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WILDLIFE RESCUE  
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# ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2021

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## Organisation Details

Name of the Organization	People for Animals, Bangalore		
Type of registration	Trust		
Registration No. with date	183/98-99 DT: 18.11.1998		
Registration Certificate No.	80G DIT(E)BLR/80G@/478/AAATP2817Q/IT O(E)- 2/Vol.2010-11	12A TRUST/718/10A/VOLII/ P- 205/99-01/CIT-II DATED 26.08.1999	PAN NO. AAATP2817Q
Registered Address	No. 67, Adjacent to BGS Global Hospital, Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road, Kengeri, Bangalore 560060		
Phone No.	9900025370, 9980339880, 080-28612767, 080 28611986		
Website address	<a href="http://PfAWildlifeHospital.org">http://PfAWildlifeHospital.org</a>		



# PfA Bangalore at Glance

People for Animals, Bangalore (PfA), is a non-profit wildlife rescue and conservation organisation working towards the rescue and rehabilitation of urban wildlife. PfA was established in 1996, by Founder Trustees Alpana Bhartia, Namrata Dugar, Gauri Maini Hira, and Arushi Poddar.

PfA works to build a more harmonious world between mankind and the natural environment – one where humans lie within the web of activity on the Earth rather than at the apex. We recognise that like us, animals too experience pain and emotions, and as a result, deserve certain basic rights protecting them from adversities caused by humans.

## **We aim to:**

Provide timely, specialised veterinary care to injured urban wild animals, rehabilitate them, and then release them into their natural or adopted habitats. We also believe that mass awareness about the importance of urban wildlife and the environment is crucial in actualizing cohabitation between humans and the natural world, and our awareness programmes are a key instrument in this. We are actively engaged in community outreach and education about our local environment, and how we can enrich and protect it, as a result of which we often collaborate with institutions and organisations in building awareness. Our objective includes developing a practice that employs better wildlife care techniques by engaging specialists and veterinarians from across the world. Essentially, we aim to employ our resources to create a better world for our precious wildlife.

## **The Dire Need for Urban Wildlife Hospitals**

According to a 2011 census, Bangalore had seen a human population growth of 53%, as compared to 2001. This has grown even further in the last 9 years, with a 0.496 million population growth each year. This population explosion has increased unplanned urbanisation, which has adversely affected the city's lakes, parks, and partial forests, a phenomenon clearly visible in areas such as the Turahalli Forest. This has caused significant ecological imbalance and has led to an increase in displaced, injured, and orphaned animals. While the Wildlife Acts are designed to protect the nation's wildlife, they cannot protect the wildlife that lives in the cities. As a result, the responsibility of helping and saving the urban wildlife lies in the hands of the citizens of Bangalore. This defines the role of PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre.

Despite the adversities that the COVID-19 pandemic brought, PfA was at the forefront of tackling wildlife rescue, cruelty cases, myths and conducted widespread awareness on the importance of co-existence. We believe that animal welfare and environmental protection is an endless yet highly fruitful and enjoyable journey. PfA's principal concerns are crisis management and the provision of quick and efficient aid to the animals that require it the most.

# Our Mission, Vision & Values

## **Mission:**

For PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre, Bangalore to be a Centre of Excellence; to be able to provide a new chance at life to each injured or orphaned wild animal, and for every citizen to be sensitive to animal welfare, actively prevent acts of cruelty, and aid animals in distress. To strive for values that promote ecological harmony.

**Ultimately, we'd like to be a center of excellence for animal care, focused on urban wildlife and conservation.**

## **Vision:**

Bangalore has vast numbers of wildlife that get injured, orphaned, or abandoned because of unplanned urbanisation, lack of empathy for and awareness about the wildlife around us. PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre exists for the provision of quick and efficient aid to the wild animals that require it the most, and to educate and support a dynamic citizenry that prevents environmental degradation and animal cruelty.

