

Origin and genesis of “Cobra” Journal of Chennai Snake Park Trust

While digitalizing the **Cobra Newsletter/ Journal** a review on its Origin and evolution is given below. Dr. R. S. Pillai eminent scientist of Zoological Survey of India and Trustee of Madras Snake Park Trust and Founder Trustee Mr. A. N. Jaganathan Rao, Honorary Secretary initiated a Quarterly Newsletter in the name of “Cobra”.in order to encourage Research Scholars of Snake Park to write their observation and findings in printed media

The first (Number 1) **Quarterly Newsletter** was published during the month of July -Sep 1990.and it was continuously edited by Dr. R. S. Pillai till Newsletter Number 14 (Oct to Dec 1993).

Subsequently, Volume 15 (Quarterly Newsletter, Jan - March 1994) to Volume 49 (July – Sep 2002) was edited by Dr. R.J. Ranjit Daniels including Volume 33 as Silver Jubilee souvenir.

Then Volume 50 to 64 was edited by Dr. G. Thirumalai eminent Scientist of Zoological Survey of India. Till then the newsletter was published without Registration from the Registrar office of Newspaper of India. From 2007 onwards it became **Quarterly Journal** of Chennai Snake Park Trust with Four Volume every year. The Volume I to Volume III (Issue: 3) were edited by Dr. G. Thirumalai.

Volume III of (Issue: 4) for the month Oct – Dec 2009 was edited by Shri. R.Rajaratnam as editor -in-charge.

From the Volume IV (Issue 1) , the quarterly journal has become a **Half Yearly Journal**, edited by Dr. S. Paulraj I.F.S.(Retd) till Volume XI (2)

The **Bi-Annual journal** from the Volume XII (Issue-1) (Jan - June 2018) to Volume XIV(Issue 2) Jan – Dec 2020 was edited by Professor Dr. M. Arumugam, Head of the Zoology Dept. University of Madras, Chennai.

From Volume XV (Issue 1) (Jan – June 2021) to Volume XVI (Issue 2) (July – Dec 2022) was edited by Dr. S. Paulraj IFS (Retd).

Dr. V. Kalaiarasan, Herpetologist became the editor for the Cobra Biannual Journal from the Volume XVII (Issue:1) Jan-June 2023) to till Volume XVIII, Issue: 2 (Jan – Dec 2024).

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