



## THE NATURE VOLUNTEERS INDORE

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2021-2022 | 2022-2023**



**BHALU MONDHE** (Padma Shri)  
Hon President and Founder

Bhalu Mondhe has been an avid nature lover for over 50 years now. He is an acclaimed wildlife photographer. Besides being a professional lensman, he is also a painter and sculptor. His love for photography took him to every nook and corner of India. He first visited the Kanha National Park to photograph tigers and enjoy the verdant jungle, much before it was formally declared a tiger reserve under the Project Tiger of 1972.

His long stints in Europe and America made him a confirmed environmentalist. So conserving nature became his second nature! His untiring efforts helped protect and conserve a severely threatened bird habitat and wetland called Sirpur Lake, Indore, along with its flora and fauna. Twenty five years down the line, Bhalu Mondhe, is a well known name in the field of environment, wetland protection and bird watching. He was awarded the prestigious civilian honour Padma Shri in 2016 by the President of India.

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## PRINCIPAL FOUNDERS



**ABHILASH KHANDEKAR**  
Hon Vice President and Founder

Abhilash Khandekar, the founder secretary of TNV, continued with his journalistic profession and other interests while still working with us. Even after being elected to the prestigious position of Madhya Pradesh's richest sports body-MP Cricket Association (MPCA) as President in October 2019, his interest and involvement in environmental pursuits remained high as ever. Looking at his passion and ability to deliver, the MP Government again nominated him to the MP Wildlife Board in 2020 and then inducted him into the newly formed MP Wetland Authority for a period of three years (2020-2023). It's an honour for TNV. The Wetland Authority has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Environment Minister of the State and as per the directives of the MOEFCC, New Delhi.

Along with Mr Mondhe and others, he is trying to expand TNV into a professional organisation that would undertake more and more advocacy and field research works with the help of domain experts to conserve environment.

He was also nominated as a member of PM'S Cheetah Task Force in 2022.

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**RAMESH PRATAP SINGH, IFS (R)**  
Chairman and Wildlife Expert

In 35 years of service in the elite Indian Forest Service (IFS), Mr. R.P. Singh has undertaken several outstanding innovations and policy measures having powerful impact in the field of wildlife conservation and forest management. His dedication to forest conservation has been awarded and recognised in illustrious private as well as public forums at the national and state level like Sanctuary Asia Wildlife Service Award (2017), RBS Green Warrior Award (2015), Prime Ministers Award for Wildlife Management (2016) and Chief Ministers Gold Medal for Relocation (2016). He joined TNV as Honorary Chairman in 2020. He lives in Bhopal.

## VISION

To have a well-protected, healthy and beautifully green environment around us.

## MISSION

To conserve birds and their habitats; secure wetlands and their biodiversity and constantly work with people and governments to protect wildlife, to improve upon our natural ecology and urban chaos while ensuring wellness of trees, animals, insects, birds and the people!



## From the Secretary's Desk

### Our Activities in 2021-22 & 2022-23

The year 2021 was a traumatic year for our country as we battled the horrible second wave of Covid-19. We at TNV kept ourselves safe and also continued our activities in online mode till it was safe for all to resume field activities. I am happy to present the secretary's report for two years, viz., 2021-22 & 2022-23.



Dev Kumar Vasudevan  
Secretary

- **05 June 2021:** World Environment Day was celebrated on a low key due to Covid restrictions. All of us pledged to continue our fight for a safer and better environment.
- **12 June 2021:** TNV arranged an online talk by the passionate and popular birder Brigadier Arvind Yadav of Mhow. He spoke in depth about his passion for birding and how one should go about birding. It was a well attended talk which was listened to by a large group of fascinated audience.
- **24 July 2021:** Plantation was conducted at the proposed Butterfly Park at Sirpur Lake Bird Sanctuary in which many young and old nature enthusiasts participated.
- **07 August 2021:** Brigadier Arvind Yadav conducted another well attended online talk titled "Beyond Birding: The Art & Science of Birding" in which he gave sound advice to birders on going beyond the conventional approach to birding which is obsessed with photography and bird counts. He said the emphasis should be on proper scientific observation and recording of facts about avian species.
- **10-12 September 2021:** Our members participated in the Ratapani Bird Survey which was conducted by the MP State Forest Department.
- **October 7, 2021:** It was a big day for TNV as the much awaited book Threatened Birds of Madhya Pradesh was released at an impressive function in Bhopal. This valuable book was sponsored by the MP State Biodiversity Board and published by The Nature Volunteers, Indore. It was authored by Dr Asad R Rahmani, M.K. Bharos, Ajay Gadikar & Praver Mourya. The book was edited by Dev Kumar Vasudevan. This book has described 47 species of threatened / endangered birds, both migrants and resident, which are found in Madhya Pradesh. For each bird the field characters, distribution in MP along with a map, previous sightings, ecology, threats, conservation methods underway and recommendations have been given.
- **November 14 2021:** An online webinar, the third in this series, was conducted by Brig Arvind Yadav on the topic "Birding in Sikkim: An Avian Paradise Through My Lens." As always it was a most well attended event and he enriched the audience with wonderful facts about birds and birding in the north eastern state of Sikkim.
- **December 25, 2021:** Led by our president Padma Shri Bhalu Mondhe environment lovers gathered at Sirpur Lake and manually removed water hyacinths (jalkumbhi) from the Chhota Talab. This lake had

become fully covered with water hyacinth which consumed the aquatic oxygen thus killing all aquatic life there- thousands of fish had died in this lake. Due to this menace birds stopped visiting the Chhota Talab. This is an ongoing challenge and we are doing our best to sensitise the IMC to deal appropriately with this serious problem. Till date no solution has been found!

