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cordially invite you to a talk

'Rings of Green - Buffer Zones and Biospheres in Tamil Nadu'

by

Dr.Sugato Dutt

on

Thursday, 21st of April 2016, at 6.30 pm

at Alliance Française de Madras

24, College Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 006.



About the Talk:

The concept of Biosphere Reserves has brought in a refreshing change in nature conservation by not only promoting legislative and administrative reforms but also championing the idea of sustainable development, thereby balancing local livelihood concerns with the ecological priorities of parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

In Tamil Nadu, several experimental approaches have been adopted to manage the Nilgiris, Gulf of Mannar and Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserves, which contain a range of rare and endangered mammals, birds, reptiles and fish species in addition to being home to a number of underprivileged communities and other local populations. These have resulted in a new ethos of participatory park management.

The subject of this talk are the successful outcomes of these approaches which are pointers for wider regional planning to help preserve our natural heritage.

About the Speaker:



Dr. Sugato Dutt is an officer of the Indian Forest Service with a career spanning active field management of Wildlife Parks and Sanctuaries together with research and training in this area. He has developed innovative management practices in the parks of Tamil Nadu which span enforcement, habitat management and extension activities. He has served as faculty at the Wildlife Institute of India, training park officials from both India and South East Asian countries.

He has also served as a Fellow of the East West Centre, Honolulu, USA, where he obtained his doctoral degree analyzing the response of the local community to protected area legislation in the Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal. In addition, he worked with the USAID and WWF towards developing management prescriptions and documenting case studies in park management in Bangladesh.

Currently he is attached to the State Planning Commission and engaged in Land Use Planning with special responsibilities in Climate Change Planning and Sustainable Land Use Practices.

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