



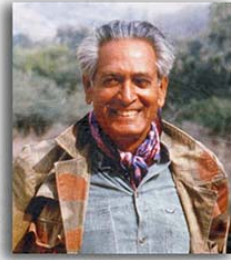
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Kailash Sankhala
(b.1925-d.1994)

Kailash Sankhala, famously known as the 'Tiger-Man of India', was a conservationist and the Founder-Director of Project Tiger. He played a key role in turning the tide for wildlife conservation in India, particularly of tigers. After obtaining a master's degree in Botany from Jaswant College, Jodhpur, 1950, and postgraduate diploma in forestry, Indian Forest College, Dehra Dun, 1953, Kailash Sankhala, joined the Indian Forest Service in 1957. He began his distinguished career as Executive Conservator of Forests. He served as the Director of the Delhi Zoological Park from 1965 to 1970 and became known as the best 'zoo-man' in India.

Sankhala attended the 10th General Assembly of the International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) in New Delhi and presented a paper titled 'The Vanishing Tiger' sounding the alarm for a looming extinction of the big cat and requesting the inclusion of the species in the Red Data Book of the IUCN as a protected species. His proposal was accepted with overwhelming enthusiasm and support. Consequently, tiger hunting was banned by the Indian Board of Wildlife throughout India by July 1970. Project Tiger was launched in 1973 with nine tiger reserves under its purview and Kailash Sankhala was appointed its Director. He placed the project on a firm footing, making a success of the project and ensuring the survival of the Indian Tiger.

After completing his tenure as the Director of Project Tiger, Sankhala returned to Rajasthan in 1978 and served as the Chief Wildlife Warden of Rajasthan till his retirement in 1983. During this period, he established the famous Ranthambhore, Keoladeo Ghana (Bharatpur) and Desert National Parks, as well as many sanctuaries in the state.

He served as a Consultant for Protected Areas of India's North Western Region, for the Department of the Environment (1984-1985) and later was the lead author in preparing the Management Document Desert Biosphere Reserve, Jaisalmer (1985-1987). He was also the Founder Trustee and Chairman of Tiger Trust, served as a member of the senate of the University of Rajasthan, and as Pradesh President of the Vishnoi Jeev Raksha Committee of India.

Kailash Sankhala was lifelong researcher and feature writer on India's wildlife ecology and the environment. His book *Tiger! The story of Indian Tiger* (1978) is widely regarded as one of the most comprehensive books on India's tigers and was translated into multiple languages. Some of his other noted publications are: *Wild Beauty: A Study of Indian Wildlife* (1973), *Tigerland* (1975), *Gardens of God: The Waterbird Sanctuary at Bharatpur* (1990), and *Return of the Tiger* (1993). He was an excellent wildlife photographer and took some of the most evocative wildlife images of his era.

Kailash Sankhala was also the naturalist-in-waiting to the King and Queen of Sweden during their royal visit to India's Kanha National Park in 1993 and to Prince Phillips, the Duke of Edinburgh, King of Bhutan, President of India, Prime Minister of India and many other national and international dignitaries.

Sankhala was the first civil servant to receive the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship in 1969 to study the tiger. He was bestowed with numerous awards for his contributions to wildlife conservation in India including Merit prize for Wildlife Preservation, Government of Rajasthan, 1965, Merit award for Outstanding and Original work, Government of Rajasthan, 1982, and Padma Shri, Government of India, 1992. The Government of Rajasthan posthumously conferred him with the Rajasthan Ratna award in 2013.



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I.	WILDLIFE IN INDIAN JUNGLES & RESERVES, 1964-1994	
1.	<u>05 May 1964</u> 'Wildlife Photography' by Kailash Sankhala	Reprinted form the <i>Indian Forester</i> , Vol. 90, No. 5/ English/ 13 pp.
2.	<u>1974</u> Ranthambore tour pocket diary of Kailash Sankhala contains jottings on his observations and engagements.	Handwritten/
3.	<u>1977-1985</u> Papers relating to the constitution of a Panel of on environmental research in India by the National Committee on Environmental Planning and Coordination, (Department of Science & Technology), Government of India, New Delhi. Includes correspondence regarding the appointment of Kailash Sankhala as an expert on the panel, and financial assistance to his project on Wildlife Reserve of India. Also, includes minutes of the eleventh meeting of the Man and the Biosphere Committee (16 May 1978), and agenda for its twelfth meeting (30 October 1978).	Autograph, typed and copy/ English
4.	<u>1980</u> Notebook cum scrapbook with extensive handwritten notes for writing a book entitled <i>Ecology of Wildlife Reserves of India</i> by Kailash Sankhala and Julie Field. These notes relate to various national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and tiger reserves. Allied newspaper clippings, note sheets, letters, etc. are also pasted inside on leaves of the notebook.	Book Draft/ English

5. August 1985
 'Study of the Ecology of Some Endangered Species of Wildlife and their Habitat: The Great Indian Bustard – Project No. 8851-658-04 'The Great Indian Bustard in Gujarat' by Salim Ali, A.R. Rahmani, and J.C. Daniel
 Technical Report/ English/ 30 pp.

