

Zoological Survey of India : Brief history

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) was established on 1st July, 1916 to promote survey, exploration and research leading to the advancement in our knowledge of various aspects of exceptionally rich life of the erstwhile ' British Indian Empire '. The survey has its genesis in the establishment of the Zoological Section of the Indian Museum at Calcutta in 1875. By gradually strengthening its staff and expanding its research programme, the Survey has met the challenges of the past and is on its way to meet the demands of the future. It has maintained its primary objectives unchanged from its inception.

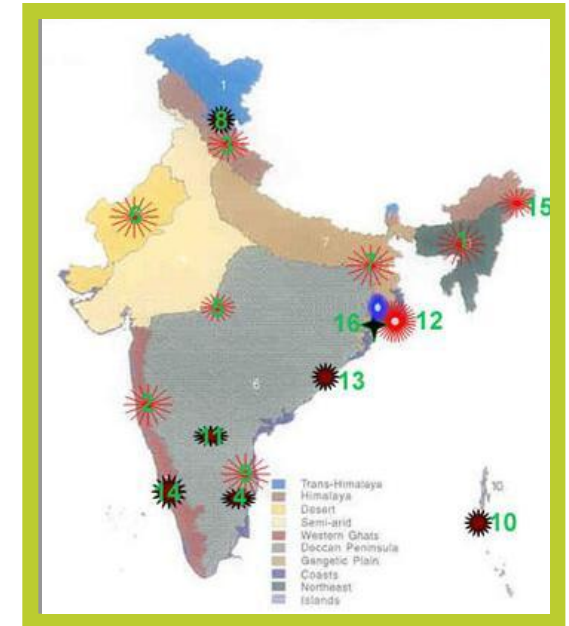
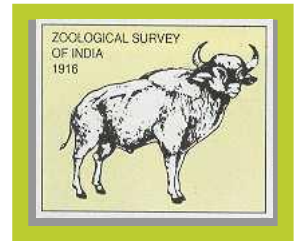
Initially, the Survey acquired the Zoological collections of more than a century old from the former Museum (1814 -1875) of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and Zoological Section of the Indian Museum(1875-1916) in Calcutta. With increasing interest in life sciences and with the advent of country's Five Year Plans, the expansion programme of the survey was initiated. The Survey has established so far 16 Regional and Field Stations in the various eco-regions of India and has developed into a major National Institution. It functions as the guardian of the National Zoological Collections, which comprises more than 2 million specimens from Protozoa to Mammalia belonging to around 81,000 species. So far 4176 new taxa have been described and published.

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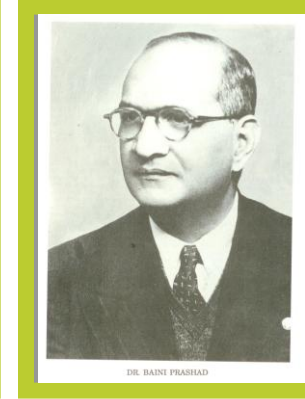
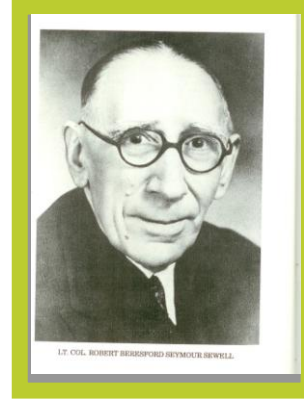
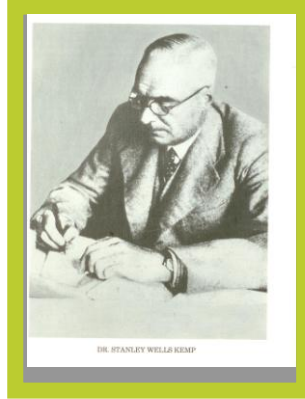
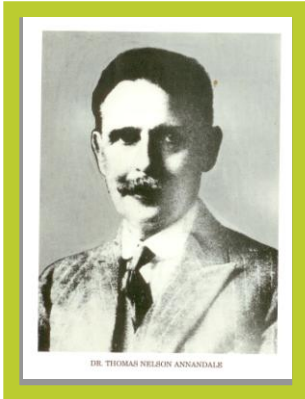
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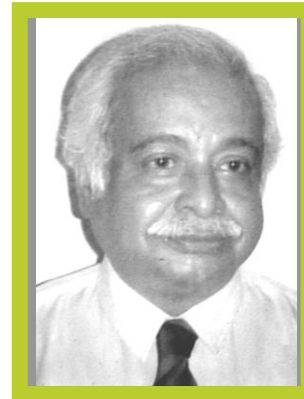
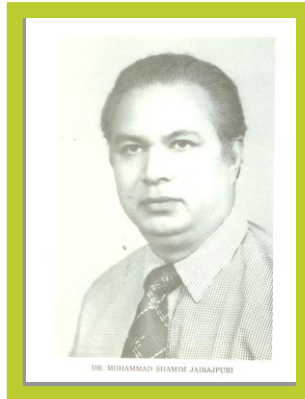
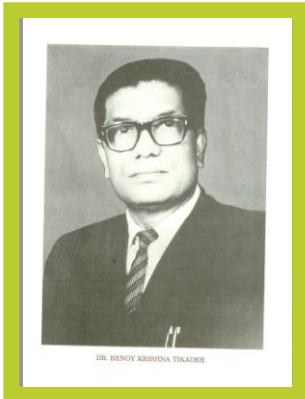
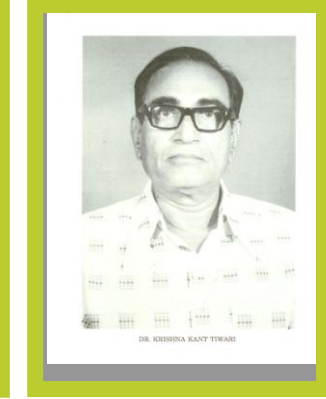
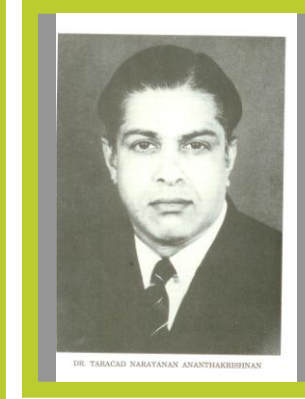
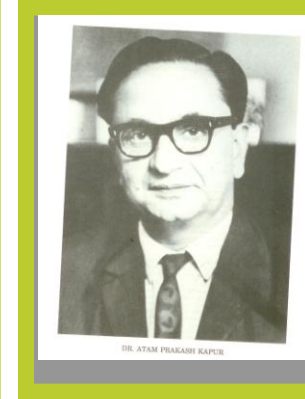
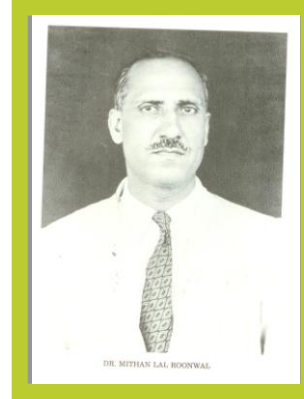
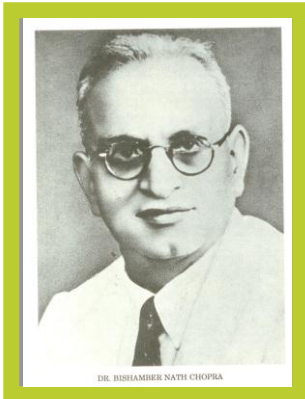
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