

Respected Madam,

I am forwarding this document which is of an event happening in August in Bangalore. One of the organizing members, Mr. Pavan Joshi is a friend of mine and he wanted to send this event details to you for our institute to participate in this. If you are interested in further discussions, with your permission, I would provide him with your contact details for further conversations.

**Subject : Request to support the Conference & Photography Exhibition on Climate Change, Conservation & Sustainable Development. Event Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

**ECO-WATCH, Centre for Environment & Sustainable Development** has been in the forefront of the **Green Movement in Karnataka** for the last two decades, consistently contributing towards environmental conservation and sustainable development with its focal areas being *Natural Resource Management, Ecosystem Restoration, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development*. Headed by **Mr. Suresh Heblikar**, a well-known filmmaker & environmentalist, Eco-Watch has been addressing need-based issues and concerns across urban, peri-urban & rural areas by comprehending, designing and implementing community based and region-specific programmes and projects that are multi-disciplinary and holistic in its approach.

**WildAlert** was established by **Mr. Pavan Joshi** with the intention to help the front-line staff of the forest dept. to the best of his abilities. For over 20 years, Pavan's mission has been to find solutions to save the rich biodiversity in & around Nagarahole Tiger Reserve by applying the best methods available. More details on his work can be found [here \(https://wildalert.in\)](https://wildalert.in).

Thus, with similar goals and objectives, both these organizations have now come together to collaborate with each other and network with like-minded organizations & individuals to carry out a series of workshops, exhibition, symposium & live interactive sessions involving conservationists, ecologists, economists, researchers, government depts., Institutions and others from varied backgrounds & interests.

**Objective:** The proposed programme aims to sensitize the community by creating awareness on issues related to biodiversity conservation, wildlife, ecosystem restoration, sustainable livelihoods & responsible development eventually converging into panel discussions & deliberations with select decision makers & elected representatives who genuinely intend to bring about positive changes for the betterment of the society & environment.

**Proposed Activities:** The programme will focus on the following series of activities in multiple locations in Bengaluru:

**Photography Exhibition:** This event will showcase unique photographs showcasing various ecosystems, characteristic flora & fauna, attempts to shed light on the significance of sustaining lives and livelihoods. The exhibition will also educate the student community on the pressing need to protect ecosystems & its components. During the event, Pavan Joshi will present some unique & stunning photographs, showcasing:

- Twenty years of his efforts as a wildlife conservationist and photographer.
- Challenges faced by the forest ground staff in the wildlife reserves.
- Wild animals photographed during his years of volunteering work with the forest department.
- Tiger Masti, which the Karnataka Forest Department strived to protect (it made national headlines in 2002 after its heroic escape from poachers).

**Workshops:** Issues such as climate change, global warming, impact on environment, society, and the need to address these issues on war-footing will be discussed & deliberated by subject experts & resource personnel among the participants and invitees from various backgrounds.

**Panel Discussion:** The discussions & deliberations will eventually converge into a panel discussion that will help in drafting a comprehensive plan that will be submitted to the government for further actions & implementation of on-ground activities.

**Film Screening:** The programme will also include select films on conservation, wildlife, sustainable development, and related issues. This will be followed by discussions and interactions with the participants.

**Sustainable & Responsible Development:** As the focus of the programme is to promote conservation and sustainable development, various initiatives of the government, organizations, corporates, and individuals will be presented, discussed and showcased to enable to reach out to the society at large. These initiatives will also be compiled, documented & presented to the concerned government departments & agencies who can incorporate them in future urban planning & development

**Past Success:** The event follows the big success of Pavan Joshi's previous exhibition held at Alliance Française on World Environment Day on June 4 and 5. He and his friend Arvind Karthik exhibited photographs of wild animals in their natural habitats and snapshots of the forest frontline staff.

**Collaborations:**

The exhibition will provide a platform for a couple of talented people to showcase their work.

- Oil-on-canvas paintings of the tiger Masti done by wildlife artist **R. A. Sudha** will be featured. She is a conservation artist and a member of several international wildlife art organizations.
- Another exhibit will have wildlife photographs taken by **Arvind Karthik** to showcase his talent, knowledge, and interests as a wildlife enthusiast.

**Knowledge Sharing:** Heads of Forest (PCP) Watchers will share their knowledge and experience with the public during the exhibition. They will also be felicitated for their immense contribution to wildlife conservation.

**Environmental Education:** Along with wildlife photography, there will be banners, posters, cutouts, standees, and snippets of biodiversity with a focus to educate school children in particular.

**When and Where:** The photography exhibition will be held for a week in the month of **August 2022** at **Chitrakala Parishath, Bangalore**. The workshops, film screening and other events will be conducted at **Alliance Française** in parallel and in the subsequent week. The exact dates will be communicated upon finalization of events, activities, resource personnel availability, invitees, etc.

**Sponsorship options:** We have a three-tier sponsorship structure:

- **Gold**
  - Exclusive stall for the company.
  - The company's logo, name and contributions towards wildlife conservation will be included in all circulars, in print, radio and television media.
  
- **Silver**
  - Exclusive stall for the company.
  - The company's logo will be included in the brochure, posters, circulars and other materials.
  
- **Bronze**
  - The sponsor's logo will be printed in the brochure.

We sincerely hope to receive contributions from your esteemed organization to make this exhibition a grand success. We look forward to hearing a positive response from you

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