



Press Release

'International Tiger Day' Celebrated At American Center, Kolkata -Awareness Stickers Launched -

Kolkata, 29th July, 2019: 'International Tiger Day' was celebrated today at the Lincoln Room of the American Center, Kolkata through an interactive session titled "Sundarban Tigers: The Road Ahead". **Ms. Patti Hoffman**, Consul General of the United States of America in Kolkata and **Dr. Kailash Chandra**, Director, Zoological Survey of India launched Awareness Stickers to mark the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were **Dr. Pradeep Vyas**, IFS (Retd.), **Dr. S. Kulandivel**, IFS, Joint Director, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal and **Dr. Sujeet Kumar Singh**, Tiger Researcher, Zoological Survey of India, **Mr Biswajit Roy Chowdhury**, Secretary, Nature Environment & Wildlife Society and Editor in Chief, Environ wildlife magazine, **Mr Shiladitya Chaudhury**, Editor, Environ wildlife magazine, **Ms Ajanta Dey**, Editor, Environ wildlife magazine and **Ms Monica Shie**, Director, American Center, Kolkata.

Dr. Pradeep Vyas spoke about the present status and future of the mangrove tigers of the Sundarbans, **Dr. S. Kulandivel, IFS** spoke on new challenges in conservation and management of Royal Bengal Tigers and **Dr. Sujeet Kumar Singh** threw light on the conservation genetics of Sundarban Tigers.

International Tiger Day is celebrated annually on 29th July to raise awareness for tiger conservation. The objective is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues. As per current census figures released today, India is home to 2967 tigers. The world is home to approximately 4000 tigers out of which around 70% resides in India. As per the tiger census of 2014, India was home to 2226 tigers that has increased in the current census

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