

## RESULT OF NATURE WRITERS COMPETITION 2017

A Nature Writers Competition was organised by the UNESCO Category 2 Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training in Asia and the Pacific region, established at the Wildlife Institute of India. This was organized as a part of the upcoming event **Celebrating Natural Heritage: In Literature, Arts and Culture**, which is a two-venue event being organised from 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Wildlife Institute of India and 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Great Himalayan National Park. Details of the advert may be seen here

[http://wii.gov.in/images/images/documents/unesco/unesco\\_nature\\_writers\\_competition\\_2016.pdf](http://wii.gov.in/images/images/documents/unesco/unesco_nature_writers_competition_2016.pdf)

A total of 67 entries were received for the competition. These entries were scored through two jury panels under two rounds of evaluation.

### First round of evaluation

The jury panel for the first round comprised of six jury members. The 67 entries were divided into different sets at random, and one set was sent to each jury member for evaluation. The entries were scored out of 100, based on different criteria. These criteria were 'Content & structure' (30 points), 'Writing style & creativity' (30 points), 'Originality & impact' (20 points), 'Grammar' (10 points), 'Adherence to theme' (10 points), which constitutes to a total score of 100 points. The **two highest scoring entries** were selected from each of the **six sets** sent to jury members. This constituted a total of **12 entries**, which were sent for second round of evaluation.

### Second round of evaluation

The jury panel for the second round of evaluation comprised of three jury members. This panel evaluated the final set of 12 entries and allotted scores out of hundred based on the same criteria mentioned above. These criteria were 'Content & structure' (30 points), 'Writing style & creativity' (30 points), 'Originality & impact' (20 points), 'Grammar' (10 points), 'Adherence to theme' (10 points), which constitutes to a total score of 100 points. The mean of the scores obtained from each panel member for each of the 12 entries was calculated. Finally, these entries were arranged in order of scores. The top three highest scoring entries from these are the winners of the Nature Writers Competition, and will win a chance to attend the Natural Heritage Festival being held in Wildlife Institute of India and Great Himalayan National Park.

The winning authors are:

1. **Mr Nishanth S.** for 'The human pachyderm';
2. **Ms Kadambari Devarajan** for 'Stories in the sand' and
3. **Mr Anuranjan Roy** for 'The storm within'

The next nine entries (winners are Ms Reetika Maheshwary, Ms Maya Goel, Ms Rituja Devidas Patil, Ms Nikita Bhat, Ms Radhika Kothari, Mr Shashank Birla, Ms Upma Manral, Mr Anuraj R Kaimal and Ms Madhushri K Mukde) will also be awarded an honorary certificate and all the articles will be published in a Festival Souvenir.