- **January 16, 2022:** A Heritage Bicycle Rally in association with Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), district unit, Indore was conducted. The rally terminated at Sirpur Lake where a cleaning drive was also conducted. I thank the members of YHAI for their commitment to saving the environment.
- **February 2, 2022:** World Wetland Day celebrations took place at Sirpur Lake. The activities conducted on this day included a nature walk, cleaning drive and discussion on the importance of wetlands for society.
- **March 20, 2022:** World Sparrow Day was celebrated by TNV at Sirpur Lake with a birding walk in which new birders were told the basic facts of birding and bird recognition. The importance of sparrows was also discussed by TNV members and visitors along with steps which should be taken to increase the population of sparrows. It was agreed that an awareness drive is needed in cities.

### **2022-23**

- **June 5, 2022:** The World Environment Day (WED) celebrations were conducted at Sirpur Lake and Bird Sanctuary. Prof Pravin Kekre accompanied by other professors and NCC Cadets of PMB Gujarati Science College Indore attended the function. Prof Deepa Vanjani administered an oath in which all attendees took a pledge to live in an eco-friendly manner. Ms Devjani Patra of the Narmada Control Authority was the chief guest. Sapling plantation was conducted at the Butterfly Park by as many as 50 volunteers.
- **June 11, 2022:** A function to release our TNV booklet in Hindi on Grey Water was conducted at the Taj Lake Front in Bhopal. This is the first of a series of booklets in Hindi being released by TNV for free distribution among the public to raise awareness on ecological issues. The Commissioner of the Bhopal Municipal Corporation Shri KV S Chaudhary, IAS was the chief guest and Ms Kanika Hasrat, Area Director Taj (IHCL), was the guest of honour.
- **August 5&6, 2022:** The first National Conference on Urban Biodiversity Conservation (NCUBC) was conducted in Indore by The Nature Volunteers in association with World Researchers' Association and EcoSoul. This was a very well attended two day event in which urban biodiversity experts from all over India presented their papers. The Chairman of the National Biodiversity Authority, NBA, Dr V B Mathur attended the event and delivered the key note address. The first day's proceedings were conducted at Hotel Radisson Indore. Day Two saw participants visiting Sirpur Lake & Bird Sanctuary which had just been accorded the status of a Ramsar site – the highest honour for a wetland. The second day's conference was held at Keshar Parvat in Kesharbaradi Village of Mhow Tehsil. A core team was created to draft the "Indore Declaration on Urban Biodiversity Conservation." Organisations such as WWF, NIUA, SPA-Delhi, Habitat

Trust, UNEP, NBA, MP State Biodiversity Board, EPCO and others supported the event.

- **Sep 14, 2022.** The Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) at Mhow – a premier training institute of the Indian Army – inaugurated its Bird Watching Club. An initiative of the commandant Lt Gen K H Gawas, VSM, the inaugural function included a talk titled Introduction To Birding by TNV Secretary Dev Kumar Vasudevan.
- **October 10, 2022:** TNV President Shri Bhalu Mondhe released the book Wildlife India @ 50 by Edited by Manoj Kumar Mishra (Rupa Publications) at a function conducted at the Arera Club, Bhopal. TNV Vice President Shri Abhilash Khandekar moderated the function which included a discussion with Dr. H.S. Pabla, Suhas Kumar & R.S. Murthy, the authors.
- **November 11-13, 2022:** TNV conducted the three - day Basic Ornithology Course in association with the Ela Foundation, Pune. The Ela Foundation team was led by the eminent ornithologist Dr Satish Pande. The course, which was conducted after a gap of five years, was well attended by students and bird lovers. Field trips to Yashwant Sagar Wetland (Ramsar site) and Daly College campus (city forest) were conducted. Participants were awarded their certificates by Prof S K Bandi. TNV organises this course to help generate awareness among masses for nature conservation and we are very happy to report that it has become a very popular course in this area.
- **December 10, 2022:** The VIIIth Annual Environment Lecture of TNV was conducted at Hotel Lemon Tree after a Covid - induced gap of three years. Eminent environmentalist, writer and tree-man Shri Pradip Krishen was the invited speaker and his talk was titled "About The Desert." The talk was very well attended and we fell short of space in the hall. Shri Krishen also released the TNV booklet on Urban Biodiversity Conservation, the second in our series of Hindi booklets published for free distribution to sensitise the public on crucial environmental issues. Leading philanthropist Shri Kantilal Bam was the chief guest for this event.
- **December 18, 2022:** Bird watching session was conducted at Sirpur Lake (Ramsar site) for the Bird Watching Club of the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), Mhow.
- **January 7, 2023:** Notice boards were put up at Yashwant Sagar and Sirpur Lake informing the public that these wetlands have been accorded the coveted status of "Ramsar Sites" – the highest honour for wetlands. These boards were put up to create much-needed public awareness about wetlands. The Ramsar Convention, signed in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971, is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of Ramsar sites, i.e., wetlands.
- **January 22, 2023:** Bird Watching session was conducted for the bird watching club of MCTE Mhow. The Commandant Lt Gen K H Gawas and President TNV Padma Shri Bhalu Mondhe, among many other army personnel and TNV members, attended the session. Shri Mondhe presented Lt Gen Gawas with a memento who reciprocated the gesture.