## **Values:**

- Promote honesty and integrity in all our work
- Commitment to have dynamic and motivated staff
- Dedication to animal and environmental welfare
- Innovate to provide cost-effective solutions to environmental issues

## Trustees

Sl. No	Name	Age	Gender	Occupation	Position in the Board	Total amount paid in last financial year(Rs.)	Form of payment Salary/ Consultancy/ Honorarium/ Sitting Fees/other (Specify)
1	Namrata Dugar	56	Female	Business	Trustee	Nil	Nil
2	Arushi Poddar	50	Female	Creative Consultant and Therapist	Managing Trustee	Nil	Nil
3	Gauri Maini Hira	52	Female	Facilitator with Children for Civil Emotional Well Being	Trustee	Nil	Nil
4	Nagesh Manay	48	Male	Brand Communications	Trustee	Nil	Nil
5	Mahalakshmi Parthasarathy	48	Female	Environmentalism	Trustee	Nil	Nil
6	Sunitha Gopalan	42	Female	Director - Gopalan Organics	Trustee	Nil	Nil

# Rescues

Throughout the year, our team rescued a total of 2996 urban wildlife, with the inclusion of several rarer species found in the city. The year ended with a significant increase in the number of animals saved since the previous year, indicating a step closer to a safer world for them where they can thrive on their own.

## AVES - 2135

BLACK KITE	1068
ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET	7
ASIAN KOEL	77
BARN OWL	49
BOOTED EAGLE	1
CATTLE EGRET	9
SERPENT EAGLE	1
SPOTTED DOVE	6
WHITE CHECKED BARBET	90
SPARROW	5
ROSE RINGED PARAKEET	94
POND HERON	15
PURPLE RUMPED SUNBIRD	8
JUNGLE CROW	73
MUNIA	12
HOUSE CROW	353
RED WHISKERED BULBUL	54
COMMOM MYNA	46
SCALY BREASTED MUNIA	4
SPOTTED OWL	9
INDIAN PITTA	3
BRAHMINI KITE	10
COMMON TAYLOR BIRD	18
JUNGLE BABBLAR	2
JUNGLE MYNA	5
INDIAN NIGHT HERON	13
ORIENTAL WHITE EYE	4
PEA FOWL	28

SOUTHERN COUCAL	17
WHITE THROATED KING FISHER	4
SHIKRA	7
RED WATTLED LAP WING	3
GREY TIT	1
DUSKY CRAIG MARTIN	1
COMMON LAURA	1
BLACK DRONGO	1
MALABAR PARAKEET	1
WATER HEN	4
HAWK CUCKOO	3
INDIAN CORMORANT	1
MOTTED WOOD OWL	2
INDIAN WHITE EYE	1
INDIAN FLOWER PECKER	2
PRINIA	1
PELICAN	1
INDIAN VULTURE	1
WHITE BROWNE WAGTAIL	2
YELLOW LEGGED BUTTON QUAIL	4
COMMON SWIFT	6
ASIAN GREEN BEE EATER	1
INDIAN SCOPS OWL	1
INDIAN NIGHT JAR	1
INDIAN GOLDEN OREIOLE	1
BAYA WEAVER	1
INDIAN ROLLER	1
COMMOM QUAIL	1

## REPTILES - 467

CHECKERED KEELBACK SNAKE	13
SPECTACLED COBRA	272
RUSSELLS VIPER	29
INDIAN RAT SNAKE	106
COMMON TRINKET	11
POND TERRAPIN	10
INDIAN STAR TURTLE	3
CHAMELEON	1
RE SAND BOA SNAKE	3
BROWN TREE SNAKE	6
FLAP SHELLLED TURTLE	1
WOLF SNAKE	1
MONITOR LIZARD	1
RUSSELLES KUKRI	1
INDIAN ROCK PYTHON	1
VINE SNAKE	1
COMMON KRAIT	4
MALABAR PIT VIPER	1
SAW SCALED VIPER	2

## MAMMALS - 394

BABY SQUIRREL	1
BLACK NAPED HARE	6
BONNET MACAQUE	146
THREE STRIPED PALM SQUIRREL	187
SPOTTED DEER	3
FLYING FOX	22
PIPISTRELLE BAT	15
SHORT NOSED FRUIT BAT	11
ASIAN PALM CIVET	2
SLENDER LORIS	1





## Visits to PfA

Our centre functions as a prime environment for students and adults alike to get hands-on experience in the world of environmentalism and animal welfare. Students and staff from various institutions across Bangalore visit our centre to familiarise themselves with our work. A brief introduction about PfA and its goals is given at the 'Knowledge Centre' following which they are divided into groups and escorted around the centre under the careful guidance of our staff.