6. 1994
My Green Valleys – National Parks of India/ My Jungle Book – India's Wild Reserve (Part I: Introduction Trans Himalayas House of Ice Great Plains Gazelle on Golden Sand) by Kailash Sankhala
 Typewritten Draft, all corrected by hand/ English

7. Undated
 'Some observation on wildlife in the Upper Suru/Northern Zaskar/Markha Valley of Ladakh' by Ashok Nath
 Typed copy/ English/ 14 pp.

8. Undated
 A typewritten draft of an abstract 'Wildlife in Indian Jungles' by Kailash Sankhala
 Typed draft/ English/ 36 pp.

9. Undated
 'Keoladeo: A Bird Paradise at Bharatpur' by Kailash Sankhala
 Typed copy (in very delicate condition) / English/ 9 pp.

10. Undated
 'The Last Lion' – a note by Kailash Sankhala
 Typed/ Incomplete/ English/ 4 pp.

11. Undated
 'Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary' – an essay by Kailash Sankhala
 Typed/ Incomplete/ English/ 5 pp.

12. Undated
 'Flaming a city: Run of Kutch' by Kailash Sankhala
 Report/ Typed/ English/ 10 pp.

13-18.

Undated

13. 'The Cats' – an essay (7 pp./draft copy is available).
14. 'Bisnois – Wardens of Wilderness' – an essay (6 pp.).
15. 'The Living Desert' – an essay (4 pp.).
16. 'Crocodiles' – an essay (3pp.).
17. 'Indian Snakes' – an essay (4 pp./draft copy is available).
18. 'Deer & Antelopes' – an essay (4 pp.).

Typed/ English

II. TIGERLAND: TIGER RESERVES, 1965-1993

19.

1965-1991

Papers relating to the study of Kailash Sankhala on the behaviour and ecology of tiger in India conducted under Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fellowship. Includes correspondence with the Government of Rajasthan, Ministry of Agriculture, and Nehru Memorial Fund regarding Government directives for the study and publication of his book on tiger. Also, includes letters from Indira Gandhi, Karan Singh, John Cargin, and others.

Photocopies/ English

20.

1966-1996

Letter from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi conveying best wishes for the success of the Project Tiger. Also, includes correspondence exchanged by Kailash Sankhala with friends and conservationists such as Abdul Mujib Khan, M.A. Rashid, C.B. Singh, Salim Ali, Sally Walker, Naresh Chandra, Patrick Watson, Sonia Cole, Valmik Thapar, Adriane Carr and others regarding his research work and information on tiger.

Holograph, autograph, photocopy and printed/ English and Hindi/

21.

06 May 1968

The Controversial Tiger by Kailash Sankhala presented to the Government of Rajasthan for the Award of the Merit Pay. Also illustrated with statistical charts, sketches, line drawings, figures, etc. A loose set of pages pinned together being the contents page of the unpublished book Sankhala was working on titled ***My Jungle Book: India's Wild Reserves*** loosely inserted.

Bound Book Draft (typewritten with photographs pasted)/ In very delicate condition/ English/