- **February 2, 2023:** World Wetland Day was celebrated at the Bilawali Talab Wetland. The District Collector, Dr Illayaraja T, IAS, was the chief guest. He was briefed by TNV President Bhalu Mondhe about the status of wetlands in Indore district. Dr Illayaraja took keen interest while discussing the preservation and protection of waterbodies and assured all possible help for this.
- **February 18, 2023:** A day - long conclave to save Honeybees was organized by TNV at the Pritamlal Dua Auditorium, Indore. This was a first of its kind event in Malwa on honeybees. The conclave was conducted in association with Under The Mango Tree Society. Ms Sujana Krishnamoorthy, Executive Director of the society, and Dr D M Wakhale, former Senior Scientist at the Central Bee Research and Training Institute, Pune, were the key speakers at the event. In spite of a very busy schedule the District Collector, Dr Illayaraja T, IAS, attended the first half of the conclave. The Chief Guest Shri N K Sanodiya, IFS, CCF Indore released a booklet in Hindi on honeybees – the third in the series published by TNV for free distribution among the public with an aim to sensitise the common citizen on important environmental issues. The District Collector Dr T Illayaraja, IAS, took keen interest in the bee boxes displayed by Bee keepers at the venue. Officials from the Agriculture Department and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's Indore Centre – the Indian Institute of Soyabean Research – also attended the conclave.
- **March 26, 2023:** A team of 11 birders led by TNV ornithologist Shri Ajay Gadikar conducted a bird watching camp at the Kishanpura Lake in Machal village on the Indore Dhar Road. The team also studied the threats which this birding hotspot is facing. The highlight of the birding session was a sighting of the fastest bird (and the fastest living being) – the peregrine falcon. TNV is aiming to conduct such events frequently at different wetlands in an effort to protect the local ecology.

Having summarised our activities for two years I would also like to place on record that TNV's dream of setting up a Nature Interpretation Centre at the Sirpur Ramsar Site remains a pipe dream. The building has been constructed five years ago but there has been no further development from the IMC's side. We hope that this important project will be speedily completed as such a centre is desperately needed for nature lovers, school & college students, environmentalists, biologists, ornithologists, the general public, administrators and academia.

While thanking all supporters, donors and nature lovers who participated in different activities in the past two years, I look forward to your continued support towards the cause of environmental protection and conservation.

**Dev Kumar Vasudevan**

**Secretary**

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## ABOUT TNV

The Nature Volunteers (TNV) Society is a leading environment conservation movement that began over three decades ago from Indore. TNV is now a well-known Civil Service Organisation (CSO) of the country, especially in Central India.

TNV celebrated its silver jubilee in 2016-17 and has since rededicated itself to the cause of protecting Mother Nature. We are a registered organisation with the Government of MP and are also entitled for CSR grants from private companies. We do NOT accept foreign donations from any institutions nor any regular grants-in-aid from any government. TNV is a membership - based organisation.

Since its launch in 1992, TNV has consistently endeavoured to expand its net far and wide. Initially we were confined to a single wetland conservation project at Sirpur, an Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) asset. Over the decades, we have conducted campaigns to save the tiger (2006), wetland conservation (1992 onwards till today), organising bird watching camps, hosting Annual Environment Lectures (AEL), conducting webinars, intervening in urban issues from time to time and organising certificate courses in ornithology. We have also been raising environmental issues at national and international fora by deputing our delegates to participate in important conferences at Jaipur (World Lake Conference conducted by ILEC in 2007), Bhopal (Jalsatyagrah-National Conference on Water in 2010), Saifai ( First International Conference On The Conservation of Sarus and Wetlands in 2016), New Delhi (Conference on Elephants by WTI in 2017), Pune (World Owl Conference 2019), Gandhinagar (CoP-2020), and at other places.

TNV shot into fame, if we may say so, after almost complete restoration of the Sirpur Lake, a man-made water body which is now 140 years old. It was built by the then ruler of Indore, Maharaja Shivajirao Holkar, for providing drinking water to the ancient city of Indore, then a small city compared to the present metropolis. In modern days, the sprawling lake also serves as a major carbon sink as well as a top bird habitat. After much ground-level preparations and struggle by TNV, Sirpur Lake has now been declared a Ramsar Site (August 2022) by the Ramsar Convention, Geneva. The Government of India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and GoMP's Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation (EPCO), Bhopal did the real work of taking the Sirpur Lake proposal, along with that of Yeshwant Sagar, another Indore wetland, to the Ramsar Convention for the global nomination they deserved and got.

TNV has always believed in documentation and has thus published a number of serious books and other booklets over the past years. Our members have also participated in vulture counts at Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) and have published a pictorial book Vultures of Panna (2015) which was released by the Honourable Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal. Other books include, Birds of Sirpur (2012), Town Planning Towards City Development: A Report to The Durbar of Indore by Sir Patrick Geddes (republished in 2016 on the centenary of the original publication), Birds of Indore (2019) and an awareness



series in Hindi on environmental issues such as grey water, urban biodiversity and honeybees. In addition to these three booklets (1000 copies of each were published at different intervals), we propose to bring more such topical booklets for the masses with the earnest hope that awareness among laymen for vital issues surrounding our earth grows and damages done to nature gradually reduce and so does the impact of these damages even as human populations continue to swell, threatening biodiversity. "Educating people through various means and making them aware and empowered is the only way we can save the environment and wildlife," believes our President Padma Shri Bhalu Mondhe.

