

Shri R. G. Soni
Conservator of Forest
Forest Colony, Uthirwadra (MP)

Dear Sir,

I have been working on birds since 1950, first with Dr Salim Ali and then as a member of BNHS & founder-member of WWF-India. I, with a group of bird-watchers from Nagpur, have planned to make a rapid assessment of avifauna of the Maikal Plateau and Maikal range during February 2006. Probably Smt. Usha Page, Ex-director, All India Radio, Pune, might have spoken to you about this trip. Our plan is to leave Nagpur on 10th Feb. and travel to Amarkantak where we will spend a couple of days & also ~~will~~ intend to visit Achanakmar Sanctuary. On the way back we will stop at Mandla & Shivani (Sheoni) to look at birds. We will be very grateful if forest rest house accommodation can be made available to us between 10 & 17th Feb. at the above places or nearby. I may be able tell you the exact dates on telephone within a few days. Thanking you & wishing you Happy New Year,
Yours sincerely,

To

Shri

Executive Engr.

Khadankwada Dam Div.

Sinchan Bhawan, Pune 11

Sir,

Sub: Environmental awareness programme at
Panshet.

The Ecological Society has been managing Irrigation Dept.'s land at near Panshet dam for tree planting & general environmental upkeep. This year, in collaboration with Earth Watch Institute, New Delhi, it is proposed to launch an awareness programme at Panshet once in a month till the end of 2011.

Every month, on a Saturday, 25 volunteers will assemble at Panshet to carry out activities such as tree planting, removal of weeds, grass study, ~~spot~~ plant species identification, listing of other biodiversity etc. I would therefore like to request you to kindly spare some time to inaugurate the programme at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 28th August 2010. We sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to accept our invitation.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

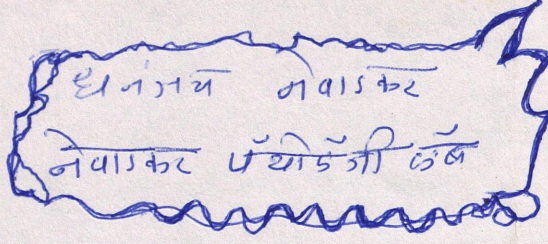
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Shri A. Sumar, Supt. Hb. Engr.

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Shri D. N. Kulkarni Ex-Secretary, Irrigation Dept.



पुणे शहराची 'पक्षीगणना'!

भारताची जनगणना नुकतीच सुरु झाली आहे . माणसांची गणती करणं हे एक नियमित कार्य, विविध सामाजिक व अर्थशास्त्रीय कारणांनी महत्वाचे ठरते . परंतु पर्यावरणाच्या दृष्टीने अत्यंत महत्वाच्या माहितीसाठी ज्या व्यक्ती / संस्था काम करित असतात त्यांच्या साठी झाडे, पक्षी, प्राणी यांची गणती महत्वाची असते . पुणे शहराचा गेल्या 10 - 15 वर्षांत फार वेगाने कायापालट होतो आहे . पुण्याची लोकसंख्या 40 लाखांपर्यंत पोहचली आहे . परंतु या सर्वात पर्यावरणावर काय परिणाम होतो आहे हे पाहण्यासाठी सर्वेक्षणे केली जात असून निरीक्षणांतून काही महत्वाची अनुमाने मिळत आहेत . यादृष्टीने 'पक्षीगणना' हा एक महत्वाचा उपक्रम ठरेल .

तीस वर्षांपूर्वी 1979 साली पक्षीतज्ज्ञ प्रकाश गोळे यांनी वीस पक्षीमित्रांच्या मदतीने पुण्यातील पक्षीगणना केली होती . पूर्वी केलेला हा उपक्रम या वर्षी करण्याचा इकोलॉजिकल सोसायटीचा मानस आहे . ही पक्षीगणना सहा जून 2010 ते 10 जून 2010 या कालावधीत करण्याचे नियोजन करण्यात आलेले आहे . या पक्षीगणना उपक्रमाच्या यशस्वीतेकरीता सुमारे शंभर (100) पक्षीमित्रांचा सहभाग आवश्यक आहे . पुणे शहराच्या विविध विभागांमध्ये प्रत्यक्ष निरीक्षणाने ही गणना केली जाणार असल्याने भाग घेणा-या स्वयंसेवकांना विविध पक्षी व्यवस्थित ओळखता येणे व त्यांच्या प्रजातीविषयी ज्ञान असणे गरजेचे आहे . अशा इच्छुक पक्षीमित्रांची एक बैठक बोलवण्यात आली आहे .

सोमवार दिनांक 17 मे 2010 रोजी सायंकाळी 5 .30 वा . स्थळ: 'निवारा', डेव्हिड ससून अनाथ पंगु गृह, एस एम जोशी सभागृहासमोर, सदाशिव पेठ, पुणे 411 030 .

