

NATURE & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF ODISHA

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To

Shri Sidharth Pradhan, IRS (Retd),
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Sub : Financial support to Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Odisha.

Dear Sri Pradhan

In inviting a reference to our discussion on 26.11.2017, I am sending herewith a brief note on 'Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Odisha'.

The Society was registered on 15.07.1982 with 14 founder members with the principal objectives to make every endeavour to conserve nature and wildlife of the State of Odisha and to foster awareness for preservation of wildlife and nature conservation. One of the objectives of the Society is also to assist and help the State and Central Government in implementing effectively the laws concerning protection and conservation of wildlife, forests and environment. The Society is governed by the General Body and the administration of the Society is vested in the Executive Committee.

This society which has the Minister, Forest as its Chairperson and the Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park as its ex-officio Honorary Secretary, is the oldest of such voluntary organizations in the state that was created with support of the State Government for helping the conservation efforts of the state and the country. It has achieved success in holding a number of seminars, workshops, training programmes, competitions, exhibitions, supporting research programme and has brought out number of publications including the State Biodiversity Strategy & Action plan and on 'Bhitarkanika the Wonderland of Orissa'. We do publish newsletters released during important days like World Environment Day, Vanamahatsava & Wildlife Week. We have conducted teacher's training program for the eastern region for environment conservation, taken up a 11-day 'Jala jatra' in the Mahanadi and a trek from Rayagada district to Bhubaneswar for nature conservation awareness among the masses. We have conducted cleaning drive of rock faces of certain eco-tourism sites. Working under the society banner, two persons have been awarded doctoral degrees.

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The following six members of the Society have been awarded the prestigious 'Biju Patnaik Award for Wildlife Conservation' constituted by Government of Odisha in due recognition of their contribution to the conservation of wildlife in the State.

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| i) Prof. B.K.Behura | - | 2008 |
| ii) Dr. U.N. Dev | - | 2009 |
| iii) Dr. S.N. Patro | - | 2009 |
| iv) Sri S.K. Pattnaik | - | 2010 |
| v) Dr. L.N. Acharjyo | - | 2011 |
| vi) Dr. L.A.K. Singh | - | 2013 |

The following eight members of the Society were nominated as members of the 'State Board for Wildlife' with effect from 30th July, 2013 for a period of three years.

- i) Mr. M.F. Ahmed, President of NWCSO
- ii) Dr. S.N. Patro, Life Member of NWCSO
- iii) Dr. U.N. Dev, Founder Member of NWCSO
- iv) Dr. L.N. Acharjyo, Founder Member of NWCSO
- v) Sri S.K. Pattnaik, Working President of NWCSO
- vi) Dr. Priyambada Mohanty – Hejmadi, Founder Member of NWCSO
- vii) Sri Dr. L.A.K. Singh, Life Member of NWCSO
- viii) Sri Bijay Ketan Patnaik, Life Member

The NWCSO observes the following important weeks and days regularly.

- (i) Wildlife Week- from 2nd – 8th October
- (ii) Vanmohatsav – First week of July
- (iii) World Environment – 5th June
- (iv) World Forestry Day – 21st March (occasionally) observed.

During the celebration of these important functions, the Society arranges special talks on the subjects by eminent Scientists/naturalists and film show on the relevant topics.

Tree plantation, Photography exhibition/competition, Quiz Competition both in Odia and English among school children, drawing and painting competitions mostly amongst school children are held and certificates/prizes are distributed to the winners. Nature camps and conducted tours are organized by the Society on these important days/weeks and also on other days to nearest forest/wild areas/zoological parks. An expedition to glacial lake 'Roopkund' situated in the Gharwal Himalayas of Uttarakhand was successfully undertaken by our Society during October, 2017 where eight members including three girls had participated and created awareness amongst the trekkers to keep Himalayas green and clean and to preserve the human skeletons for the future.

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Some copies of the Newsletters published by the Society and the Souvenir published on the occasion of Silver Jubilee celebration of the society is enclosed herewith for your ready reference.

In recognition to our credentials the State Government has allotted a 0.251 Acres of land on the side of NH-5 (now NH-316) about 300 mtrs away from Khandagiri junction inside Bhubaneswar city and the Society plans to construct a building 'Prakrutika' to house a library, data centre on wildlife conservation and auditorium, a first in the state. A modest plan has been prepared for the same. It is estimated to cost about Rs.1.00 crore for this double storied structure including furniture and fittings and shall fulfil the long felt need for such an institution.

As such, the Society is looking forward for support from any of the corporate bodies under the Hon'ble Minister, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India. It is requested to use your good offices to fix a date and time with the Hon'ble Minister so that we can apprise him about the Society and the project.

Expecting a prompt and positive reply at your earliest.

With best wishes for a very happy new year.

Encl: Silver Jubilee Celebration (1982-83 to 2007-08)
Newsletter of NWCSO (2012, 2013 & 2015)
Mission Roop Kund & *Bhitarkanika*

Yours sincerely,


(S.K. Patnaik)
PRESIDENT