The Sirpur urban lake conservation success story is now well known across India but we do not wish to stop there. A recent survey conducted by TNV ornithologists showed number number of avian visitors to this natural habitat is steadily growing. The new number stands at 189 species (2020) and proves that if habitats are secured scientifically, they, in turn, help protect biodiversity. After the Sirpur conservation/restoration project was almost complete, TNV also enlisted other wetlands that needed conservation. At TNV, we firmly believe that almost all water bodies--from small ponds to large lakes, step wells to rivers and rivulets--have to be conserved by people and the governments, through regulations and through people's support. TNV has been playing its small role, being a tiny CSO driven by passionate and selfless individuals, of protecting our one and only Earth. Over the years TNV has come to be known as "an informal pressure group of environmentally restless people."

## HELP US CONSERVE - PARTICIPATE AND DONATE

### हमारी सहायता करें - सहभागी बने और दान करें ।

Help us in our mission to conserve birds and their habitats, secure wetlands and their biodiversity, protect wildlife, improve upon our natural ecology and urban chaos while ensuring the well being of flora and fauna. Your participation and donation will help us fulfil our vision of a well protected and healthy environment for all. We are also registered for CSR donations.

पक्षियों और उनके आवासों को संरक्षित करने, आर्द्रभूमि और उनकी जैव विविधता को सुरक्षित रखने, वन्यजीवों की रक्षा करने, वनस्पतियों और जीवों की भलाई सुनिश्चित करते हुए हमारी प्राकृतिक पारिस्थितिकी और शहरी अराजकता में सुधार करने के हमारे मिशन में हमारी मदद करें। आपकी भागीदारी और दान हम सभी के लिए एक अच्छी तरह से संरक्षित और स्वस्थ पर्यावरण के हमारे प्रयासों को पूरा करने में मदद करेगा ।

**The Nature Volunteers**

**Bank of Baroda**

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**DONATE**



## OUR ACTIVITIES



**July 24, 2021:**  
Removal of weeds and watering of saplings at the Butterfly Park at Sirpur.

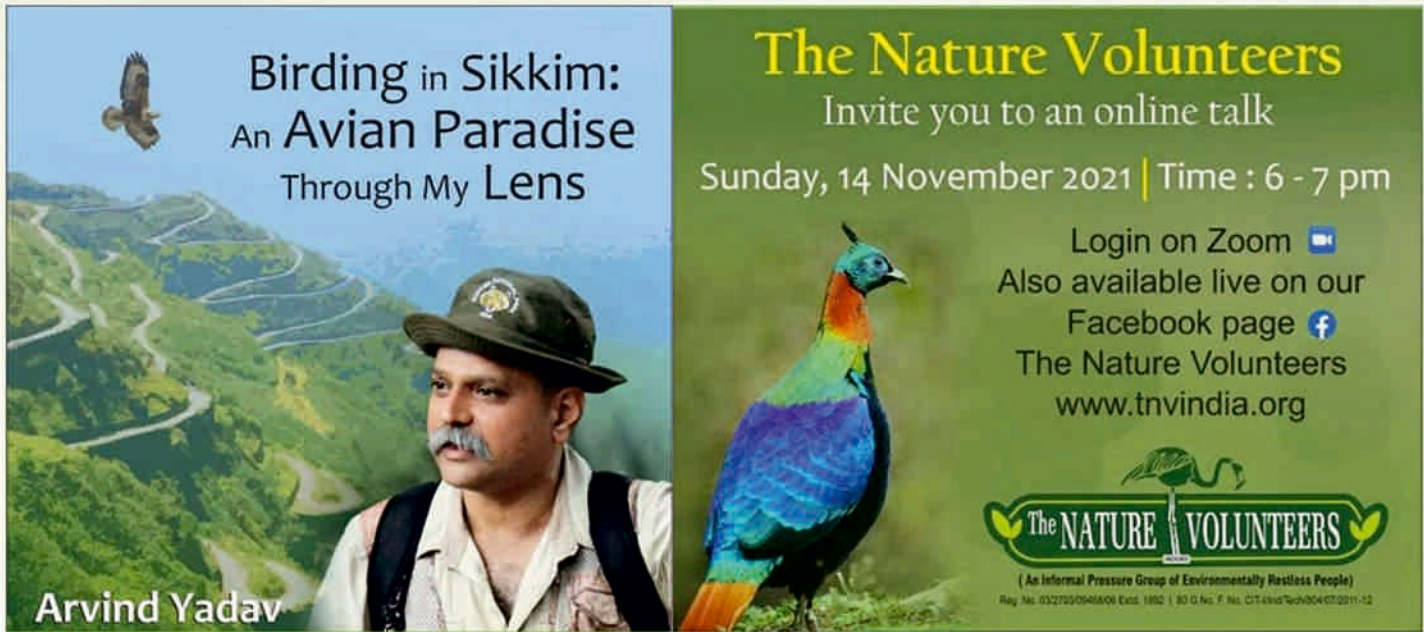


**September 10-12, 2021 :**  
Our volunteers at Ratapani Bird Survey conducted by the MP State Forest Department.





**October 07, 2021 :** Book Release Function of Threatened Birds of Madhya Pradesh at Van Vihar, Bhopal.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**Birding in Sikkim:  
An Avian Paradise  
Through My Lens**

**The Nature Volunteers**  
Invite you to an online talk  
Sunday, 14 November 2021 | Time : 6 - 7 pm

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Facebook page   
The Nature Volunteers  
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**The NATURE VOLUNTEERS**  
(An Informal Pressure Group of Environmentally Restless People)  
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**November 14, 2021** : Online webinar by Brig Arvind Yadav on "Birding in Sikkim: An Avian Paradise Through My Lens."