22. 1970-1974
- Handwritten field notes on the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship cards contains:**
 Observations on wild animals mainly from Kanha, Sariska and Bharatpur. Some from Corbett, Sundarbans. Kaziranga, Tadoba, Periyar, Palamau, etc. Some cards have research notes & extracts related to tigers and tiger hunting from *Journal of Bombay Natural History Society*, *Oriental Sporting Magazine*, old shikar books, research articles, etc. Other cards have observations on tigers from various zoos of India, main points of interviews and letters of various ex-hunters, such as Nawab of Tonk, Dhaibhaisingh, Tulsinath, Rungta, and naturalists like E.P. Gee. Besides, tiger census, tiger hunting, man-eating records by tiger, news reports, newspaper cuttings, etc.
- Handwritten (some cards stapled with related letters, images, and documents)/ English/148+ cards
23. 1972
- The Tiger in Focus*** (A picture study of ecology and behaviour of the Indian tiger) – Text and Photographs by Kailash Sankhala. An early draft of Sankhala's critically acclaimed book titled ***Tiger! The Story of Indian Tiger*** published in 1973.
- Book Draft (typewritten)/ London Collins Glasgow/ In very delicate condition/ English/
24. 1973
- Tigerland*** (An illustrated study of the habitat and status of the tiger in India) by Kailash Sankhala with a foreword by Indira Gandhi. This proof copy includes draft of maps and other illustration to be used in the book, and other Some loose newspaper reports, photograph prints, loose handwritten note-cards, etc. tucked inside at the end.
- Hardcover Bound Book (Typed copy)/ From: Collins Publishers/ Published in 1975/ English
25. 28 March 1974
- 'Will India save the tiger?' by Jon Tinker
- New Scientist*/ Photocopy/ 4 pp.
26. [1974]
- A photocopy of a certificate from Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Teen Murti House, New Delhi mentioning K.S. Sankhala was awarded a Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship to work on his project 'The Controversial Tiger – A Study of Ecology, Behaviour and Status' from May 1, 1970 to April 30, 1972'.
- Photocopy/ Issued and signed by Chairman, Indira Gandhi, and Secretary, Karan Singh/ English/ 1

27. March 1976
Progress Reports on WWF Project – ‘Operation Tiger’
India Tiger Reserves. Project Leader: Kailash Sankhala
Cyclostyled/ English/ 36 pp.
28. 1976
IUCN Cat Specialist Group, Newsletter No. 2
IUCNNR, Survival Service Commission/ English/ 12 pp.
- 29-32. 22-24 February 1979
International Symposium on Tiger, New Delhi
29. ‘Predatory Aberration in the Tiger’ – a paper prepared by Saroj Raj Choudhury (Research Paper/ 24 pp.).
30. ‘Study of some aspects of predation on domestic livestock by tigers in Melghat Tiger Reserve’ by Vishwas Sawarkar (Booklet/ 35 pp.).
31. ‘Ecological Studies on Vegetation Monitoring in Kanha Tiger Reserve’ by P.C. Kotwal (Booklet/ 27 pp.).
32. Addresses by H.M. Patel, Surjit Singh Barnala, and G.V.K. Rao at the Symposium (1+6+4+3= 14 pp.).
Booklets and excerpts/ English
33. 1979
‘Sariska Tiger Reserve Management Plan’
Report/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur/ English/
34. 1980
‘Tiger! The Story of the Indian Tiger by Kailash Sankhala’ – Review of Reviews by R.N. Mishra
Booklet/ Revised version of review published in *Cheetal* in December 1979 & March 1980/ English/ 20 pp. (four copies).
35. 31 July 1984
Draft resolutions of the CSG Workshop, Kanha, 12-15 April 1984 from Peter Jackson, Chairman, CAT Specialist Group, IUCN, Switzerland.
Typed/ English/ 8 pp.

36. [1984]
 'Eco development as related to Protected Areas' by Arjan Singh. Enclosing a brief note on addressed to Minister of Environment regarding Project Tiger. Typed copy/ English/ 4 pp.
37. 1992
 Tiger Cencus Report for Ranthabhore National Park Census held between 16-24 May 1992 – signed off by Valmik Thapar (Executive Director, Ranthambhore Foundation). Photocopy/ English/ 2 pp.
38. 1993
 Recommendations of the IUCN Cat Specialist Group (Indian Region) meetings on the tragic condition of Manas National Park in Assam, the tiger problem in the northern and western belts of India, and legal issues in all conservation strategies. Includes, 'The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972' – a brief note for the IUCN Cat Specialist Group (India), 11-12 December 1993, New Delhi' by Mahendra Vyas. Photocopy/ English/ 15 pp.
39. Undated
 'Palamau and Sunderbans Tiger Reserve' – plan Report (soft bound)/ Typed copy/ English
40. Undated
 'Cry Havoc' by 'Billy' Arjan Singh Booklet/ English/
41. Undated
 'Return of the Tiger' by Kailash Sankhala Typed/ English/ 19 pp.
42. Undated
 'Tigers survival ensured' – an essay by Kailash Sankhala Typed/ Incomplete/ English/ 11 pp.

