प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक का कार्यालय OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप समूह ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS वन सदन, हैडो VAN SADAN – HADDO

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## Press Note

## Workshop on Photography for Frontline staff of the Department of Environment and Forests

A one day training workshop on "Nature and Wildlife Photography" was organised for the officers and frontline staffs of the Department of Environment and Forests on 5<sup>th</sup> August ,2017 at Chidiyatapu Biological Park. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr K. Ravichandran, IFS, CCF(Territorial) and in his inaugural address he emphasized the importance of photography in the management of Forest &Wildlife. He highlighted the need to be proficient in photography to document the various activities taken up in the Forestry and Wildlife areas. Photography will also be useful in creating the inventory of rich pristine flora and fauna, many of which are endemic, very fragile and vulnerable with its diverse marine and terrestrial ecosystem and is no exception for wildlife crimes in particular. Capturing these rare and significant events shall also provide evidence for wildlife and forest offences ensuring success in the prosecution of offences in the present scenario of Forest and Wildlife Conservation policies. Shri Gaurav Markan and Ajay Saxena from Canon India Ltd, provided the training inputs on issues related to handling of camera ,taking of photographs and post production. Hands on training was provided by Shri Gaurav Markan from Canon India Ltd, in capturing good photographs.

The workshop has been a long felt need so as to facilitate the Forest Officers to be aware of the basic and improvised techniques of photography and handling of various new cameras. The workshop concluded with an outdoor session inside the biological park area with active participation of all the participants .The workshop was attended by Forest Guard, Foresters, Range officers, Assistant Conservator of Forest and Divisional Forest Officers.

