maharashtra for rehabilitation began. After a six-month process, all permissions were finally secured in December 2023. He was then transported by road to ResQ, a rehabilitation centre in Pune. There, he spent an additional three months in quarantine and acclimatization, integrating with a new group of orphaned Rhesus macaques.



## Retrieval of a Fishing hook from the throat of an Indian Black Turtle

On March 3rd, 2024, a 1.210 kg Indian black turtle was discovered upturned on the Anekal lake road with a fish hook painfully embedded in her mouth. Recognizing the severity of the situation, rescuers stabilized and sedated the distressed turtle. Radiographs revealed the fish hook was lodged deep within her oesophagus, a location difficult to access due to her thick shell.

Considering the invasiveness and potential trauma of shell removal, Dr. Anirudh from RMV Multi-speciality vet clinic in Bengaluru offered a less invasive solution using a veterinary endoscope. On March 12th, 2024, under general anesthesia, Dr. Anirudh skillfully retrieved the fish hook.

Following the successful procedure, the turtle received comprehensive post-operative care, including antibiotics, pain relief, and fluids at the rescue Centre . To allow proper healing of her throat, food was withheld for 15 days. After this period, she readily began feeding on fish placed in her tank, indicating a smooth recovery. A month later, the fully healed turtle was released back into a clean and protected water body within the forest, under the supervision of the Range Forest Officer (RFO).



## Inventory Form of All Animals Treated at Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre- BRC (WRRC) Inventory Report for the Year 2023-2024

### MAMMALS

S.NO	ANIMAL NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ARRIVALS	RELEASES	DEATHS
1.	Asian Palm Civet Cat	Paradoxurus hermaphrodites	3	0	3
2.	Bonnet Macaque	Macaca radiata	36	23	11
3.	Black Naped Hare	Lepus nigricollis	2	2	0
4.	Grey Slender Loris	Loris lydekkerianus	1	0	1
5.	Indian Flying fox	Pterocarpus giganteus	0	0	0
6.	Indian Jackal	Canis aureus	0	0	1
7.	Jungle Cat	Felis Chaus	2	0	2
8.	Rusty Spotted Cat	Prionailurus rubiginosus	1	0	1
9.	Spotted Deer	Axis axis	2	0	2
10.	Three Lined Palm Squirrel	Funambulus Palmaram	6	4	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>

# Annual inventory 2023-2024

## BIRDS

S.NO	ANIMAL NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ARRIVALS	RELEASES	DEATHS
1.	Asian koel	Eudynamys scolopacea	2	0	0
2.	Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	9	13	5
3.	Brahminy kite	Haliastur indus	1	0	0
4.	Black kite	Milvus migrans Govinda	48	29	3
5.	Black Headed Ibis	Threskiornis melanocephalus	1	0	0
6.	Black Headed Munia	Lonchura malacca	90	90	0
7.	Black Shouldered Kite	Elanus caerulus	1	0	1
8.	Common Barn Owl	Tyto alba	8	4	5
9.	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1	0	1
10.	Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	1	0	1
11.	House crow	Corvus splendens	1	1	0
12.	Indian Cormorant	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis	1	0	1
13.	Indian Myna	Acridotheres tristis	2	1	1
14.	Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	10	7	3
15.	Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii	1	0	1
16.	Indian Scops Owl	Otus bakkamoena	3	0	1
17.	Large Billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchus	0	0	0
18.	Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	2	0	1
19.	Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	0	2	0
20.	Red Whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	1	1	0
21.	Rose ringed parakeet	Psittacula krameria	3	9	3
22.	Shikra	Accipiter badius	3	2	1
23.	Spotted Owlet	Athene brahma	2	1	1
24.	Vernal Hanging Parrot	Loriculus vernalis	1	1	0
25.	White cheeked Barbet	Psilopogon viridis	2	1	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>194</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>29</b>

