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August 29, 1994

Dear *T. Pittie*

I have been in correspondence with many of my friends and friends and well wishers of the late Dr Salim Ali concerning my desire to further the ornithological and natural history interests of Dr Salim Ali. Needless to say my interests in these fields are more or less identical with his views.

I had consulted my many friends in this country on the possibility of forming a non-profit making research and educational trust for furthering these interests. The response has been very positive.

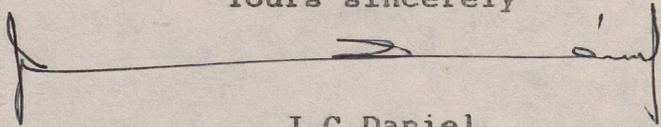
Therefore I and some of the former employees of the BNHS very devoted to him and his memory and some of his students and friends are processing the organisation, The Salim Ali Wild Wings Trust for this purpose. The objectives of the Trust will not only further Dr Salim Ali's interests but projects undertaken by the Trust will provide an avenue of employment for the many ornithologists Dr Salim Ali trained up during his life time. It is apparent that there is a wide scope for extensive studies in ornithology in this country and there is room for researches in this field in addition to those undertaken by BNHS and SACON with their limited employment potential. In fact it may be possible for an organisation with more administrative flexibility to collaborate very usefully with these two premier organisations.

It would give me great pleasure if you would agree to serve as an Invited Trustee. I believe your association with the Trust will be of considerable benefit for furthering the objectives of the Trust.

I enclose a copy of the Trust Deed for your information and look forward to receiving your favourable response.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely



J C Daniel

Encl: as above

THIS DEED OF DECLARATION OF THE PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST is executed this day of 1994 by MR JIVANAYAKAM CYRIL DANIEL, adult Indian, residing at 16/186, Chandar Niwas, Sion East, Bombay 400 022, known as SETTLER.

WHEREAS, Mr J C Daniel the SETTLER has set apart a sum of Rs 1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) in cash towards constituting a public charitable trust and has handed over the same to the founder trustee:

AND WHEREAS the founder trustees have also accepted the Trust funds as stated above:

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to declare the objectives and terms of the PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST.

NOW THIS DEED OF DECLARATION of the Public Charitable Trust WITNESSES as under:

- 1) The name of the Trust shall be SALIM ALI WILD WINGS TRUST.
- 2) The Trust will be registered at Bombay and the office of the Trust will provisionally be situated at 16/186, Chander Niwas, Sion (East), Bombay 400 022.
- 3) The Objectives of the Trust are as under:
 - i) To facilitate and encourage an appreciation of the birdlife of the Indian sub-continent through scientifically designed field programmes and appropriate educational output.
 - ii) To study, in the field, the community ecology of the bird fauna of the Indian sub-continent.
 - iii) To conduct research on the migration of individual species, genera and families of birds and to organise collaborative Bird Ringing and other field-oriented programmes.
 - iv) To establish a network of knowledgeable amateurs, forest officials and those involved in the study of scientific ornithology by organising training programmes in the study of bird ecology and migration.
 - v) To collaborate at national and international levels with scientists and scientific organisations in the countries where bird migrants to India originate and where ornithology is a well developed discipline.
 - vi) To publish an informative Newsletter and an Annual Scientific Report on the activities of the Trust. In addition, to contribute to scientific and popular journals.

- vii) To support scientists/research scholars on the analysis and publication of data relating to the migration and other aspects of Indian avifauna.
 - viii) To publish books, periodicals and audio-visuals and to help to promote the objectives of the Trust.
 - ix) To build up and maintain a library.
- 4) The Settler will appoint the first Trustees of the Trust known as **FOUNDER TRUSTEES**. The following will be the first Founder Trustees of the Trust.
- 1) Mr J C Daniel
 - 2) Mr A L Hegde
 - 3) Dr E B Bharucha
 - 4) Mr Bharat Bhushan
 - 5) Mr J S Serrao
 - 6) Mr Shahid Ali

The Founder Trustees collectively shall be called as **EXECUTIVE TRUSTEES**.

The Executive Trustees shall have powers to appoint new Trustees and shall also have powers to invite people of eminence to act as advisors of the Trust.

- 5) Mr J C Daniel will be designated as the **MANAGING TRUSTEE**.
- 6) The Managing Trustee will have the following powers:
 - a) To look after the day to day affairs of the Trust.
 - b) To administer the funds of the Trust.
 - c) To appoint staff, fix their remuneration, terms and conditions of the service, matters of discipline.
 - d) To expend money on the objects of the Trust and on the administration of its affairs.
 - e) To operate bank accounts of the Trust.
- 7) The Managing Trustee shall hold office for life or until he resigns therefrom.
- 8) The Managing Trustee shall name his successor during his lifetime and on his failure to do so, the same will be appointed by the **FOUNDER TRUSTEES**, on such terms and conditions as the Managing Trustee or the Founder Trustees, as the case may be, deem fit and proper.

