

WILD ORISSA

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PRESS RELEASE

Puri Regional Office of 'Wild Orissa' was inaugurated today by Shri Krushna Chandra Swain **Chairman** Wild Orissa, in the presence of Shri Nanda Kishore Bhujabal (**Vice-Chairman** Wild Orissa), Shri Akash Ranjan Rath (**Governor** Puri Regional Chapter), Shri Subhayu Mishra (**Governor** Mumbai Regional Chapter), press and media, and local residents.

This office will be undertaking the following activities in the Puri district:-

- 1. create awareness among people on the importance of conserving nature and wildlife
- 2. conservation of wildlife in their natural habitat
- 3. promote among people the knowledge of flora, fauna and their role in maintaining the ecological balance and to generate strongest possible support to prevent any wanton destruction of nature in all its' forms including wildlife sanctuaries, lakes, etc.
- 4. participate in activities towards the improvement of urban and semi-urban environment
- 5. work with the government and similar organizations and institutions outside the government for arresting the decline of our major wildlife forms
- 6. undertake field studies, conduct workshops, set-up camps, etc. in an effort to study wildlife and status

Due to various reasons the natural environment of Puri district has been adversely affected. It used to extremely rich in all forms of bio-diversity ranging from the Tiger to marine life. Today development needs has brought many wildlife species to the point to local extinction. Growing human and cattle population is complicating the problem, and Puri has lost a lot of its natural vegetation. Illegal trapping of animals and birds and poaching are a major threat. Time has come when each citizen of this district is required to come forward to contribute to help Puri regain its lost glory.

The Puri Regional Office of Wild Orissa will focus on sensitive wildlife rich areas like Balukhand-Konark, Brahmagiri, Satpada, Saras, sea-beaches, etc. in initiating wildlife conservation work in association with the local people and government.

The address for the new office is:-Wild Orissa Puri Regional Chapter (WOSRC) c/o Shri Akash Ranjan Rath, Near Malatipatapur Station, P.O.-Birakarekrushnapur, Puri Sadar, Puri. Orissa. PIN-752002

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