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### REPTILES

S.NO	ANIMAL NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ARRIVALS	RELEASES	DEATHS
1.	Buff striped Keelback	Amphiesma stolatum	1	1	0
2.	Common Sand Boa	Gongylophis conicus	0	1	0
3.	Common Wolf snake	Lycodon aulicus	0	1	0
4.	Indian Black Turtle	Melanochelys trijuga	4	3	0
5.	Indian Flapshell Turtle	Lissemys punctata	4	4	0
6.	Indian Rat Snake	Ptyas mucosus	8	2	3
7.	Indian Rock Python	Python molurus	1	0	1
8.	Indian Star Tortoise	Geochelone elegans	8	3	1
9.	Indian Spectacled Cobra	Naja naja	29	25	7
10.	Large Bengal Monitor Lizard	Varanus bengalensis	4	4	0
11.	Red Earth Boa	Eryx johnii	3	4	0
12.	Russel's Viper	Daboia russelli	2	2	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>



# ELEPHANT CARE FACILITY (ECF)

Captive elephants, revered symbols of strength and grace, endure unimaginable hardships when subjected to the travails of tourist rides, wedding processions, and religious parades. Their majestic presence, once a source of wonderment, becomes a veil for the silent suffering they endure – from oppressive heat to harsh surfaces, from noisy crowds to the absence of their natural kin.

Isolated from their natural social and environmental conditions, these elephants lack crucial social, emotional, and physical stimuli. They are exploited for economic gain and often lack access to adequate medical care and enrichment activities.

In India, where approximately 4000 elephants are held in captivity, these animals are often torn away from their families at a young age, subjected to unimaginable mental and physical torment, and condemned to live in perpetual fear.

The Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRRC), with its decades of extensive research on these magnificent mammals, has been a vocal advocate for the welfare and proper management of captive elephants.

WRRRC was approached by the Hon'ble High Court and the Forest Department in 2005 to assess several elephants in Karnataka. Upon discovering the extent of unnecessary suffering faced by these elephants, we became deeply concerned about the welfare of captive elephants. Since then, we have been diligently working to enhance their lives through legal advocacy, rescue missions, and community outreach efforts.

The first elephant care facility in collaboration with the Karnataka Forest Department was initiated in Malur and was home to the first three elephants Aneesha, Gowri and Durga. It quickly became inadequate to address their growing needs. The Karnataka Forest Department graciously allocated over 40 acres of land within the Lakshmisagara Reserve Forest. Within a year of moving, we welcomed Kasthuri and Janumani, both of whom acclimated to ECF well.

This expansive space will provide a sanctuary where captive elephants rescued by the department can receive proper care, attention, and rehabilitation, offering hope for a better future for these magnificent animals. We take pride in the positive impact we have made on the lives of the elephants under our care. We are grateful for the generous support from individual and institutional donors, CSR partners, and volunteers who have contributed their time and resources to make our work possible.

Every week, our skilled veterinarians perform thorough health check-ups on the elephants under our care. The mahouts are indispensable to their well-being, working diligently to meet their every need. Their responsibilities include sourcing and preparing their food, ensuring the cleanliness and upkeep of the facility, leading the elephants on their daily walks, and managing a variety of other tasks vital to the smooth operation of our Centre. Overseeing all these efforts are the Facility Manager, Vijay Kumar, and the Assistant Manager, Shreyas Kumar.

Our elephant care facility is dedicated to providing a compassionate and enriching environment for our resident elephants, where they can live fulfilling lives in accordance with their natural behaviours and needs.

