

Press Note

About Symposium

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) organized a symposium on 'the articles by individual authors in Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat Reference to Wildlife Conservation on 28 April 2023 at the Institute. The 100th episode of this popular radio programme is to be aired on 30 April 2023.

Inspired by the PM's address on earlier Mann Ki Baat episodes, the scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India have published some papers on the issues raised by the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, in his radio programme 'Mann ki Baat'.

The scientists of WII presented these papers in the symposium on (i) Turtles and Tortoises in Assam and their Conservation – by Abhijit Das, Jason D Gerard and Bitupan Boruah (Mann Ki Baat Reference: 74th episode of Mann Ki Baat dated 28 February 2021), (ii) *Goraiya* of the sacred mountains - a comprehensive study of House Sparrow in the Uttarakhand Himalayas – by Renu Bala, Amarjeet Kaur, R. Suresh Kumar and Dhananjai Mohan (Mann Ki Baat Reference: 31st episode aired on 30 April 2017), (iii) Jalaj - Rivers and People Connect to realize the goals of Arth Ganga – by Ruchi Badola, Deepika Dogra, Saurav Gawan and Syed Ainul Hussain (Mann Ki Baat Reference: Mann Ki Baat, Episode 96 dated 25 December 2022), (iv) Wildlife Conservation in Arunachal Pradesh and its Challenges – by Priyanka Justa, Saurav Chaudhary, Salvador Lyngdoh (Mann Ki Baat Reference: Episode 31: 30 April 2017 Episode 56: 25 August 2019, Episode 84: 26 December 2021, Episode 74: 28 February 2021, Episode 85: 29 January 2022, and Episode 96: 25 December 2022), and (v) Tackling Wildlife Crime through Forensic Research: Efforts Spearheaded by Government of India at the Wildlife Institute of India – by Sandeep Kumar Gupta and Samrat Mondol (Mann Ki Baat Reference: 85th episode dated 30 January 2022).

These papers have also been uploaded to the website of the Institute. The direct URL is https://wii.gov.in/pm_mkb_2023, and the pdf URL is [https://wii.gov.in/images//images/documents/images_2023/PM Mann Ki Baat 2023 .pdf](https://wii.gov.in/images//images/documents/images_2023/PM_Mann_Ki_Baat_2023.pdf).

The scientists discussed the above issues in detail and desired to do the same in future too for the cause of the Conservation of wildlife.

EXPERT QUOTES:

Shri Virendra Tiwari, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, said, "The Honourable Prime Minister has shared his views on wildlife conservation in many episodes of Mann Ki Baat. Wildlife Institute of India shall continue to work on its mandate to raise awareness and continue its outreach in Conservation."

Dr Ruchi Badola, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences, Wildlife Institute of India, said, "Many of the faculty and researchers of the Institute are working in the field of Conservation through various schemes. It is important to involve communities in the Conservation."

Dr Salvador Lyngdoh, Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, said, "Institute feels connected with the Mann Ki Baat of the Honourable Prime Minister. The Wildlife Institute of India scientists shared their work and efforts in connection with this popular radio program during the symposium."

About WII

Established in Dehradun in 1982, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), an autonomous organization of the Government of India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, is an internationally acclaimed Institution that offers training programs, academic courses, and advisory in wildlife research and management, with footprints beyond India in the larger South and Southeast Asian region. WII's mission is to nurture the development of wildlife science and promote its application in Conservation in consonance with the organization's cultural and socioeconomic milieu. Its mandate is to build capacity through training, education, and research in the field of wildlife conservation. WII's programs are field-based and seek integration of biological, socioeconomic, and human aspects of large regional landscapes. The Institute is actively engaged in research, which is the primary source of scientific information to help Conservation across the breadth of the country on biodiversity-related issues.

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