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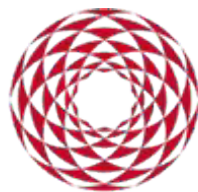
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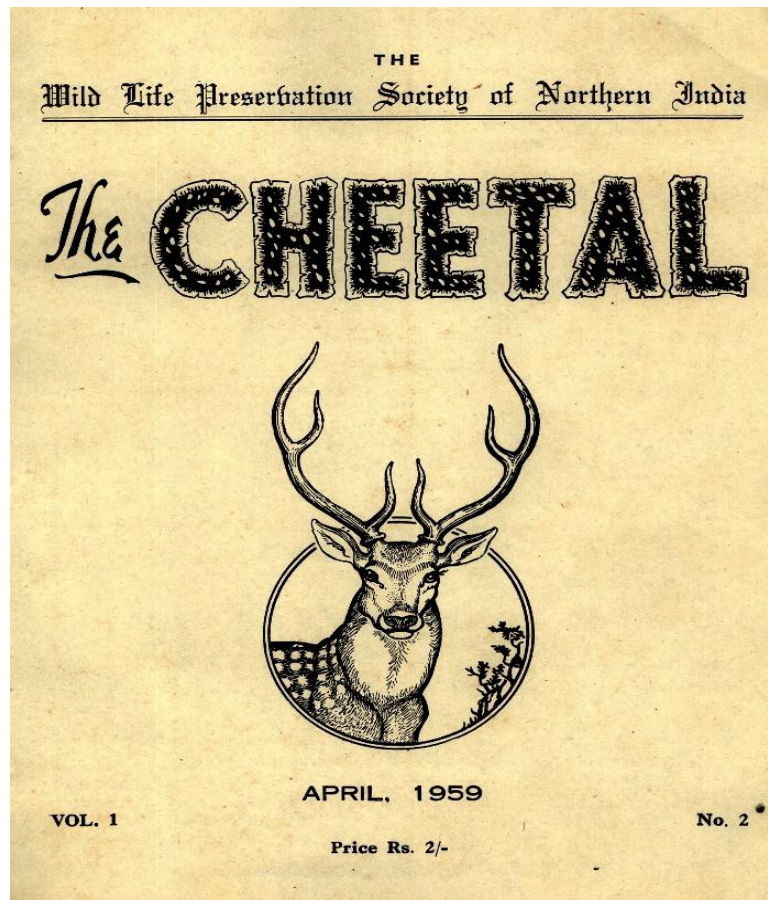
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### Introduction

The Wildlife Preservation Society of India (WPSI) is one of the oldest conservation societies in India with a rich legacy. Founded by the Maharaja of Nabha as the 'Wildlife Preservation Society of North India' in April 1958, the Society expanded and became 'Wildlife Preservation Society of India' in 1960. WPSI, in fact, began speaking for conservation at a time when awareness towards the need for wildlife conservation was at a very nascent stage. The Society also had its own journal called *Cheetal: Journal of The Wildlife Preservation Society of India*.

In the initial decades after its formation, WPSI and its journal, *Cheetal*, was patronized by most of the leading wildlife experts in India of the time hailing from a variety of backgrounds, right from princely scions, to biologists, to naturalists and to Indian Forest Service officers. M.D. Chaturvedi, the first I.G. Forests of independent India, Kailash Sankhala, the first Director of Project Tiger and the brain behind the pioneering tiger conservation scheme, S.P. Shahi, the famous Chief Wildlife Warden of Bihar, S.R. Choudhury, the man who is credited with the formalisation of pug-mark census technique and the father of Similipal tiger reserve, P.D.

