

Aaranyak hands over wireless equipment to Kaziranga NP



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Aaranyak, a premier society for bio-diversity conservation in the North East India, in collaboration with the UK- based The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation has handed over a large number of field equipment to Kaziranga National Park (KNP) authorities in a function held at Kohora in the Park on Wednesday

The field equipments provided to the KNP includes 50 wireless handsets, 10 wireless fixed station along with accessories and 500 rain coats for frontline anti-poaching staff of the national park. The function was attended by the Director Kaziranga NP, Surendra Nath Buragohain, Divisional Forest Officer of Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, D.D. Gogoi, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Range Officers and other forest officials of Kaziranga National Park.

Taking possession of the equipment, the Director of Kaziranga NP lauded the assistance provided by Aaranyak to enhance wireless communication network within the park and also expressed his gratitude to the organisation for joining its helping hands with the forest department in carrying out the recent robust and scientific tiger monitoring study within Kaziranga NP using camera traps and other monitoring mechanism. He expressed his satisfaction over the results of the tiger monitoring study has discovered Kaziranga NP the highest tiger density area in India.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, Secretary General of Aaranyak , mentioned that in the wireless communication network project was launched by Aaranyak and the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation in association with the Assam Forest Department for Kaziranga NP in 2003 and since then 230 wireless handsets, 53 wireless fixed stations, 45 solar panels to charge the batteries of the wireless sets, two anti-poaching floating boat camps had been provided to the Kaziranga National Park authorities to enhance the protection of threatened species in the park. He has also appreciated the continued support being extended by the UK-based The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation towards enhancing the conservation and protection of wildlife in Assam through Aaranyak.

D.D. Gogoi, the Divisional Forest Officer of the Eastern Assam Wildlife Division , said the wireless equipments and raincoats have reached the field on time just before the onset of the monsoon to strengthen communication network and patrolling. He appreciated the joint initiatives of forest department and Aaranyak in delivering the credible scientific output based on the two years of tiger monitoring research work carried out in Kaziranga NP.

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