

# VASUNDHARA RAJE

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The screenshot shows a news article on the website VasundharaRaje.com. The article is titled "Public Participation Is Important for Conservation of Forests" and is dated 22 Sep, 2016. The main image shows Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje in a red saree presenting a book to a man in a khaki uniform. The article text discusses the state government's efforts for forest conservation and the importance of public participation. It mentions a book launch for "Jawai - Land of the Leopard" in New Delhi, authored by Smt. Anjali Singh and Shri Jaisal Singh. The article also highlights the role of tourism in forest conservation and the need for public-private partnerships.

Public Participation Is Important for Conservation of Forests

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Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje has said that the state government was making efforts for conservation of forest areas in Rajasthan. But, these efforts need continuous support and participation of general public, environmentalists and tourists in particular.

Smt. Raje was speaking on the occasion of a book launch on Rajasthan's wildlife 'Jawai - Land of the Leopard' at Bikaner House in New Delhi on Thursday. This book, authored by Smt. Anjali Singh and Shri Jaisal Singh, depicting uniqueness and beauty of state's forests and wildlife to aim at promoting tourism in Rajasthan.

The Chief Minister said that tourism not only contributed to government revenues, but could also help in better environmental management and planning, awareness building, protection and preservation. However, conservation benefits also to a large extent, depend on the choices we as tourists make in destinations we pick out, the travel options we choose, the activities we participate in and how the money we spend is redistributed. She said that public-private partnership was equally important for forest conservation and promotion of tourism.

Smt. Raje said that Rajasthan was among India's foremost tourism destinations. Along with Forts, Palaces and Heritage, Nature Tourism is one of the prime attractions. While understandably, Tigers are popular (thereby making Ranthambhore and Sariska favoured places to visit), the Aravalis and the Desert also offer a magnificent collection of landscapes, terrain and wildlife.

The CM said that if there were Bustards in the Desert, Tal Chappar offered 40 species of Raptors - the highest anywhere in the world. If the Chambal promises a glimpse of the Gharial, the Aravalis were likely to allow a sighting of the Sloth Bear.

Smt. Raje said that with 2 National Parks and 23 Sanctuaries, 3.5 % of Rajasthan is under the Protected Area Network. These protected areas other than performing conservation and ecological services, also bring in tourists and in the process the local economy gets support. Direct and indirect livelihoods were created.

On this occasion, Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs (Independent Charge) Shri Vijay Goyal, Former Minister Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Dr. Karan Singh, Embassadors of Several Countries, Former CM of Delhi Smt. Sheela Dixit, Union Home Secretary Shri Rajiv Mehrishi, Rajasthan Additional Chief Secretary Forest Nihal Chand Goyal, Rajasthan Tourism Secretary Smt. Roli Singh, Members of Chief Minister Advisory Council Smt. Malvika Singh and Smt. Meera Mehrishi, Member of Rajasthan State Wildlife Board Shri Valmik Thapar, Shri Tejvir Singh, Smt. Sanjana Kapoor, Shri Anshoo Jain and other dignitaries were present.

Jaipur, 22nd September 2016



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