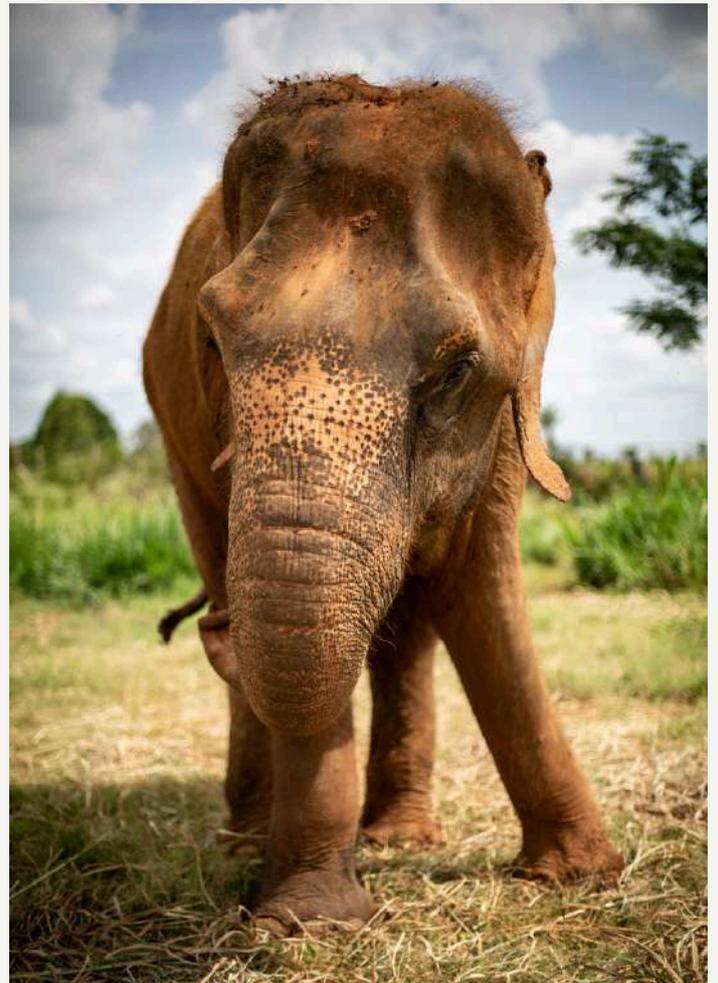


***Dedicated to an elephant whose life enriched, in spite of much suffering and pain, all humans and animals who came in touch with her sensitive soul.***

***Rest In Peace, beloved Aneesha.***

Having been rescued from a life of arduous labor in a coastal logging operation in Tamil Nadu, Aneesha arrived at our Centre bearing the heavy burden of her past. For years, she was forced to carry immense loads, a relentless strain that manifested in a debilitating case of foot rot. This, in turn, progressed into severe arthritis, a condition that cruelly robbed her of her mobility, rendering her legs stiff and unyielding. Even the simplest act of standing became a source of excruciating pain for Aneesha.

Here at the ECF Centre , we embraced the responsibility of providing her with the comprehensive care and specialized treatments her fragile condition demanded. Our team poured their hearts into tending to her every need, striving to offer her a sanctuary of comfort and dignity in her twilight years. It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of Aneesha's passing. Though her time with us was too brief, we find solace in knowing that she experienced compassion and freedom from relentless toil in her final days. Her resilience and the gentle spirit she carried despite her suffering will forever remain in our hearts.



# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Driven by a commitment to coexistence, the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRRC), in partnership with HCLFoundation, undertook a comprehensive three-month survey across 100 villages near Bannerghatta's eco-sensitive zones. This 2,500 km journey gathered vital insights into human-animal conflict from the communities themselves. This groundwork informed the creation of targeted educational programs, reaching over 5,000 students between 2022 and 2024 in schools around Bannerghatta Biological Zoo. These initiatives highlighted the negative consequences of keeping exotic and wild animals as pets, promoted compassionate interactions with urban wildlife, and provided crucial knowledge for distinguishing venomous from non-venomous snakes. Through this collaborative effort, WRRRC and HCLFoundation are cultivating a culture of conservation and understanding, ultimately striving to reduce human-wildlife conflict and foster harmonious coexistence.