**January 16, 2022** : Conclusion of Heritage Bicycle Rally at Sirpur, conducted by TNV, YHAI District Unit and Indore Vivekanand Yuva Mahamandal.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**December 25, 2021 :**

TNV members and nature lovers participating in the protest by manually removing water hyacinth at Chhota Talab, Sirpur.



**December 25, 2021 :**

TNV members and nature lovers participating in the protest of IMC by manually removing water hyacinth at Chhota Talab, Sirpur.



**December 25, 2021 :**

TNV President Shri Bhalu Mondhe (Padmashri) removing water hyacinth (Jalkumbhi) at Chhota Talab, Sirpur

## OUR ACTIVITIES



Water hyacinth is a huge challenge for urban wetlands. Chhota Sirpur Talab has been suffering from it due to human habitation around it.



## OUR ACTIVITIES



March 20, 2022 : Celebrating World Sparrow Day at Sirpur.



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### FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 17B]

#### Audit report under section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of THE NATURE VOLUNTEERS SOCIETY [name of the trust or institution] PAN AABAT4992Q as at 31/03/2022 and the Profit and loss account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Trust or institution. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us, subject to the comments given below:

Nil

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31/03/2022
- (ii) the case of the profit and loss account, of the loss of its accounting year ending on 31/03/2022

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

for ASHUTOSH GOKHALE AND COMPANY  
Chartered Accountants



Ashutosh Gokhale  
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Date : 28/09/2022  
Place : Indore

**ANNEXURE**  
**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**  
**I. APPLICATION OF INCOME FOR CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**

1	Amount of income of the previous year applied to charitable or religious purposes in India during that year	687881
2	Whether the trust has exercised the option under clause (2) of the Explanation to section 11(1)? If so, the details of the amount of income deemed to have been applied to charitable or religious purposes in India during the previous year	No
3	Amount of income <b>Accumulated or set apart</b> for application to charitable or religious purposes, to the extent it does not exceed 15 per cent of the income derived from property held under trust wholly for such purposes.	Not Applicable
4	Amount of income eligible for exemption under section 11(1)(c) (Give details)	No
	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5	Amount of income, in addition to the amount referred to in item 3 above, accumulated or set apart for specified purposes under section 11(2)	0
6	Whether the amount of income mentioned in item 5 above has been invested or deposited in the manner laid down in section 11(2)(b) ? If so, the details thereof	Not Applicable
7	Whether any part of the income in respect of which an option was exercised under clause (2) of the Explanation to section 11(1) in any earlier year is deemed to be income of the previous year under section 11(1B) ? If so, the details thereof	Not Applicable
8	Whether, during the previous year, any part of income accumulated or set apart for specified purposes under section 11(2) in any earlier year-	
	(a) has been applied for purposes other than charitable or religious purposes or has ceased to be accumulated or set apart for application thereto or	No
	(b) has ceased to remain invested in any security referred to in section 11(2)(b)(i) or deposited in any account referred to in section 11(2)(b)(ii) or section 11(2)(b)(iii) or	No
	(c) has not been utilised for purposes for which it was accumulated or set apart during the period for which it was to be accumulated or set apart, or in the year immediately following the expiry thereof? If so, the details thereof	No





**ii. APPLICATION OR USE OF INCOME OR PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 13(3)**

1	Whether any part of the income or property of the trust was lent, or continues to be lent, in the previous year to any person referred to in section 13(3) (hereinafter referred to in this Annexure as such person)? If so, give details of the amount, rate of interest charged and the nature of security, if any.	No								
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2	Whether any land, building or other property of the trust was made, or continued to be made, available for the use of any such person during the previous year? If so, give details of the property and the amount of rent or compensation charged, if any.	No								
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3	Whether any payment was made to any such person during the previous year by way of salary, allowance or otherwise? If so, give details.	Yes								
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5	Whether any share, security or other property was purchased by or on behalf of the trust during the previous year from any such person? If so, give details thereof together with the consideration paid.	No								
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8	Whether the income or property of the trust was used or applied during the previous year for the benefit of any such person in any other manner? If so, give details.	No								
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**INVESTMENTS HELD AT ANY TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR(S) IN CONCERNS IN WHICH PERSONS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 13(3) HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST**

Sl. No.	Name and address of the concern	Where the concern is a company, number and class of shares held	Nominal value of the investment	Income from the investment	Whether the amount in col. 4 exceeded 5 per cent of the capital of the concern during the previous year-say Yes/No
1	2	3	4	5	6
Total			Nil	Nil	

for ASHUTOSH GOKHALE AND COMPANY  
Chartered Accountants



*Ashutosh Gokhale*

Ashutosh Gokhale  
(PARTNER)  
M. No. : 073693  
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206, MANAS BHAWAN, 11, RNT MARG, Indore-452001  
MADHYA PRADESH