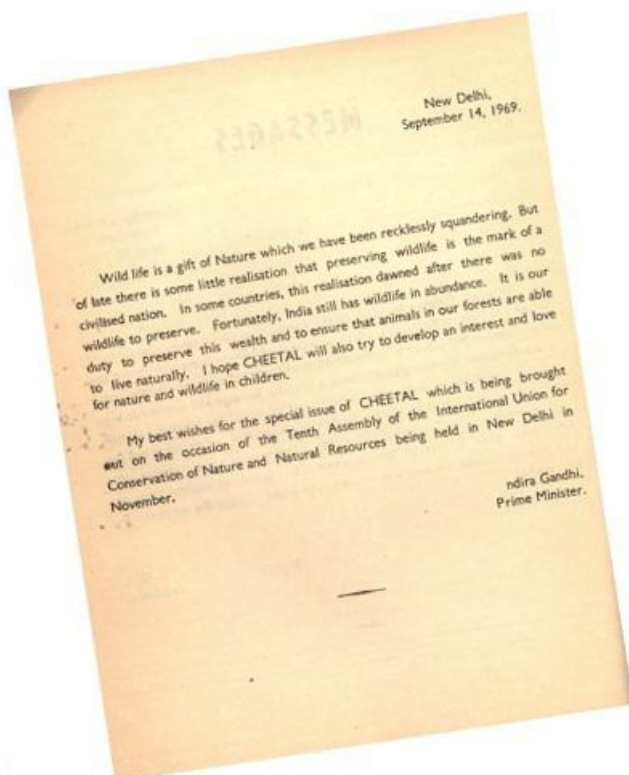
Stracey, a doyen of early conservation efforts in north-east India, and many more not only assiduously built up the society and oversaw expansion of its work but also shared their works and writings through *Cheetal*. These writings, even decades after they first appeared in the journal, are still heavily referenced in many contemporary natural history researches. The Society deeply involved wildlife and nature lovers from all walks of life, be it the civil society or the army (Brig. Gambhir Singh, Surveyor General of India, Commandant Military College, etc. being some of the many notable members of the Society and contributors to *Cheetal*), civil servants (Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh, the first Director of Wildlife Preservation of India and the keystone in drafting of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972) and independent experts (such as Salim Ali, M. Krishnan, George Schaller, E.P. Gee, Billy Arjan Singh, R.L. Holdsworth of Doon School, James A. Sutherland, then Dy. News Editor of *The Statesman* et.al.). In those golden times, the Society even had the privilege of having President V.V. Giri and President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed as its Chief Patrons in 1969 & 1975 respectively. Jawaharlal Nehru too occasionally contributed to the journal.

*Cheetal* covered a wide range of themes right from hunting anecdotes (this was in the period prior to the ban on hunting in India in 1972), wildlife conservation, techniques in wildlife management, wildlife biology, status reports on wildlife, wildlife research, ornithology, and so on. Each issue of the journal also almost always had 1-2 articles in Hindi to reach out to the non-English reading audience interested in nature writing and conservation. Over the decades *Cheetal* has had a long and illustrious history with almost every legendary wildlifer of yore, old-school field officers and reputed wildlife biologists contributing extensively to the journal thus making it an extremely important source of primary research for anyone interested in wildlife conservation in post-independent India as well as early wildlife biology in India. The journal is, thus, one of the richest and most valuable repositories of natural history writing to emerge out of post-independent India. However, with the gradual passing away of the pioneers who built up WPSI, the Society too fell into difficult times by the late 1980s. Nonetheless, it continued publishing *Cheetal* except for a brief halt over in the late 1980s. The Society was reinvigorated in recent years and has once again started playing a key role in conversations around conservation in Uttarakhand.

However, researchers in recent decades had found accessing *Cheetal* to be extremely difficult. This was because the journal was never digitised, and during the decline of the Society some decades ago, most back issues of the journal were lost from the Society's office. Consequently,

tracing old issues of the journal was very difficult. **It is here that this effort by Ashoka Archives of Contemporary India is extremely important.** The department traced a full 50 volume set of *Cheetal* (from 1958 to 2012) with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-India Library, donated to the library by Dr. Divyabhanusinh (whose archives are also part of the department's collection). No other full set of the journal is known to exist at any other institution. The Ashoka Archives requested access to this collection from WWF-India for digitisation of the journal as a part of Dr. Divyabhanusinh's collection which was readily granted by them. Ashoka Archives of Contemporary India then had the entire collection digitised, thus not only saving an invaluable repository of natural history and conservation writing from being lost or destroyed by vagaries of time but also creating the only source for scholars to access all the archives of the journal.

Wildlife Preservation Society of India continues to publish *Cheetal*, and from 2012 onwards the journal is published in both print and e-format (in PDF). A select few of these latest e-format issues of the journal can be downloaded from their website. And so, **with the issues prior to 2012 (which were published only in print) being sourced and digitised by Ashoka Archives of Contemporary India**, we now have an [uninterrupted e-archive](#) of this journal right from its inception in 1958 forming an invaluable resource material for scholars and researchers studying natural history and conservation in India.





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