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Presented by

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Wildlife of India: An Overview

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Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Fermion

Abstract –

In this illustrated talk, Bikram Grewal takes you on a perilous journey through India's threatened forests and their wildlife. Starting from the outer Himalaya's, the source of much of India's water, the journey takes you through its myriad landscapes – deserts-coasts-rainforests- and their attendant problems. All major species, from the mighty tiger to the smallest of insects, are discussed and their future debated. Conflicts are analysed and solutions sought. This one-hour talk is studded with some of the finest pictures of Indian wildlife ever taken.



About the Speaker –

Bikram Grewal was born, in Kolkata, to a Sikh father and an Assamese mother, and spent his early life, either in the forests of Assam or up in the hills of Himachal. He now serves as a trustee of several wildlife-based institutions and also acts as a consultant on eco-tourism. Bikram has written over thirty books on diverse subjects, ranging from travel to the joys of collecting British natural-history art. He has had several hundred articles and papers published in journals and magazine. His first book on Indian birds sold over 250,000 copies. He helped conceive the 'birdsofindia' website, which is now the biggest birding site in India and is ranked amongst the top ten birding sites in the world. He is a trustee of the Wildlife Preservation Society of India (WPSI), a premier NGO, working to prevent the illegal trade in Tiger parts. His NGO in the Sundarbans works on anti-poaching activities as well as man-animal conflict. When not travelling, he spends his time between his farm in Dehradun, where he grows rare plants and his boat in the Sundarbans.