Students are given an interactive tour around the 6-acre campus which usually lasts about 1-2 hours. The groups then learn about the in-care animals, the threats faced by wild animals in the city, and the species of wildlife that live around us. The session is followed by an activity and a 'Reflection Session' where the group discusses what they have learned during their visit. The learning experience ends with the students taking a pledge to protect and preserve wildlife and to stand up against any atrocities committed against wildlife.

Apart from educational institutions, corporates and social groups from across Bangalore also visit PfA as a part of their CSR and team-building activity. They are encouraged to get involved in our work by helping us with various activities such as creating enrichment for animal enclosures, gardening, planting trees, painting, etc.

The visits start with a presentation about our work, followed by a guided tour of our campus. This allows the groups to understand the need for wildlife and nature conservation and helps to sensitise them about our objectives.

Some of our visits in 2021 include:

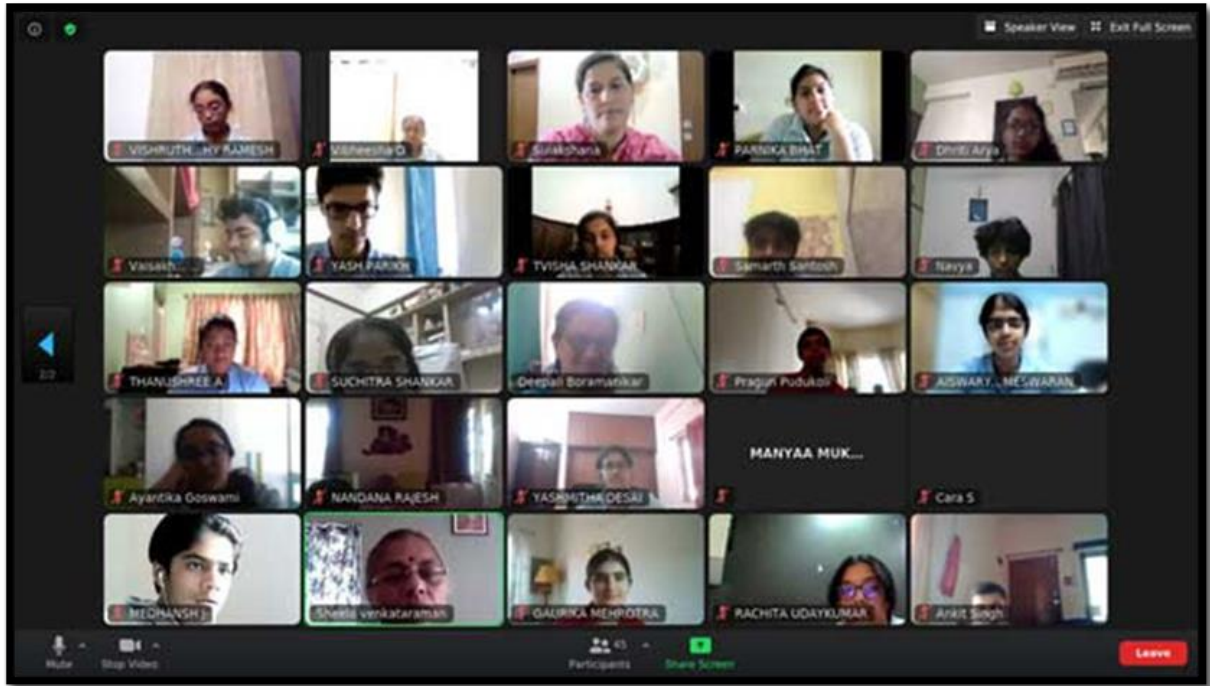
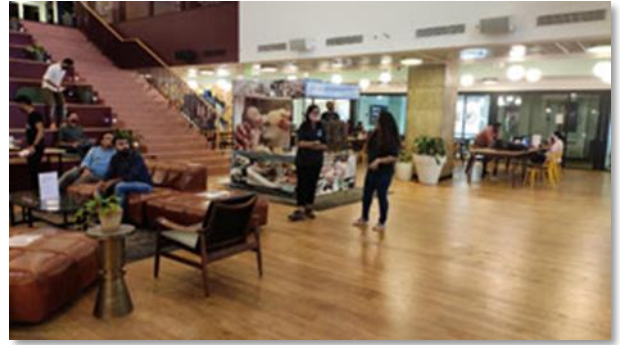
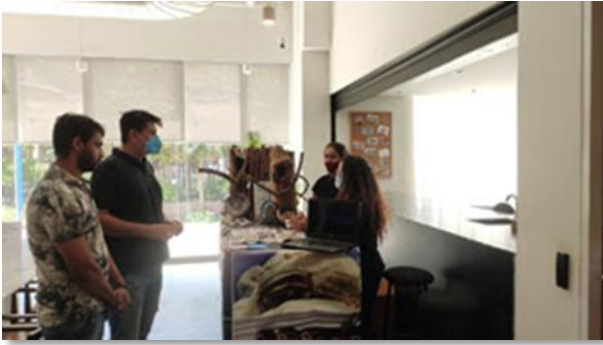
1. In January, a group of 9 volunteers from DYSTOPIA Animal Welfare visited us to volunteer for a day
2. A group of 6 volunteers from New Horizon College of Engineering visited us in January to volunteer for a day
3. A group of 11 volunteers from St. Joseph's College visited us in the same month to volunteer for a day
4. Also in January, we were visited by Mr. Ajit Kulkarni, IFS, Executive Director, Sri. Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysore
5. In March, 23 volunteers from Janmamithra Trust visited us
6. In July, 40 People from Rotary Club R.R Nagar visited our centre
7. We were also visited by 10 students from the organisation DYSTOPIA
8. Around 12 employees from Tata Power Solar Ltd visited us in the same month. They participated in the enrichment of the PfA-Bren Primate Socialising Habitat. They also donated items from our list of daily requirements
9. On 20 September Buddhist monks from Mahabodhi Monastery, Bangalore visited the centre and donated 50kgs of fruits for the animals
10. In December, 17 members of U & I trust visited us. They were given a presentation and a centre tour



