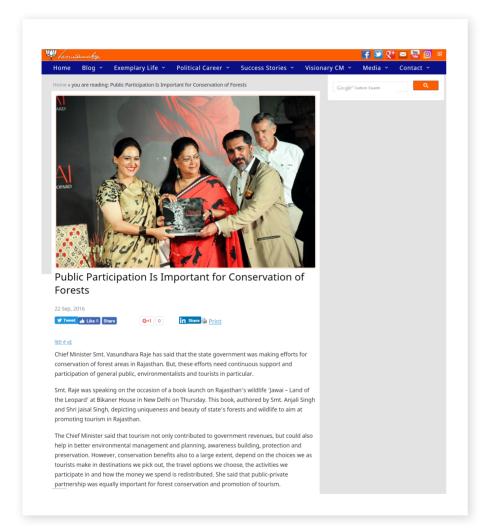
VASUNDHARA RAJE

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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 Ayair, 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



CM Vasundhara Raje, Rajasthan Government, Vasundhara Raje