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## **PRESS NOTE**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018, World Wildlife Day on the theme "Big Cats: Predators under threat" was celebrated in Range Office, Manglutan with the motive to celebrate and raise awareness of World's Wild fauna and flora.

Lecture on the Big Cats- Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Jaguar and Cheetah with reference to its distribution, threats and conservation was given by Shri Rajesh Biswas, Shri Shreedhar, Shri Satyajit Halder, Shri K.R.Ganesh, Smti. Sarika, Shri Rakesh, Smti. Farida, Forest Guards, Shri M.Sanjay Kumar, Shri Amal Falia, Foresters, They also provided information on as how these iconic species are declining at the disturbing rate due to loss of habitat and prey, conflicts with human beings, poaching and illegal trade. Apart from these, lectures related to Sea Turtle and prohibited marine animals with special emphasis on Andaman & Nicobar Islands was given by Shri I.Samson, Head Forest Guard, Smti. Alaghi, Forest Guard and Smti. Neelam Purti, Forest Ranger. Shri A.C.Tilak, Assistant Conservator of Forests, South Andaman Division also gave lecture on importance of World Wildlife Day, CITES, with special reference to Kanha National Park and Gir National Park for proper management of Park for protection of Tigers and Lions. He also gave special emphasis for protection of wild flora and fauna in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Altogether 24 Nos. of people were gathered on this occasion.



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