

Bannerhatta park tiger ^{ST. 7} toll rises to 3 _{WS}

Bengaluru, Oct. 5: A four-year-old Royal Bengal Tiger died early on Tuesday at the Bannerghatta National Park on the outskirts of the state capital, taking to three the toll of the big cats succumbing to salmonella infection, a senior official said.

The four-year-old tiger Minchu died due to kidney failure though it was recovering from the typhoid causing bacteria. It seems to have succumbed to toxic remnants in the kidney, the zoo assistant director, Mr B.C. Chittiappa said.

Minchu was kept in isolation to prevent its infection from spreading to other 41 tigers, including 15 of them under treatment for the dreaded bacteria.

The post mortem reports confirmed that the deaths were due to infection of salmonella bacteria that causes typhoid in human beings.

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