Date : 28/09/2022  
Place : Indore

## Balance Sheet

### The Nature Volunteers Society (As At 31st March 2022)

LIABILITIES	Amount (in Rs.)	ASSETS	Amount (In Rs.)
<b>Capital</b>		<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Corpus Fund	69,200.00	Binocular	25,935.00
		Camera	1,23,000.00
<b>Reserve and Surplus</b>		Lenovo Laptop	34,500.00
Opening Balance : 5,83,423.68	3,47,231.38	Mobile	5,968.00
Less : Deficit : -2,36,192.30		Printer HP 1007	15,600.00
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>Current Assets</b>	
Account Charge Payable	10,900.00	<b>Cash And Bank</b>	
Audit Fees Payable	10,900.00	Bank of Baroda	2,12,843.38
TDS Payable	10,000.00	<b>Loan and Advances (Assets)</b>	
		Neel Gadikar	10,000.00
		Tender Money Deposits	20,385.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,48,231.38</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,48,231.38</b>

## Income & Expenditure A/c

### The Nature Volunteers Society (As At 31st March 2022)

EXPENDITURE	Amount (in Rs.)	INCOMES	Amount (In Rs.)
To Indirect Expenses		By Indirect Incomes	
Assistant Fees	61,000.00	Donations	1,10,000.00
Bank Charges	336.80	Grants From M P State Biodiversity Board	3,00,000.00
Purchase of Images (Photo)	1,00,000.00	Interest on FDR	13,608.00
Bird Expert Fees	1,80,000.00	Interest on SB A/C	4,432.00
Computer Exp.	45,160.00	Reimbursement of Expert	5,000.00
Designing Charges	20,000.00	Remuneration of Travel Exps	5,000.00
Misc Exp	230.00	Sale of Books	13,649.00
Petrol Expenses	2,080.50	<b>By Deficit (Expenditure Over Income)</b>	<b>2,36,192.30</b>
Photo Copy Exp	624.00		
Photography and Video Expenses	3,180.00		
Plantation Programme Expenses	3,960.00		
Postage Expenses	4,209.00		
Printing Exp	2,17,150.00		
Refreshment Expenses	3,826.00		
Sirpur Ponds Cleaning and Bird Watching	2,455.00		
Stationary Expenses	270.00		
Traveling Exp	4,800.00		
Web Site Development Charges	38,600.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,87,881.30</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,87,881.30</b>



# Year 2022-2023

## Save 3Bs (Birds, Bees & Butterflies)



## OUR ACTIVITIES



**June 05, 2022 :** Releasing Hindi booklet on Grey Water during World Environment Day Celebrations at Sirpur.



**June 11, 2022 :** Releasing Hindi booklet on Grey Water at Taj Lake Front, Bhopal. Seen in Picture are ( L to R) Abhilash Khandekar, Ms. Kanika Hasrat, KVS Chaudhary, IAS & RP Singh, IFS (retd).

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**August 05, 2022 :** Shri Aniruddhe Mukherjee, IAS Principal Secretary Environment, GoMP, speaking at the inaugural function of NCUBC.



**August 05, 2022 :** The attentive audience during the first day of NCUBC at Hotel Radisson.



**August 05, 2022 :** Mementos distributed to speakers at the conclusion of a technical session.



**August 05, 2022 :** TNV Organising Committee members of NCUBC with Dr V B Mathur, Chairman National Biodiversity Authority.

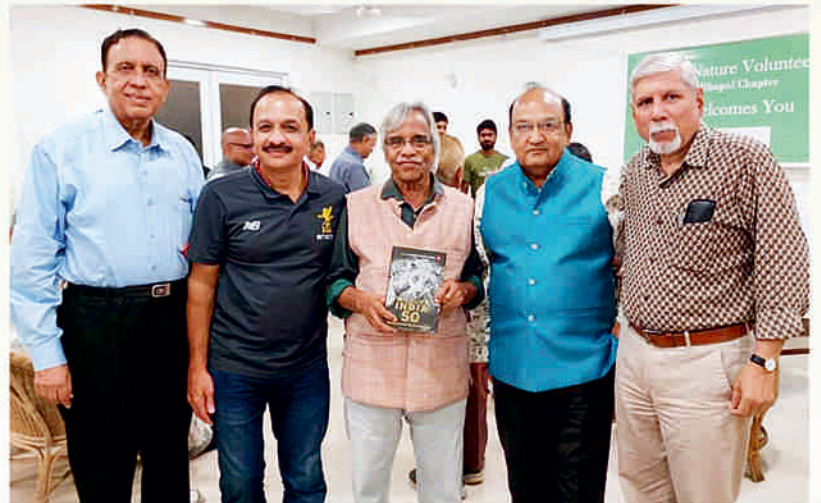
## OUR ACTIVITIES



**September 14, 2022 :**

Inauguration of Bird Watching Club at Army's MCTE Mhow. Lt Gen K H Gawas, VSM, Commandant being presented a memento.

**October 10, 2022 :**  
TNV members at Wildlife India @50 book release function at Arera Club, Bhopal.



## OUR ACTIVITIES



**November 12, 2022** : Dr. Satish Pande of ELA Foundation Pune taking a lecture during the Basic Ornithology Course.



**November 12, 2022** : Field trip to the Daly College Campus during the Basic Ornithology Course.



**November 12, 2022** : Basic Ornithology course audience. Address by Daly College Principal to the students in the auditorium of the Daly College Indore after a birding session at the beautiful campus.



## OUR ACTIVITIES



**November 12, 2022 :**  
Dr. Suruchi Pande, Pune taking a lecture during the Basic Ornithology course.



**November 12, 2022 :** Mementos distributed to Dr. Satish Pande and Dr. Suruchi Pande, as Prof S.K. Bandi looks on.



**November 13, 2022 :** Some of the participants of the Basic Ornithology Course with Dr. Satish Pande and Dr. Suruchi Pande of the Ela Foundation, Pune.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**December 10, 2022 :**  
Shri Pradip Krishen releasing the TNV booklet on Urban Biodiversity during AEL VII.