# EVENTS

HCLF



*The HCL Tech team volunteers at WRRC with palpable excitement, contributing in meaningful ways. They creatively craft enrichment items for the animals, brighten enclosures with vibrant, animal-safe paint, and diligently prepare outreach materials to educate the public. Showing their dedication to the animals' well-being, they also enthusiastically assist with essential cleaning tasks, making a tangible positive impact on the centre.*

# The HCL Partner for Change (PFC) Conference

The HCL Partner for Change (PFC) Conference 2024, a powerful gathering of over 200 NGOs from 17 states and one union territory, underscored the transformative power of resilience. The atmosphere was charged with optimism as attendees convened under the theme of "Resilience," fostering a space for collaboration and shared vision.

The inspiring presence of Roshni Nadar, Chairperson of HCL Technologies, and Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President and Director of the HCL Foundation, lent significant weight to the event. Their addresses set the stage for a day brimming with meaningful conversations, insightful panel discussions, and the cross-pollination of innovative strategies.

The central theme of resilience echoed in every session, highlighting the unwavering spirit of communities overcoming obstacles to generate positive impact. From tackling environmental concerns to promoting education and empowering marginalized populations, each participant offered unique insights into how resilience acts as a catalyst for transformation. Roshni Nadar emphasized the critical role of collaboration, stating, "Resilience is not merely about recovery; it's about advancing with fortitude and intent. In unity with our partners, we possess the capacity to instigate meaningful and lasting change." Nidhi Pundhir reinforced this message by celebrating the collective energy of the attendees: "The HCL Foundation proudly champions collaboration with over 200 partners nationwide. This conference beautifully illustrates the dynamic blend of culture, diversity, and methodologies essential for addressing intricate social challenges."

Ultimately, the HCL Partner for Change Conference 2024 served as a potent testament to the remarkable achievements possible when diverse intellects unite for a common goal. It illuminated the strength inherent in partnerships and the profound impact that collective action can yield.



**HCL Convergence Meet: Likitha Appaiah, Ajay Arjun, Santhosh Kumar and Anishka George at the PFC in Delhi**





Mr. Jacob Peter, Executive Board Member and Senior VP of Mobility R&D at BGSW, inaugurated the new elephant care facility at WRRC. The inauguration was graced by Ms. Shilpa Deodhar, CSR Head at BGSW, along with Chandra Mouli T and Rajat Khajane from the BGSW CSR team. Honored trustees of WRRC, Suparna Ganguly and Dr. Shiela Rao, were also present, alongside WRRC staff including Col. Arvind Bhagra, Ajay Arjun, and Likitha Appaiah, marking a significant step forward in elephant welfare.



# EVENTS



**WRRC Trustees Dr. Shiela Rao and Ms. Suparna Ganguly were honored with the Indian Women Achievers Awards 2023 for 'Excellence in Social Service.' This prestigious recognition celebrates their exceptional contributions and the establishment of two noteworthy organizations committed to animal welfare and protection.**



**WRRC Trustees Dr. Shiela Rao and Ms. Suparna Ganguly were part of the panel discussion along with Professor Raman Sukumar and Ms Mimi Parthasarathy at the Sinhasi social impact conference 1.**

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

With immense gratitude, I present the Secretary's Report, highlighting our organization's remarkable achievements and the challenges we've overcome this past year.

At the Bannerghatta Centre, our dedicated team tirelessly rescued and rehabilitated a wide array of wildlife, including a significant number of young Alexandrine parakeets and tortoises seized from illegal traders thanks to law enforcement. Their rapid and compassionate care ensured the survival of most. Additionally, increasing development around the city led to a rise in injured cobras, vipers, and Bonnet Macaques seeking our help.

A major highlight was the establishment of our new 50-acre facility in Lakshmisagara, Kolar, generously donated by the Karnataka Forest Department. This vital expansion provided a new home for our growing elephant family: Aneesha, Gowri, Durga, Kasthuri, Janumani, and our new arrivals, Lakshmi, Champa, and Ganga.

Our accomplishments are a direct result of the unwavering dedication of the incredible WRRC team. Their steadfast support and tireless efforts are the bedrock of our success, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our invaluable donors, supporters, and allies. Your steadfast commitment to our cause and selfless dedication to animal welfare inspire us daily. Together, we are making a profound and lasting impact on countless animals who are integral to our environment.

