

K.Ullas Karanth – J.Paul Getty Fellowship



Ms.Meghna Krishnadas and Mr.Nishant Srinivasaiah were awarded the prestigious K.Ullas Karanth-J.Paul Getty Fellowships for 2008-09 today at the National Centre for Biological Sciences. This Fellowship has been instituted to honor academic performance and out of classroom conservation activities among students of the Masters course in Wildlife Biology and Conservation, offered jointly by the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Centre for Wildlife Studies and Wildlife Conservation Society-India Program. In addition to covering tuition and others costs of the course, this Fellowship also entitles the students to a travel grant to attend an international seminar to present results of their dissertation projects. The Fellowship was instituted from the J.Paul Getty Conservation Leadership Award that was conferred on Dr.K.Ullas Karanth in 2007.

Meghna Krishnadas

Meghna is a physician by training, and began volunteering to conduct wildlife surveys in the Western Ghats and Eastern Himalaya, while also being a doctor to local communities. Volunteering activities with Centre for Wildlife Studies and Nature Conservation Foundation helped her appreciate the importance of science in conservation, and forced a change in her career goal. Meghna joined the Masters course in Wildlife Biology and Conservation in order to acquire the skills necessary to practice science based conservation. She is interested in primates in rainforest, and after the course hopes to work in the rainforests in the Western Ghats. Meghna is a frequent writer in newspapers on conservation issues.

Nishant M Srinivasaiah

Nishant was a dairy technologist by training, before he joined the Masters course in Wildlife Biology and Conservation. As a volunteer with A Rocha-India, Nishant studied Human-elephant conflict at Bannerghatta National park, with Nityatha Foundation, he looked at age and sex classification of elephants from Bandipur, with ANCF, he worked on Human elephant conflict at Bannerghatta national park and biometry of camp elephants in Nagarahole National Park and with JNCASR, he looked at social organization of elephants and laterality in elephants at Nagarahole National Park. Nishant has also actively campaigned against ill-planned and unjustifiable capture and translocation of elephants in Kodagu district of south India. He is in no doubt about his career – it is in the study and conservation of Asian elephants. Nishant joined the course to equip himself with the tools necessary for this career.