



LIVING WITH PREDATORS

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Love thy neighbour as thyself...? How will this Biblical commandment apply to people forced to live along with predators? India's scenario

enforces people to live along with wild animals. Elephants are marauding crops in southern regions of the country. Tigers have been reported occupying areas belonging to rural people in several pockets adjoining the designated forest reserves. Sloth Bear presents a perplexing surprise over village boundaries. And Leopards! They are observed, and caught in cameras fixed in numerous residential colonies, schools, clubs, etc. Is it excessive number owing to healthy survival ecosystem?

Forest officials spend sleepless nights huddled with ropes, camera-trap gadgets, tranquilizer guns, and iron-bar cages, seldom know when and where the truant Leopard may fall in laps.

Reason we are invited to dedicate 28th Indian Birding Fair (7 – 8 February 2025 at Man Sagar Lake, Jaipur) to human-wildlife conflicts. Welcome to send own experiences and suggestions to try to cause an order in life.

This edition carries an alarming report about the Indian Elephants losing their genetic vigour. Ever thought of Tigers in the US? Can they take care of the genetic succession of Tigers in the wild? Global financing can cause climate change, vulture mortalities cause human deaths as well, how to live amidst nature in north Scotland and other items are slated to enliven readers' interest.

This e-journal now completes five years. I like to convey heart-felt congratulations to the edit-board, led by Edward J McCrea and his team. I am tempted to borrow Oscar Wilde's statement: "In America, the President reigns for four years, and journalism governs forever and ever."

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