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In pursuance of The Central Zoo Authority of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India, New Delhi, Circular F No. 19-115/93-CZA(53)(VoI.XIV)(Pt)/2427/2020, dtd. 13th March, 2020 and Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Gujarat Order dtd. 15.03.2020 issued with a view to arrest spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) reported from our country, it is decided that mass gatherings may be avoided in Wildlife conservation & Protected Areas of the state, including Zoos and Safari Parks, till the disease spread is contained.

Therefore, in order to prevent any accidental spread of COVID – 19 virus in the Zoological Parks and Protected Areas of the State, it is hereby ordered that the Sakkarabaug Zoological Park, Junagadh, Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Devaliya Safari Park and Ambardi Safari Park shall remain closed for the visitors with immediate effect till 29th March, 2020.

As per the powers vested in the Chief Wildlife Warden, vide the provisions of Section – 27 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 all the National Parks, Sanctuaries and Conservation Reserve of the State of Gujarat, shall remain closed for the visitors with effect from 17th March 2020 till 29th March 2020.

All the permissions granted under Section -28 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for the film shooting/Research etc. shall also remain suspended till 29^{th} March 2020 with immediate effect. It is further clarified that the entry fees already levied online for the above period shall be refunded to the concerned persons.

(Shyamal Tikadar) Chief Wildlife Warden

Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests, All.

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Copy forwarded with compliments to: The Municipal Commissioners, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot for information and necessary actions regarding Zoos under their control.





As a matter of abundant precaution in prevailing Corona Virus circumstances, **#StatueOfUnity** has been closed for visitors till 25th March 2020. On line booking amounts are being refunded. inconvenience is regretted.