In closing, thank you to each and every one of you. Let our combined work flourish and its benefits endure for generations.



**Dr Shiela Rao**  
**Hon. Trustee & Secretary**

# CSR And Projects Report

During the fiscal year 2023-24, WRRC greatly benefited from the outstanding support of our CSR partners. Their remarkable assistance ensured smooth operations and the well-being of our animal residents.

In line with our primary objective for the year, which focused on delivering education outreach and awareness programs in schools, communities, and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) in Bannerghatta, the dedication and enthusiasm of employees from our CSR partners were truly evident. They actively participated in our various initiatives, including cleanup and plantation drives, mask-making, and creating enrichment materials for the animals in our care.

Furthermore, our partners generously helped us improve our operational processes, leading to significantly enhanced reporting methods, thanks to the valuable insights gained through our collaborative efforts.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Bosch Global Software Technologies Private Limited, Google Inc., Murty Trust and HCL Foundation for their steadfast support. The noteworthy milestones we achieved throughout the financial year were a direct result of these collective contributions.



**Ajay Arjun**  
**Projects and Resources**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

The fiscal year 2023-24 was a pivotal period, marking our entry into receiving direct Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and grants. This resulted in a notable increase in donations compared to the previous year, for which we are deeply grateful to our donors, including esteemed organizations like Bosch Global Software Technologies, Google Inc., Murty Trust, and HCL Foundation.

This increased funding brought with it greater responsibility, and consequently, our expenditure also rose. A significant portion of this increase was due to our ongoing efforts to establish a new elephant care facility, an initiative begun in the prior year. Creating a sanctuary for these magnificent animals required substantial investments in both infrastructure and operational resources. Furthermore, our dedication to providing the highest standards of care led to an expansion of our team, with the hiring of additional mahouts and helpers to ensure the smooth operation of the facility.

Looking back at our financial landscape for the past year, it's important to acknowledge the primary cost areas, which accounted for approximately 50% of our total expenditure. These key areas included the infrastructure setup for both the Elephant Care Facility and the Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre (encompassing animal care and feed), the salaries of staff directly involved in the animals' well-being, staff welfare initiatives, and the procurement of essential veterinary medicines.

As we move forward, our commitment to responsible financial management remains steadfast. We will ensure that every contribution is utilized effectively to advance our mission of promoting animal welfare and conservation.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Subrahmanian Shantakumar**  
**Hon. Treasurer**

# WRRC Legal Report

The Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC) is a Bengaluru-based organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating urban and wildlife species. WRRC collaborates with CUPA Legal Initiative Cell to ensure legal interventions in cases of cruelty and defamation that undermine animal protection efforts. Together, they form a robust front in the fight against animal cruelty and for wildlife preservation.

Cases filed:

S.NO	Case Number and Court	Description	Parties	Next Stage	Next Date
1	OS 9342/2019 - City Civil and Sessions Judge	This case was filed against Sri.Shivalingam Muralidaran for the defamatory statements made against WRRC and seeking permanent injunction restraining him from publishing any further posts on any social media and physical platforms concerning WRRC.	M/s. Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre vs. Shivalingam Muralidharan	Cross of DW-1	29.01.2025
2	PCR 51306/2020 - 29th ACMM Mayohall	This case was filed against Sri.Shivalingam Muralidharan for defamatory statements made against the Plaintiff via multiple social media platforms namely, Facebook and YouTube	M/s. Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre vs. Shivalingam Muralidharan	orders	24.01.2025

**Alwyn  
Sebastian**  
(Legal Advisor)

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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**To the Trustees of Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre.**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the trust Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024, the Statement of Income and Expenditure Account, and Receipt and Payment Account for the year then ended.

In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in India.

1. In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the “**Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre**” as at 31st March 2024.
2. In case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the **SURPLUS**, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are Independent of the Association in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate implementation and maintenance of accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

**We further report that:**

1. We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit and have found them to be satisfactory.
2. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Trust, so far as appears from our examination of those books.
3. The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the books of accounts.

