

Save the roar: Anjana Gosain

In collaboration with the respective State Forest Departments and with support from The US Fish and Wildlife Service, Tiger Trust India has already trained more than 1,500 forest guards, foresters and senior staff.

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India has huge potential in wild life tourism segment, which needs to be tapped in a responsible manner. The Tiger Trust India, as part of its various tiger conservation endeavour, has been conducting capacity building measures to educate the law enforcing forest officers.

"For tiger conservation in national parks, we need to build a strong network of trained and empowered forest staff, who are adept at enforcing legal provisions that provide long term support for tiger conservation.

Thus, we started the capacity building programme titled Hunting the Hunters,



IATO presenting award to Anjana Gosain, who had been at the forefront to promote tourism and wildlife conservation through her distinct legal know-how

which is aimed at educating the law enforcing forest authorities to efficiently collect evidence and initiate legal action most effectively," said **Anjana Gosain**, Honorary Secretary, Tiger Trust and an eminent practising advocate in Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court.

"We have conducted such programmes in Rajasthan, Assam and other states in collaboration with respective State Forest Departments and with support from The US Fish and Wildlife Service. Further, we have

started a programme Save the Roar from April 1, 2012 jointly with the US-based Clemson University, which will create awareness among the school

Key Initiatives

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children in Delhi and villages around the strategic national parks," she added.

The Tiger Trust India has over 45 eminent judicial members on its Board, who are committed to promote wildlife conservation and ensure that the silent creatures get justice in a time bound manner by invoking the provision in the Indian legal system most effectively through the forest investigating agencies.

Going forward, Gosain added that there will be a mega event in the US in March 2013, where we will organise an interactive trip for Clemson University students, Delhi School Students and Students of the schools near strategic National Parks.

"We are committed to extend focus of our area work from North and Central zones to all parts of India, including capacity building programmes for women forest officers soon," added Gosain.

States to spell magic

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and development of all tourism-related activities in the state. The government has proposed to create cluster development authorities to develop the requisite infrastructure in designated tourist clusters such as Tiracol-Morjim, Vagator-Anjuna, Arpora-Sinquerim, Colva-Cavelossim, and

Kahani', new circuits will be developed for rural tourism. "This financial year, 12 villages will be developed and infrastructure will be set up to promote rural tourism. This initiative will witness the participation of all government departments and local people," **Prem Kumar Dhupal**, Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh stated while announcing the initia-

The state has increased the tourism sector outlay from ` 95.43 crore last year to ` 261.30 crore this year

Manohar Parrikar, Chief Minister, Goa

Palolem-Agonda villages. For the development of the Botanical Garden at Sanguem, a grant of ` 100 lakh has been provided.

With rural tourism gaining momentum, the State Tourism Department in Himachal Pradesh has also identified 12 villages to be developed for promoting rural tourism under the scheme 'Har Gaon Ki Kahani'. Through the innovative scheme of 'Har Gaon Ki

tive in the annual budget for 2012-13.

As per the plans, the Tourism Department has selected one village from each district to be developed under the scheme. The villages are Hewan in Shimla, Baggi in Mandi, Bela in Hamirpur, Saho in Chamba, Nerti in Kangra, Salasi in Bilaspur, Shamsher in Kullu, Udaypur in Lahaul and Spiti, Brua in Kinnaur, Baniya Devi in Solan, Sangrah in Sirmour and Nari in Una.

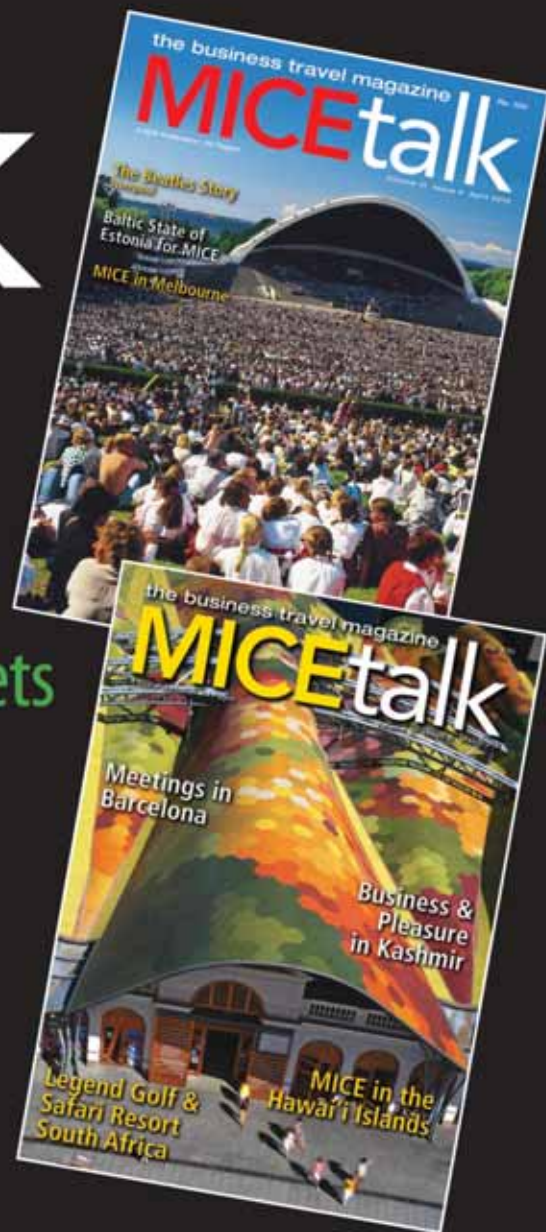
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