43. Undated
- Miscellaneous draft chapters, excerpts, appendixes and readings of Kailash Sankhala's jungle book and research on Tiger Reserves. Also, includes some handwritten notes, maps, photos, clippings, and research cards.
- Typed, corrected by hand/
English/
44. Undated
- 'Water as a limited factor in Melghat' by B.R. Koppikar (I.F.S., Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Project Tiger Melghat)
- Report/ English/ 1+23 pp.
45. Undated
- 'Tiger in Captivity' – an essay by Kailash Sankhala
- Typed/ Incomplete/
English/ 3 pp.
- III. NATIONAL PARKS, SANCTUARIES & BIOSPHERE RESERVES OF INDIA, 1970-1992**
46. 1970
- 'An Approach to a Rational Management of Kanha National Park' by P.K. Naik
- Bound (Research Paper)/
Typed/ English/ 67 pp.
47. February 1972
- Master Plan for the Development of Nagerhole, Kakankote & Bandipur Complex Sanctuaries in Mysore State
- Report/ Mysore Forest
Department/ English/ 26
pp.
48. May 1985
- International Workshop on the Management of National Parks and Protected Areas in the Hindukushh-Himalaya organised by the King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Kathmandu, 1-7 May 1985
- Booklet/ Secretary,
Organizing Committee,
ICIMOD, Kathmandu,
Nepal/ English/

49-50.

September 1986

49. National Symposium on Biosphere Reserve, Udhagamandalam, 24-26 September 1986 – Abstracts.
50. National Symposium on Biosphere Reserve, Udhagamandalam, 24-26 September 1986 – Additional Papers for Circulation

Booklet/ Ministry of Environment & Forests, Department of Environment, Forests & Wildlife, New Delhi/ English

51.

January 1989

- ‘Abstracts of Papers presented at the Symposium on Tropical Moist Forest: Development vis-à-vis Ecology’, 28-30 January 1989, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

INTACH – Andaman Forest Department, Sane/ English/

52.

07 December 1988

- National Forest Policy 1988 – Resolution No. 3-1/86-FP

Photocopy/ Ministry of Environment and Forests (Department of Environment, Forests & Wildlife), New Delhi/ English/ 9 pp.

53.

1990

- ‘The Kaziranga Biosphere Reserve’ – a proposal plan

Extracts from the Biosphere Reserve document of the Department of Environment/ English

54.

28 September 1990

- India's Threatened National Parks*** by Kailash Sankhala

Book Draft (First)/ Typewritten & corrected by hand/ English

55.

April 1991

- National Parks*** by Kailash Sankhala

Book Draft (Second)/ Typewritten & corrected by hand/ English

56. January 1992
- ‘Economic and Policy Issues in Natural Habitat and Protected Areas’ – a paper prepared by Mohan Munasinghe
- For the World Parks Congress, organised by the IUCN, Caracas, 10-21 February 1992/ English/ 37 pp.
57. Undated
- Management Plan for Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary, Bharatpur. Includes, Text of audio-visual description of Keoladeo Bird Sancturary as ‘Thunder and Rain: Thunder Wind’. Also, includes two essays and some handwritten notes.
- Typed and handwritten/ English
58. Undated
- ‘Future of India’s Parks’ – by Kailash Sankhala
- Final speaking copy/ Typed (corrected by hand)/ English/ 17 pp.
59. Undated
- ‘Research Project on Impact Assessment of Bio-Ecological Changes in the Faunal Patterns (Selected Group) brought about by the Partial Submersion of Corbett National Park as a result of Ramganga Multipurpose Hydel Project Dam: Especially in the Areas Contiguous to the Proposed Water Line’ – submitted by Northern Regions Station, Zoological Survey of India, Dehra Dun (U.P.).
- MAB National Committee, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi/ English/ 32 pp.
60. Undated
- ‘Guidelines for the Preparation of Management Plans for Sanctuaries and National Parks’ by V.B. Saharia
- Booklet/ English/ 73 pp.

IV. SPEECHES BY HIM, 1980 & 1992

1. 18 August 1980

Letter from All India Radio to Kailash Sankhala asking for a typed script of his spotlight programme broadcasted in All India Radio's home service. Handwritten transcript of the same is attached to the letter.

Autograph, and handwritten transcript/ English/ 5 pp.

2. 03 February 1992

'Bisnoi – The Prosperous Desert man' by Kailash Sankhala

Speaking draft copy (corrected by hand)/ English/ 12 pp.

V. ACHIEVEMENTS & HONOURS, 1971, 1992-1997

1. 24 November 1971

Commemorative stamp for IUCN issued by the Director General of Posts and Telegraph

Booklet

2-4. 1992-1997

2. Padma Awards 1992 Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 6th April 1992 (Printed by the Manager, Government of India Press, New Delhi/ 2 copies/ English).

Booklets/ English, and Hindi

3. 'Wildlifer Padmashri Kailash Sankhala' – a memorial (Cover image of Kailash Sankhala with a tiger, back page image of Kailash Sankhala with Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi and President of India, Venkata Raman/ Text: Suraj Ziddi; Published by Nature Club of Rajasthan by the help of Tiger Trust of India, New Delhi/ 1997/ English/ 4 copies).