## Webinars, Workshops, and Awareness Programmes

Despite the ongoing pandemic, we managed to stay committed to our goal to raise awareness on environment conservation and animal welfare by taking some of our programmes online. We held a total of 38 webinars for around 2115 students and 2 awareness programs on various topics related to the ecosystem and urban wildlife. These included:

1. In January, we addressed 450 students of Sishu Griha School and over 300 students of Gopalan International School via webinars to create awareness on the city's wildlife and its conservation
2. On 12th January, Colonel Dr. Navaz spoke on the rising Bird Flu on Radio Mirchi 95
3. In February, we addressed 275 students of Sishu Griha School and Neev Academy via webinars to create awareness of the city's wildlife and its conservation. Our topics included Wildlife Tracking, Careers in Conservation, and Habitat and Adaptation
4. In March, we conducted awareness sessions at 2 locations of WeWork, Bangalore on the occasion of World Wildlife Day. We created awareness among several employees on the contribution of Urban Wildlife to the health of a city
5. In July, a webinar was conducted for the members of SWAT- Swift Wildlife Action Team on PfA's work and Bangalore Wildlife
6. In September, we conducted a total of 11 webinars for 400 students of Sishu Griha School and Neev Academy
7. In December, we conducted 8 webinars consisting of 610 students, 70 from the BBMP Bhavan's Press School, on the topic " Human-Animal Conflict " and 540 from the Sishu Griha School on the Topic " Reviving an Ecosystem" and " Lakes in Our City"
8. Also in December, we conducted an awareness session called "Slithering with Snakes" to educate our audience on the identification and behaviour of snakes, as well as to correct myths surrounding them



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presents an awareness session  
**Slithering With Snakes**

IDENTIFICATION | BEHAVIOUR | MYTHS

Presented by  
**Karthik Prabu**  
Wildlife Curator  
PFA Bangalore



**12 DEC**  
**11.00 AM**

**VENUE**

Mana Foliage  
Samanahalli Road  
Muthanallur  
Bangalore 560099

## Volunteers & Internship Programmes

PfA Bangalore had 59 people enrol as volunteers in 2021. They are an essential part of our centre, bringing in new ideas as well as being involved with various activities. Volunteer tasks include habitat enrichment, planting trees, enclosure, and centre maintenance, food preparation, making arts and crafts, and being involved in awareness programs.