या संदर्भात अधिक माहितीसाठी इकोलॉजिकल सोसायटीच्या कार्यालयात संपर्क साधावा वेळ: स . 11 ते दु . 4
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प्रगती आणि शहरवृद्धी होत असतानाच आपल्या पर्यावरणातील आपल्या महत्वाच्या सोबत्यांना (पक्ष्यांना) आपण कितपत पोषक वातावरण या भागात ठेवलेले आहे हे समजण्यासाठी ही पक्षीगणना अत्यंत महत्वाची आहे .

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Dear Vyjayam

Everyday almost I am receiving a copy of the first announcement of Pan-Asian Ornithological Congress or being organized by IALOR. So far I have refrained from sending my participation. I am tired of such meets which where the same people discuss the same academics, the shows sponsored by some local luminaries & foreigners. Forgive me if I say that such shows achieve little except - satisfying someone's ego.

Why the meet should not be more issue oriented & solution oriented? Why not select some Saurthians or other locations & discuss their management wisdom? Why not have a wider participation? Many of our wetlands are under the control of Irrigation Dept.s of various states, why not invite these engineers? Why not invite NBO's who fight for people's rights. How you know the benefit of Madhav Gadgil's advice. He is not more interested in people's rights than rights of non-human beings. Why not consider special cases where these 2 rights can be reconciled? I know this why not invite other forest dept.s concerned with specific issues?

Unless we become more management oriented or issue oriented, the speaker set up by you will become, as it always has, a log in the wilderness. It does not help conservation. I am trying to achieve something on the ground. The present system does not help people like me much. Forgive me, if I do not participate.

Market economy unable to meet
biomass needs

Purchasing power concentrated in a
few hands → Market favours them.

Biomass can be artificially produced
e.g. social forestry plantations

But costs are high & does not help
assimilative & absorptive capacities

Or Areas to be kept free of human impact

Or actively help nature to regenerate

Dear Cyrus,

Admiral Awati told me ^{of} ~~about~~ the meeting he had with you about the working of this Society. It was very kind of you to have spared some time to discuss some of our problems. Admiral told me that you needed some information on the work done by the Society. I am glad to enclose herewith the same.

The Society had completed a number of projects. The last one ^{was} about developing a regional ^{development} plan for the Coast of Konkan based on conservation of coastal biodiversity. The current one is developing a management plan for Shimachanhar wildlife Sanctuary based on a study of its birds & vegetation. Such intermittent projects, as you must know from your experience with BNHS, do not help develop the infrastructure that an institution needs. A permanent activity is needed to keep it going. For an institution like ours such activity can only be a training programme which we initiated 2 yrs. ago. This year the response of the public is very good for our 1-year diploma course in Sustainable Management of Natural Resources.

Aggravation fees do not suffice to meet the needed infrastructure like accommodation for holding classes, a library, a lab and field stations. Donations are needed. ^{Bank} loans will not be good as it is not a profit-making activity & we cannot accept capitalisation donations. We have 2 good field stations but funds are needed to pay for their upkeep & the main-

Staff. Recently President Clinton's top advisors on the environment visited one of them & were pleased to see their working. We seem to be the only organization in the developing world doing the work of restoration of natural (not plantations or community work done by many others).

I hope some time you could be generous enough to pay a visit to one in situ projects.

A Xerox copy of the account of our work that appeared in a book published in USA is also enclosed herewith.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Punicher S. J
Punicher M. S.
Punicher P. M.
Sachan A. A.
Sachan S. S.
Shah S.

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Adkar R. A.
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The Graduate Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Mr. Prakash Gole and I am the Director of The Ecological Society, Pune, India. It is certainly a pleasure to recommend Ms. Sayali Gokhale for the graduate programme at your reputable institution.

The Ecological Society is an institution based in Pune, India, dedicated to environmental conservation. Besides undertaking various restoration projects, another major function of the institution is education in environmental management. We run educational programmes like the diploma in Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development. Sayali started her association with The Ecological Society as a student. After successfully completing her diploma she stayed on with our institution as a volunteer on environmental projects. Later she was appointed as a faculty member at The Ecological Society.

As a volunteer on restoration projects, Sayali has also assisted me on many field trips. She helped in collecting and organizing data as well as managed small groups of student researchers. Her conduct and performance on these field trips was such that we let her conduct her own independent field trips for our students at our project locations.

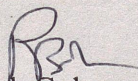
I have seen her work as a faculty member at our institution. She has shown great dedication to her work at The Ecological Society and beyond it. This is apparent from her brilliant academic record at the Fergusson College, University of Pune.

Sayali has shown extraordinary abilities and initiative in all her endeavors. Her enthusiasm and willingness to take the leadership role in any activity made her always stand out from her peers.

I am confident that she has the potential in making a career in Environmental Management. She will certainly prove to be an asset to your department.

Thanking you

Sincerely,


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