4. Curriculum Vitae of Kailash Sankhala (30 January 1925-15 August 1994). Also, includes copies of biographical sketch and bio-data of Kailash Sankhala (Typed/ English/ 12+11+2 pp.).

5. An invitation card to attend Padma Shri Kailash Sankhala Smriti Vanyaprani Sanrakshan Saptah Samaroh. Also, tribute from Bishnoi Jeev Samaj on passing away of Kailash Sankhala. (1994 & 1997/ Autograph & leaflet/ Hindi, and English).

VI. ARTICLES BY OTHERS, 1959-1993

1. 1959

'1959 European Partridge Sex and Age Study' by Morris D. Johnson

Typed/ English/
2. May 1967

'Preserving the Plains Turkey' by M.C. & W.M. Downes. Includes some notes written by Kailash Sankhala from 2 August to 5 September 1981.

Wildlife Circular No. 20/
Reprinted from *The Bird Lover*, Vol. XX/ Printed/ 4 pp.
3. 1974

'Observation of the ecology and breeding biology of the genus *Chiromantis* (Amphibia: Rhacophoridae)' by Malcolm Coe

Reprinted form *Journal of Zoology*, London/ English/ pp. 13-34.
4. 20 November 1976

'A little success for the big bird' – an article by Graham Pizzey

Herald/ Photocopy/ English/ 1 p.
5. 17 February 1984

'Observation on egg laying of Great Indian Bustard' by V.K. Pathak. Including a letter, dated 30 April 1984 from J. Javari, Executive Assistant of the BNHS, Bombay

Photocopy/ English/ 4+1 pp.
6. January-March 1988

'Chemical immobilization of deer and antelopes' by B.M. Arora

Tiger Paper/ Photocopy/ English/ 8 pp.
7. 06 November 1988

'Growth of Asian Elephant' – an article by R. Sukumar, N.V. Joshi, and V. Krishnamurthy

Reprint/Proceedings of the Indian Academy of Sciences (Animal Sciences), Vol. 97, No. 6/ English/ pp.561-571

8. February 1992

'A case study on visitor management issue and recreation carrying capacity in the high peaks region of New York State' s Adirondack Park, USA' by Thomas L. Cobb for North American case study for Workshop IV. 7a, 'Carrying Association for the IVth World Congress on National Parks and Protected Areas', Caracas, Venezuela, 10-21 February 1992

Technical paper/ English/
26 pp.

9. 10 March 1993

'A study of indigenous peoples' approach to environment conservation and sustainability' – application for grant for projects under the Environment and Research Programme

Typed/ English/ 15 pp.

10. Undated

'Synopsis of the work done on the Dinosaurian remains of Kheda District, Gujarat, India' by S.C. Pant, U.B. Mathur, S. Srivastava and A.K. Shali

Geological Survey of India Record, Vol. 114 part 7 & 8/ English/ pp. 53-67.

11. Undated

'Integrated land use strategy for conservation – The Satpura case' – an essay by V.B. Sawarkar & H.S. Panwar

Typed/ English/ 10 pp.

VII. PUBLISHED/ PRINTED/ MISC. ITEMS

1. 1941

Forest Pocket Book by S.H. Howard, IFS, Inspector General of Forest, Government of India

5th Edition/ Allahabad:
Superintendent, Printing
and Stationery, U.P. India/
English/ 600+ pp.

2. 1968

'Delhi Zoological Park: Annual Report 1965-66'

Booklet/ Government of
India Press, Nilokheri/
English/ 27 pp.

3.

September 1975

***Cheetal*, Vol. 17, No. 1** (Cover Photo of tiger by K.S. Sankhala). Containing articles 'Game Ranching – A Productive Use of Marginal Land in India' by Shankar Ranganathan, 'Forest Resources: Multiple Use Management and Conservation' by Prakash N. Mishra, 'Sport-Vandalism-Conservation' by R.S. Dharmakumarsinhji, 'Pugmark Tracer' by K.S. Sankhala, 'Distribution of the Indian Lion Over Centuries' by S.K. Sinha, and 'Handrearing of Crocodile (*Crocodilus palustris*) at Delhi Zoological Park' by A.K. Malhotra.

Journal of the Wild Life
Preservation Society of
India, Dehra Dun/ English

4.

1975

World Wildlife – India (image of Indira Gandhi with Prince Bernhard on the cover)

1st Quarter 1975,
Newsletter No. 15/ World
Wildlife Fund-India,
Bombay/ English/

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