Our internship program, available to both Indian and Foreign Nationals, offers intensive training to interested students to gain hands-on experience in various fields such as Veterinary, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Animal Behaviour, Communication and Outreach, General Internship, among others.

Our interns this year came from:

- Mumbai veterinary college
- Ramaiah College of Law, Bangalore
- Flame University, Pune
- College of veterinary science Nagpur
- Hansraj college, Delhi
- Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
- Krantisinh Nana Patil College of Veterinary Science, Maharashtra
- Southampton University



## Achievements

1. 2021 marked PfA's 25 years of working towards Wildlife Conservation
2. PfA was awarded the NGO Leadership Award by National CSR Leadership on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October



# PfA in the News

PfA's work was featured in 63 stories across 15 publications highlighting our work in wildlife rescue, conservation, veterinary work, action against animal cruelty, among others.



## KITE FEAST NERDS, BIRD INJURIES FEARED

EXPERTS NEWS SERVICE  
By Pragathi

WITH the Sankranti festival a week away, veterinarians, ornithologists and animal rights activists are concerned about birds getting caught in kite string and getting injured. Many birds get caught in trees or buildings, due to people flying kites during Sankranti, activists say.

In the past week alone, 416 birds were rescued. Westerners say 2020 saw a 7% increase in rescues from 2019. Last year, 177 birds were rescued, while this year, 192 such incidents were reported, says Dr. Navaz Shariff, chief veterinarian, PFA Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre.

The rescued birds include crows, pigeons, doves, and even woodland species such as sparrows and peewees. "Despite there being a ban on using Chinese Manja and synthetic string by the National Green Tribunal, they are still being manufactured, sold and used. Civil authorities, forest department and the state government must address this issue," said an activist.

PFA rescues due to manja-related injuries, says every year around Sankranti which is also a festival of flying kites. The lockdown has had a huge impact on the number of people taking up kite flying with string made of nylon and synthetic manja. This has led to a

## Avoid Chinese manja this Sankranti: Rescuers

Herbivore/Photo  
@herbivoregroup

Bengaluru: Pratik R reviews the history of flying kites during the lockdown last year. He got inspired to start his own rescue center, says Pratik R. He says, "We need to find a way to help the birds."

In fact, city-based PFA (People for Animals) Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre has observed over 7% rise in the number of bird rescues since the lockdown. In 2019, the number of birds rescued was 177, while this year it has risen to 192. The rescue center has received a lot of attention from the media and the public. The rescue center has received a lot of attention from the media and the public. The rescue center has received a lot of attention from the media and the public.



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## Kite-flying: Spike in injuries to birds

PFA Wildlife Hospital rescued and treated 177 birds injured by manja thread

**STAFF REPORTER**  
BENGALURU  
Animal rescuers in the city have been working overtime to rescue birds from the glass powder coated nylon manja threads used to fly kites. While kite-flying is part of the Sankranti tradition, many birds have sustained severe injuries, some of them fatal.

Over the last fortnight, People for Animals (PFA) Wildlife Hospital has been receiving nearly eight calls for rescue of birds entangled in manja threads.

"However, animal activists said that while there has been a definite spike in recent weeks, last year was bad for birds in the city. According to Col. Dr. Navaz Shariff, General Manager and Chief Veterinarian, PFA Wildlife Hospital, Bengaluru, bird injuries due to manja threads was an all-year problem in 2020, unlike earlier years.

"Usually, we get these birds

in 2019, but the number of cases shot up to 177 in 2020. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has banned the use, manufacture, sale, storage and purchase of glass-coated manja or nylon threads for flying kites.

However, animal rights activists rue the lack of implementation of the NGT's directions. Manja thread that used to be earlier imported from China, is now manufactured locally and sold freely, sources say.

PFA wrote to the State government in 2020 asking for enforcement, but with all the focus on COVID-19, there was little action on the ground. Black kites, Brahminy kites, barn owls, jungle and house crows and pelicans are most commonly affected.

"Apart from these birds, there will be other smaller birds," he added. "But because of their size, they are incapable of drawing people's attention. They mostly die of strangulation and starvation in the trees," said Dr. Navaz Shariff, adding that these days, injured birds are being found even at a height of 50 feet, which poses a big challenge during rescue efforts.