**December 10, 2022 :**  
Shri Pradip Krishen autographing his books and interacting with the audience after delivering his lecture.



**December 10, 2022 :** The captivated audience listening to Shri Pradip Krishen during AEL VII at Hotel Lemon Tree, Indore.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**December 18, 2022 :** Bird Watching Session at Sirpur Ramsar site with members of MCTE Mhow Bird Watching Club.



**January 07, 2023:** Notice boards put up at Sirpur and Yashwant Sagar informing public about Ramsar site status awarded to both wetlands.



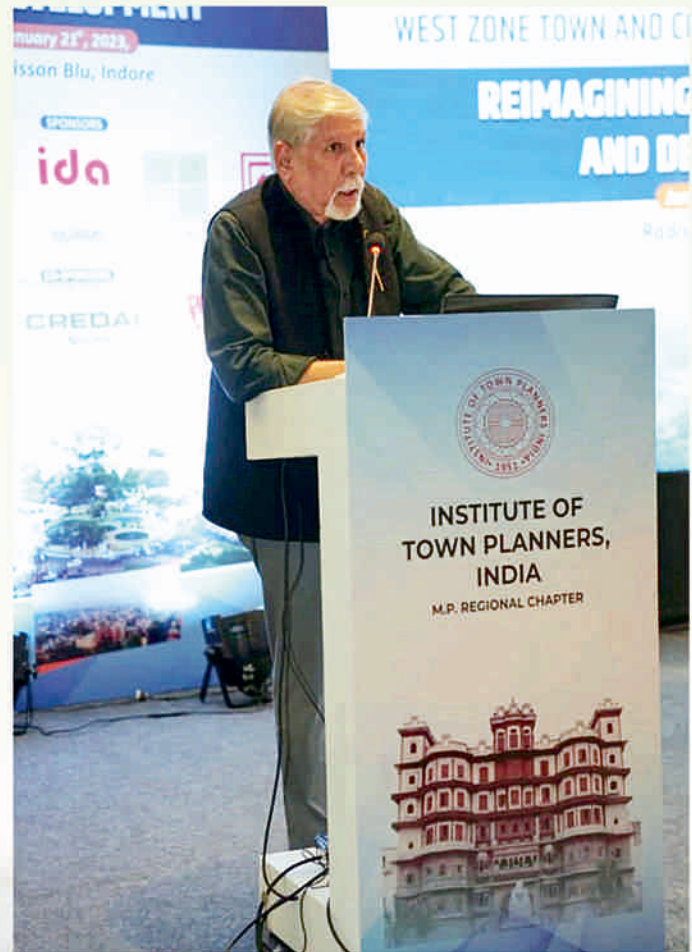
**January 22, 2023 :** Shri Bhalu Mondhe presenting a memento to Commandant MCTE Mhow Lt. Gen. K. H. Gawas, VSM at Sirpur.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**January 04, 2023 :**  
Vice-President Abhilash Khandekar giving CM TNV'S urban biodiversity conservation booklet at Bhopal.

**January 21, 2023 :**  
Vice-President Khandekar speaking at the town planners conference at Radisson Hotel Indore.



## OUR ACTIVITIES



**February 02, 2023 :** World Wetlands Day celebrations at Bilawali Talab wetland.



**February 02, 2023 :** District Collector Dr. T Illayaraja, IAS attending World Wetlands Day celebrations at Bilawali Talab wetland.



## OUR ACTIVITIES



**February 18, 2023** : Releasing booklet on Honeybees during the one day Honeybees Conservation Conclave.



**February 18, 2023** : Dr. D. M. Wakhale delivering his lecture at the conclave on saving honeybees.



**February 18, 2023** : Collector Shri Illayaraja T, IAS addressing the participants of the Conclave to save Honeybees.



**February 18, 2023** : Collector Dr. Illayaraja T, IAS seeing a demonstration on bee keeping at the one day Conclave to save Honeybees.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



**March 26, 2023** : A team of 11 birders led by TNV ornithologist Shri Ajay Gadikar conducted a bird watching camp at the Kishanpura Lake in Machal village on the Indore Dhar Road. The team also studied the threats which this birding hotspot is facing. The highlight of the birding session was a sighting of the fastest bird (and the fastest living being) - the peregrine falcon. TNV is aiming to conduct such events frequently at different wetlands in an effort to protect the local ecology.



A meeting of TNV office bearers in progress

## Balance Sheet

The Nature Volunteers Society (as at 31st March 2023)

LIABILITIES		Amount (in Rs.)	ASSETS		Amount (In Rs.)
Corpus Fund		69,200	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>3,06,742</b>
<b>Reserve and Surplus</b>		<b>9,53,765</b>	Binocular		25,935
Opening balance	3,47,231		Camera		1,23,000
Add : Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c	6,06,534		Camera-Yashica		10,250
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>18,54,147</b>	Laptop -Dell 16		76,990
Amount set apart for application in coming years		17,75,152	Lenovo Laptop		34,500
Accounting Charges Payable		5,000	Mobile		5,968
Audit Fees Payable		5,000	Printer HP 1007		15,600
Life Membership Fees		30,000	Printer HP WL416		14,499
TDS Payable		38,995	<b>Investments</b>		<b>10,00,000</b>
			FD with Bank of Baroda		10,00,000
			<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>15,70,370</b>
			Loans & Advances (Asset)		2,525
			Sundry Debtors		38,995
			Cash-in-hand		5,000
			Bank balance with Bank of Baroda Saving Account		15,23,850
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28,77,112</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28,77,112</b>

