

VANYA VIRAAASAT: New Book on Nature and Wildlife in Gujarati

Nature Conservation and Environment Education, as every aware and concerned citizen already knows, are far too important to ignore. In order to reach out to a vast majority of the generally business-minded five-crore strong Gujarati Community, a book on Nature, Wildlife and Environment has been written by Himanshu Prem Joshi, a freelance explorer and organizer of Nature Excursions for over 20 years. Earlier, he was associated with Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad and Mahim Nature Park, a WWF and MMRDA Project, Mumbai. More information on : www.himanshuprem.com The 200 page book titled "Vanya Viraasat" has a forward by Maneka Gandhi with a Preface by Bittu Sahgal.

This book covers :

- 1) interesting aspects about wildlife, migration, etc
- 2) facts and figures on Environmental aspects
- 3) examples of traditional wisdom
- 4) list of major wildlife sanctuaries and parks of India
- 5) a list of major zoos and botanical gardens of India

- 6) tips on pet care in captivity
- 7) positive examples of individuals contribution
- 8) list of a few interesting books & films on wildlife
- 9) some experiences & jungle encounters of author

Sadly, Gujarati language does not seem to have even ten great titles on Nature and Wildlife subject in this detail, hence this effort in Gujarati. This book has been published by Umang Publications, Mumbai, with an aim to promote protection of our Natural Resources and wildlife. With about 18,000 villages in Gujarat and as many or more schools / colleges and institutions, our idea is to reach this informative and inspirational book in every nook and remote corner of Gujarat.

The book is priced at Rs. 300. However, for bulk donor / sponsor orders of 100 copies and above, it has been priced at only Rs. 150—. For further queries, please contact : Chandra Khatri, Umang Publications. Himanshu Prem Joshi
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CHESTER ZOO RICHARD HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2008

Chester Zoo is a leading Zoological Garden in the U.K. actively involved in the conservation of threatened species, habitat support, scientific study and the provision of education and recreation to the general public.

In February 2001 Richard Hughes, a senior keeper at Chester Zoo, tragically lost his life working with the elephants that he loved. In memory of Richard, Chester Zoo has dedicated an annual scholarship award to support individuals wishing to undertake activities or projects concerned with elephant management, welfare or conservation.

The scholarship is open to applications for any type of activity or project that deals with issues of elephant management, welfare or conservation either overseas or in the UK. Proposals are encouraged from individuals from any relevant field who have an interest in elephants, from animal keepers and researchers to students. The Scholarship aims to allow individuals to become involved with elephant related interests beneficial to their career or personal development, as well as beneficial to elephants. Details we require for application include an outline of the project, aims and a statement of its relevance. Clearly, feasibility will be an important criterion when judging the submitted proposals.

The North of England Zoological Society expects those awarded the scholarship to uphold the high standards that it expects of its own employees and to be fully acknowledged in any presentations/publications. It is a condition of the scholarship that the Zoo receives a full report on the completed project and copies of any resultant publications. The recipient may also be requested to provide a brief article for the Zoo magazine or to give an oral presentation on the completed project.

Scholarships will be awarded up to the value of £1000 for which the Society may require receipted expenses (Any special equipment purchased will remain the property of the society).

Application forms are available from Scott Wilson, Conservation Officer, The North of England Zoological Society, Chester Zoo, Caughall Road, Upton by Chester, Cheshire, CH2 1LH or via email from s.wilson@chesterzoo.org. **Applications should be received no later than Friday 18th April 2008.**