Place : Bangalore

Date : 21/09/2024

UDIN No : 24201108BKB MNR3985

For **B.R.V. Goud & Co.,**

Chartered Accountants

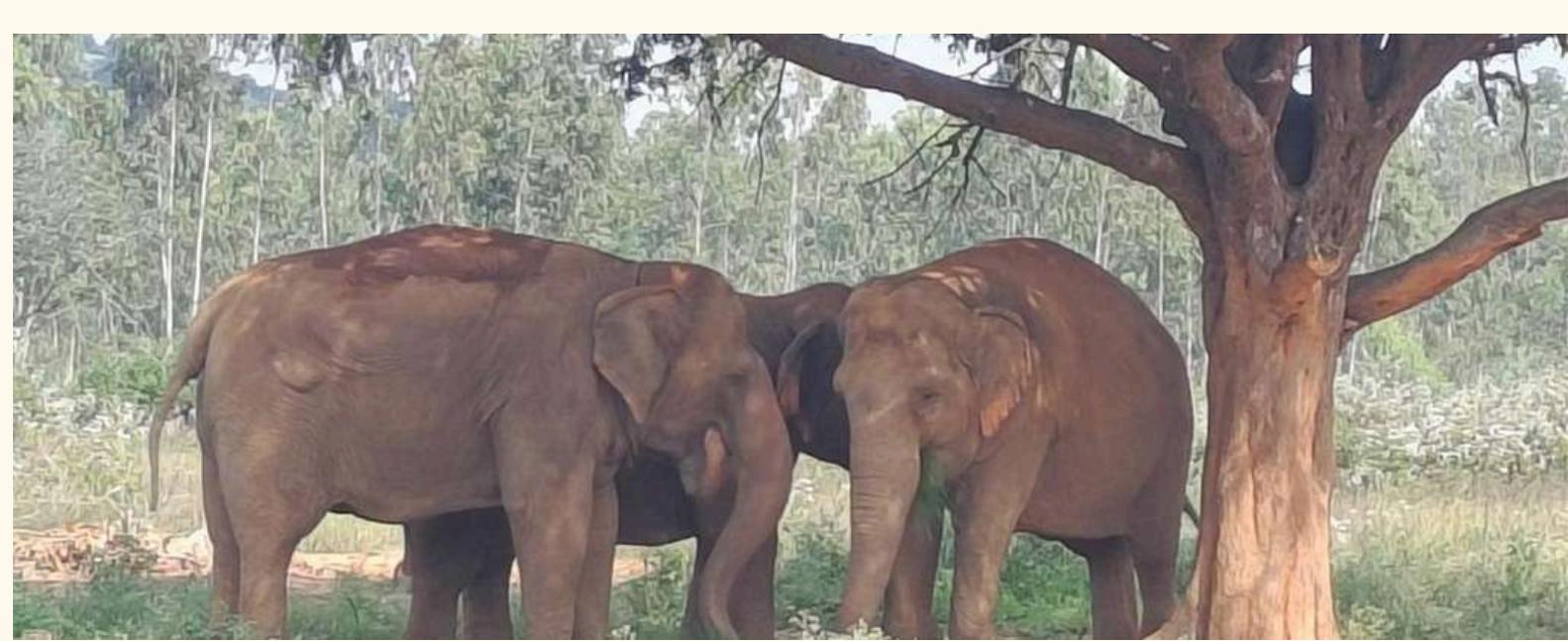
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### Our deepest gratitude to

- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka
- Executive Director, Bannerghatta National Park
- The Karnataka Forest Department

## Honorable Mention

- **The Karnataka Police Department**
- **The Animal Welfare Board Of India. MOA, Govt. of India**
- **The Vice-Chancellor and Dean, Karnataka Veterinary Animal & Fisheries Science University (KVAFSU)**





**Thank you for your constant support and care for the animals under the care of WRRRC**