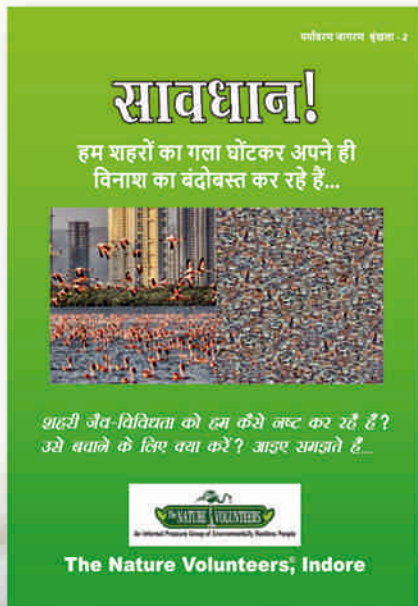
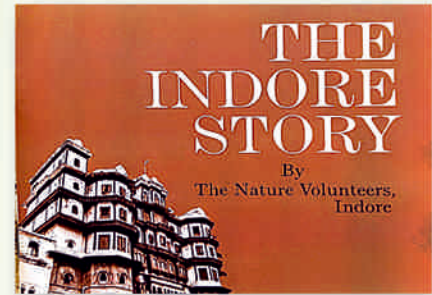
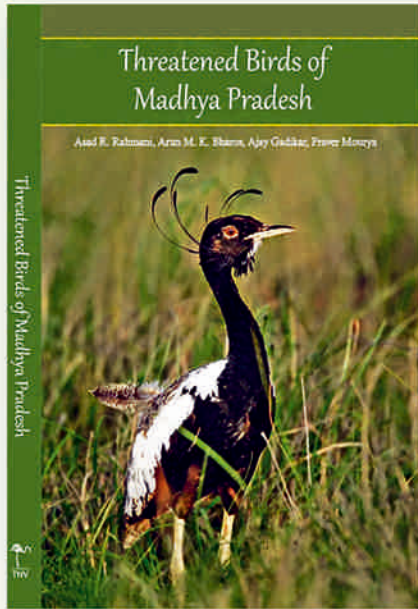
## Income & Expenditure A/c

The Nature Volunteers Society (As At 31st March 2023)

EXPENDITURE	Amount (in Rs.)	INCOMES	Amount (In Rs.)
Book on Birds of Bhopal	3,58,555	CSR Fund FomSynergy Optics Pvt.Ltd,Indore	12,88,414
Honey Bee Conclave 18/02/23	54,776	CSR Fund From IPCA LAB	15,00,000
National Conference Exps-EPCO	2,00,525	Donations	2,13,000
National Conference Exps-MPSBB	3,00,338	Grant From Environmental & Planning Comm	4,50,000
Ornithology Course	2,39,682	Grants From M P State Biodiversity Board	3,00,000
Annual Return Filling Fees	8,000	Interest on FDR	12,777
Assistant Fees	10,000	Interest on SB A/c	11,665
Bank Charges	1,122	Miscellaneous Receipts	76,985
Bird Expert Fees	1,80,000	Registration Fee for National Conference	
Books Printed	67,043	UBC 5-6AUG	33,700
Computer Repair Exps	5,300	Registration Fees for Ornithology Course	1,23,250
Misc Exp	38,610		
Photography and Video Expenses	29,150		
Plantation of Sirpur Fal Bag	1,030		
Postage Expenses	2,370		
Professional Charges	23,250		
Ramsar Site Board	25,000		
Salary	41,000		
Stationary Expenses	12,738		
Traveling Exp	16,776		
Web Site Development Charges	11,000		
World Environment Day -2022	1,840		
<b>Surplus - Being Excess of income over expenses</b>	<b>23,81,686</b>		
<b>Less- Amount set apart for application in coming years</b>	<b>17,75,152</b>		
<b>Net Surplus-Transfer to Reserve and Surplus</b>	<b>6,06,534</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,09,791</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,09,791</b>



## PUBLICATIONS OF TNV







**Ramesh Pratap Singh**  
Chairman



**Bhalu Mondhe**  
Hon. President



**Abhilash Khandekar**  
Hon. Vice President



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Hon. Secretary



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Hon. Joint Secretary



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Hon. Treasurer



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Ornithologist



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**Vijay Rangnekar**



**Sajid Lodi**  
Life Member



**Abhyudaya Kelkar**  
Life Member



**Siddharth Mahajan**  
Life Member



**Murshid Hussain**  
Office Secretary

## EYE ON FUTURE

- The construction of a wetland interpretation centre in the Sirpur Lake area, Indore, with the help of Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC).
- Creating a Butterfly Conservatory.
- Launching Save Sarus Campaign at Yeshwant Sagar, Indore
- Large scale awareness campaign for Lesser Florican in Dhar, Ratlam, Jhabua
- Annual certificate courses on ornithology.
- Interventions in urban planning.
- Urban Biodiversity Conservation Project.
- Intensive study of migratory patterns of birds at Sirpur.
- Creating a biodiversity park like the Yamuna Biodiversity Park, Delhi, at Indore
- Mahseer Conservation Project in the Narmada river, Madhya Pradesh.
- Efforts for getting Sirpur Lake declared a Biodiversity Heritage Site by the Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board.
- Protecting more urban wetlands.
- Birds of Bhopal to be published.



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