

Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research (Wild-CER), Nagpur



## 27<sup>th</sup> Maharashtra Pakshimitra Sammelan (Birders meet)

Nagpur

4-5 January, 2014

Venue: Hislop college, Civil lines, Nagpur



Dear Birder,  
Namaskar

‘Maharashtra Pakshimitra’ a conservation organization has been organizing this sammelan (Birders meet) for more than two decades all over Maharashtra. Sammelan has played a key role in bringing all the bird lovers together with the objective of developing interest about the birds in common man and involving communities in bird conservation etc. Keeping this motto in mind, Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research (Wild-CER) has organized the 27<sup>th</sup> Maharashtra Pakshimitra Sammelan in Nagpur. Nagpur is surrounded by number of wildlife sanctuaries, National parks, Tiger reserves and protected area and is the city where the organization ‘Maharashtra Pakshimitra’ took shape from its infancy.

Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research (Wild-CER) is the leading conservation organization in Central India who has organized this sammelan with the theme ‘Rescue and rehabilitation of the birds’. This session will include presentation regarding first aid to the birds, housing, care and management of the birds during captivity etc.

There will be other sessions which will include different presentation from the eminent speakers on following topics.

- First aid to the birds
- Rehabilitation of the birds
- Endangered birds and challenges in their conservation
- Legal issues in bird conservation
- Bird conservation through tourism
- Bird watching and its methodology
- Scientific study of birds

Those who are interested to participate, present their work related birds are requested to contact Dr. Sudhanshu Kothe on 9823 056 214 for detail information.

Various activities such as drawing competition for school children, Essay competition, photography competition & exhibition and bird watching for elder people have been organized as a part of the sammelan.

### Registration

- Early bird registration fee 800/- (Eight hundred rupees) only, on and before 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- After 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 = 900/- (Nine hundred rupees) only. Accommodation will be provided to 100 participants on first come first basis.
- It is mandatory to reach your duly filled registration form on and before 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Each participant will have to submit different form. You may use the photocopy of the registration form. You may also send the registration form online which is available on [www.wildcer.org.in](http://www.wildcer.org.in)
- Account name: Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research
- Account number: 179001000237
- IFSC code: ICIC0001790
- Name of the bank: ICICI, Dharampeth branch, Nagpur
- You may like to send the registration fee by DD, Cheque or core banking. Cheque should be drawn in the name of 'Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research' payable at Nagpur
- Please do inform 9561 404 174 once you deposit/transfer the money in the account.

### Photography competition

- Any photograph related to the subject 'Bird' will be eligible for the competition. Please send your entries before 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- Each participant can send maximum 5 photographs for the competition. (2 for competition and 3 for exhibition)
- You may send the soft copy of the photograph. Please send 100/- fee per photograph.
- Please include name of the photographer, contact number in the email. Name of the bird, place, camera used and other detail information can be send additionally.
- Please contact Mr. Avinash Londhe 9422 803 517 for detail information regarding photography competition and exhibition.

- Selected photographs will be displayed in the exhibition. You may send the photographs for exhibition only. Selection of the photographs will be the final decision of the organizers committee.

Documentary competition:

- You may like to send the documentaries on bird observation, research or conservation project
- Documentary should be of 10-15 minutes duration.
- Please send your documentary in CD or DVD before 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to be considered for the competition.
- First three documentaries from the competition will be shown during the sammelan. Please contact Dr. Priya Baviskar on 9561404174 for the detail information regarding the same.

For presentation

Abstracts are invited for free papers and poster presentations or video presentation, for the open discussion forum during Sammelan. Please send abstract of less than 200 words, for what you are going to speak or display as poster or video. The time allotted is 5 minutes for podium presentation and videos. Please present your best work, and in a crisp manner.

Please mention the title, authors' names, presenting authors name, address, place where study was done, and period. Also mention if it is a podium presentation, poster or video. Certificates for all the presentations will be as if for podium presentation. Scientific Committee may shift a presentation from podium to poster if it deems fit.

Last date of abstract submission: December 05 2013.

Souvenir for the sammelan:

To keep the memories of the “27<sup>th</sup> Maharashtra Pakshimitra Sammelan, Nagpur” alive, we will be publishing souvenir with different articles related to birds, during the sammelan. We invite articles sharing your experiences related to the birds for the same. Selection of the articles will be done by the organizers committee. The articles should be mainly in Marathi or Hindi/English with the word limit 800 to 1000.

In the souvenir, we are going to include the list of the organizations who are working for the bird conservation. Kindly send the information of your organization (Name of the organization, Address, work profile, contact person, contact number, Email, website etc.)

Please send your article for souvenir and information of your organization to Wild-CER office (C/o D. S. Chainde, Plot No. 2-A, Kolbaswamy nagar, Near Katol road, Nagpur 440013). You can also email the article in word or pdf format to [wildcer@gmail.com](mailto:wildcer@gmail.com)

Optional tour to Pench Tiger Reserve (MS):

Optional tour on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 will be taken to the Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra. Pench Tiger Reserve is one of the most beautiful landscapes of Central India. This 'The gateway of the tigerland' is located 80 km from Nagpur. Expected expenses are around 1000/- to and fro Pench Tiger Reserve and include one safari. We will be returning on the same day by evening 6.00 pm.

About Wild-CER:

Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research (Wild-CER) is a conservation organization based at Nagpur. Being involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of the wild animals, their treatment, care and management in captivity for more than one and half decade, we are trying to resolve man- animal conflict issues. We are also involved in the research related diseases of wild animals, their management in captive and free ranging wild animals and birds. Several research articles has been published in national and international journals. Scientists of Wild-CER have also reported Babesiosis in Nilgai for the first time in central India. At present we are involved in 'Vulture Conservation at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra' and 'Man-animal conflict at Melghat Tiger Reserve' project in collaboration with the state forest department. With the tremendous efforts of volunteers, rescuers and veterinarians of Wild-CER, we have rescued hundred of wild animals/birds so far. In 2013 we have rescued and treated more than 300 birds.