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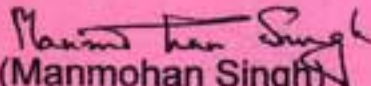
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

India has a rich heritage of wildlife resources, ranging from iconic species like the tiger and the elephant, to thousands of relatively little known species. The spectrum of this diversity is seen in our varied habitats and ecosystems. Conservation of wildlife has been an integral part of Indian culture from time immemorial. Despite the mounting pressure on wildlife habitats, some of the most amazing life forms on earth are still protected in our forests and wildernesses.

Realizing the importance of wildlife resources on the overall well-being of the nation, we have taken several measures for wildlife conservation. However, more needs to be done to strengthen these initiatives. To mainstream the elements of conservation into developmental planning is thus a necessity and a national priority. People from all walks of life have to join together for ensuring better conservation of our wildlife wealth.

On the occasion of the Wildlife Week, 2009 that coincides with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, let us redeem our resolve to protect our wildlife and maintain the ecological integrity of our nation.


(Manmohan Singh)

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