- 9) Proper accounts of the Trust shall be kept at the office of the Trust.
- 10) The initial contribution of Rs 1000/- made by the Settler shall hereby vest in the Founder Trustees and shall constitute the initial TRUST FUND.
- 11) The Trust funds may be augmented by income from initial contribution and also by donations and other contributions from time to time received from individuals, institutions, companies and corporations, residents either in India or abroad.
- 12) The funds of the Trust shall not be utilised/applied for any purpose other than the OBJECTIVES of the Trust as stated in para 3 above.
- 13) Rules may be framed for the proper administration of the Trust, but such rules shall not be against the objectives of the Trust. In the absence of any specific rules, the guiding clauses of this Trust Deed and the decisions of the Founder Trustees shall be construed to be the rules of administration.
- 14) For the removal of doubts it is hereby declared that this Trust and its implementation shall not be for the benefit of any particular caste or religious community as such and will be open to all.
- 15) The Executive Trustees, in the interest of the Trust, shall collectively have power to acquire immovable or movable properties for the Trust and likewise the power to borrow, sell, lease, mortgage, deal or dispose of such properties in the interest of the Trust.
- 16) The Executive Trustees shall meet as often as may be necessary to transact the business. The Executive Trustees might transact the business and take decision also by circulation of papers.
- 17) All the decisions of the Executive Trustees shall be unanimous or by a simple majority and shall be binding. If the Executive is equally divided then the Managing Trustee shall have a casting vote.
- 18) Without prejudice to the powers of the Executive Trustees the Managing Trustee shall manage and administer the affairs of the Trust and shall also exercise such powers as may be delegated to him by the Executive Trustees.

AASHEESH PITTIE

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REF: Your: Dt. 29.8.94.

September 6, 1994

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Dear Mr. Daniel,

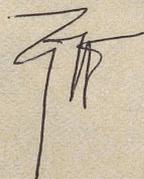
What a pleasant surprise your letter was ! It is good to know that you are keeping well and active !

Your proposed project is very worthwhile and I would be honored to be associated with it in any way I can. My interest in birds was kindled by the singular work of Dr. Salim Ali and his uncanny knack of taking the message to the public, through his various books. I think the Trust which you are proposing has this fact as its central theme. Such a venture has been long overdue, and you are to be congratulated for having begun it at last. Such a Trust has only the sky as its limit !

I am honored by your offer and gladly accept to help and serve as an Invited Trustee of the Salim Ali Wild Wings Trust.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Pittie,

Many thanks indeed for your letter of the 29th Sept. '94. I regret the delay in replying. After I wrote to you I went on a long holiday to my daughter's house at Ambikapur, Surgujah. I am grateful to you for agreeing to serve on the Trust. We are processing the Registration and as soon as it is completed I shall write to you again.

Would it be possible to send me a copy of your booklet on the new classification. I saw a copy with Bharat. I am rather alarmed at the change in the common names which have traditionally used in India for over a century. There is no question that uniformity should be there for scientific names, I see no reason why the powers that be want it extended to common names.

kindest regards

Yours sincerely

J. C. Daniel

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5th November 1994

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Dear Mr Daniel,

Thank you for your letter of 28th October 1994.

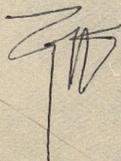
I am enclosing the 'nomenclature' booklet for you. You will see that a lot of the scientific nomenclature has been shuffled around, with new names being added here and there. Frankly it adds to the confusion of having to cope with a language we are not familiar with at all. But the whole thing seems to be in flux and changes are constantly being made. I suppose it will be some time before the new format is not only universally accepted but also itself becomes stable. In fact we (Andrew Robertson and I) have sent in a note with corrections, additions, etc., to the Newsletter for Birdwatchers, following the publication of the above booklet.

Some of the common names of birds are being changed drastically and rather haphazardly, eg., the woodpeckers. On the whole, I feel that though names have been in use for many many years, they have not been 'standardised' yet. There are innumerable notes, in our literature, arguing for and against changes, improvements, methods, etc., over the years. (On the other hand, I wonder whether they can ever be standardised!) Frankly even the common names used by Ali & Ripley in their Handbook, are quite cumbersome - where the name of a bird includes the area of its distribution. I suppose there is no harm if the common names of birds can be coined in such a way that the name helps in identifying the bird in the field. And isn't it correct if the reorganisation of names is done on a global scale, given the globalisation (so to speak) of birdwatching these days?

I would like to hear your comments and also request you to write a note for the Newsletter, for the benefit of its readers.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



encl: as above.

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Dear Mr. Pittie,

I must apologise for the long delay in replying to your letter of the 5th inst. and the failure to thank you for the copy of the nomenclature booklet. I have been planning to look at common name usage over the last 100 years of Indian Ornithology and whether there is any need to change common names of long standing. There should certainly be uniformity in scientific names, otherwise it will be impossible to communicate and there will be chaos, I thought I could write to you after I had gathered some material but find that it will take some time. I shall certainly review the book in the Journal and for the Newsletter.

The BMHS is planning to publish a Salim Ali Centenary issue of the Journal. This would probably be the December 1996 issue. I wonder whether you could write an appraisal of the "Hyderabad" bird fauna, a review of conditions obtaining and species status, sixty years after Salim Ali's seminal Hyderabad Ornithological Survey. I look forward to hearing from you. I am in the process of registering the Trust.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

26/11/94