

White tiger cub dies at Indore zoo

One of the three white tiger cubs In Indore zoo which fell ill when authorities allegedly released it prematurely for viewing in a bid to attract more tourists, died Thursday.

Three white tiger cubs had fallen ill at the zoo during the last week of August allegedly due to the authorities' decision to prematurely release them into an enclosure, wildlife experts said.

'All the three cubs, born at the zoo in March, were suffering from diarrhoea and dehydration for the past few days. The problem has been caused due to the premature release of the cubs in the enclosure for the tourists,' a zoo employee told IANS on the condition of anonymity.

However, zoo superintendent B.L. Sharma said that the health problem with the cubs had arisen due to constantly changing weather which is causing various diseases like malaria and dengue even among human beings, and animals are as susceptible.

'Adding to it, the cub Samridhi who has died was weak since birth,' he said adding that all efforts were being made to safeguard the health of the other two white tiger cubs.

The cubs were suffering from bacterial gastro-enteritis.

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