No end to their misery  
Most of the birds suffer fractures that are tough to fix. "Birds have very thin and fragile bones. We don't even recover all pieces of the broken bone from the rescue site. There is no technology to regrow them. Most birds suffer from the rescue site. There is no technology to regrow them. Most birds suffer from the rescue site. There is no technology to regrow them.

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# ಬಾನಾಡಿಗಳ ಬಾಳಿನಲ್ಲೂ ಗೋಳು

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## A short-lived tale of a monkey's breech baby

The monkey went into labour in a housing society and was succumbing pain

**Srinivas**  
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A in animal rescue is easy when it is injured, and a little first aid does the trick until professional intervention. But Binny Mill, a resident of EFA Gardens, was in a fix when he spotted a monkey in terrible pain while giving birth. By the time the doctors arrived, the baby monkey had died. Binny Thakkar, a businessman, said he received a call from his building's security guard at around 9 am on Thursday. "I immediately called PFA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre as they had past its our 16-acre housing society, they guard

one place as the baby was in a breech position, we gave an analgesic and a sedative to make her calm. Then the baby was manually manoeuvred and brought out. We removed the umbilical cord and gave the mother to the hospital," he said, adding that the monkey was not doing much better and had started eating on her own. She will need a minimum of two weeks before she is healthy enough to be released into the wild.

Sharf added that with urbanisation, there were frequent encroachments on the monkey's habitat. "We are doing much better and had started eating on her own. She will need a minimum of two weeks before she is healthy enough to be released into the wild."

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## Just like mom: Prosthetic feeder for orphaned kite chicks

INGENIOUS TOOL

**DONA DEY** @dona  
WHILE there is no substitute for mother's love, in times of crisis, some technology applied with compassion, might just make a big difference.

In what is seen as a revolutionary step in the country's wildlife care sector, a city-based NGO has developed a prosthetic feeder that can feed orphaned nestlings, giving them a new lease of life.

On March 5, People for Animals (PFA), Bengaluru, rescued a kite nestling, which had fallen from its nest and separated from its mother. In a bid to feed it, PFA

depend on humans for food, which can lead to human-animal conflict. We also want the nestling to feed its mother's milk. We also want the nestling to feed its mother's milk. We also want the nestling to feed its mother's milk.

Although they have developed a feeder only for black kite nestlings at the moment, Kurth said they are planning similar tools to help feed other wild birds and animals too. "We also plan to create such feeders for aquatic birds and macaques," he said, adding that while they rescue nestlings in various conditions de-

**POCKET-FRIENDLY INNOVATION**  
The design of the feeder is not just innovative, but pocket-friendly. The handle resembles a long-life tool similar to the one used to scoop out dead fish from aquariums. The body's skeletal structure is made of thermocool, which is reinforced with glass and glue to make it durable. It is then covered with white cement and feathers to make it appear realistic.

## Nanny, the mommy of all

Blind macaque fosters hundreds of orphaned baby macaques voluntarily

**Lulu Thomas**  
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## Bangalore Mirror

How a domestic fowl was nursed back to its feet after sustaining injury at the golf course

**GOOSE BUMPS**  
A domestic fowl was nursed back to its feet after sustaining injury at the golf course. The bird had suffered severe muscle contusion only to leg which was rendering the creature unable to walk or swim.

There is a plastic solution to pettoles

Golf course goose blues



## Celebrations at Pfa

- On July 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated 25 years of Pfa Bangalore
- On August 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Independence Day with a flag hoisting ceremony
- On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Ayudha Puja as a part of the Dasara festival



## Miscellaneous

- Students of 'The Deens Academy' conducted the Nazm fundraising concert 2021, an open mic event for young artists to showcase their talents. The event was held on the 19th and 20th of June for the cause of "Saving the Urban Wildlife of Bangalore City". Proceeds from the concert was donated to us
- Indo National Limited contributed towards the Parakeet Project. This contribution will help in the treatment and rehabilitation of parakeets rescued from the fortune-tellers
- Ms. Keyaa Hira from Mallya Aditi International School conducted a donation drive among her friends and family to donate several items that are used during our rescue and rehabilitation process

