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Announcement

Conservation of Faunal Diversity of Western Ghats: Problems and Perspectives

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Western Ghats is a home for rich floral and faunal diversity, thus considered as one of the thirty-four hot spots of global biodiversity. It is also the source of a great number of rivers, cultures and civilizations. Unfortunately uncaring for this pristine wealth, the human beings in their greed are abusing the resources and are endangering the environment, threatening the bio-diversity and pushing the universe towards slow but certain destruction. However, a redeeming factor has been the increasing awareness among the educated public. As a result, serious discussions are being held in several quarters to consider major issues like conservation of natural resources and sustainable ways of utilization of the resources.

Loss of habitat and food resources for wild animals, urbanization, industrialization, mining and indiscriminate deforestation are some of the issues that held to be addressed immediately as these are causing the movement of wild fauna towards villages and towns endangering their own lives and those of the population. Even though much have been achieved in documentation, threat assessment, conservation and conflict of fauna, more need to be done in to made discussion with public. With the intention of focusing attention of the stakeholders on this issue, a National level Seminar is being organized with the following broad themes:

1. Status and distribution of wild fauna in the Western Ghats
2. Threats and conservation of wild fauna
3. Man- animal-culture relations
4. Animal- plant interaction

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