

## TIGER HAVEN SOCIETY- WILD LIFE CENTRE -DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY- U.P. INDIA



Veterinary Centre

Museum & Library

Education Centre

Residential Quarters

### Veterinary Centre Project.

Billy Arjan Singh's unique contribution to the world of wildlife research was his rehabilitation effort with two of the most elusive and solitary members of the cat family, the Leopard and Tiger. Little has been followed up using the extraordinary knowledge that these successful experiments offered. The THS is committed to formalising Billy's practice in the form of a Veterinary Facility to work with distressed animals who will be rehabilitated back to the wild. The research and documented methodology will create a resource bank for use in the future when restocking a depleted area as well as refreshing gene pools. The funding that is required will also cover the cost of necessary building restoration.

**Funds Required Rupees 1,600,000 or UK£20,000 or US\$33,000**

### Museum & Library Project.

The library and reading room will house all Billy Arjan Singh's research papers, letters exchanged with various people on related matters, articles published in the print media, books he has written and his and his family's collection of books and reading material accumulated over more than 100 years. There will also be an archive of slides and movies for viewing. The museum will have on display his many photographs, personal effects, valuable manuscripts, and other memorabilia. Other items of interest such as his weightlifting equipment which were a passion throughout his life and his guns which he hung up when he crossed over will also be on display.

**Funds Required Rupees 3,000,000 or UK£37,000 or US\$60,000**

### Education Centre Project.

Education is an integral part of the Society's action plan to spread awareness and build up a vote bank for wildlife in the area surrounding the National Park. In general farming communities see forests as opportunities for expanding acreage and grasslands as grazing for domestic animals. Those who live in close proximity to the parks often have little interest in their preservation. Wild animals are seen as crop destroying pests and big cats are seen as life threatening. The Society will develop an educational programme aimed changing these views and instilling a more positive view of the way in which humans and the animal population can co-exist.

**Funds Required Rs 4,275,000 or UK£53,000 or \$87,000**

### Residential Facility for Researchers.

The THS has a strong interest in supporting young wildlife researchers with interest in what is still a relatively novel career choice for educated Indians. The location of the facility is ideal for providing opportunity to access UP's premier National Park and part of the Terai Arc project of the WWF and home to one of India's largest Tiger Populations. In addition the large lands of the facility provide a private space to conduct experiments and observe nature undisturbed. The THS will maintain 4 single rooms to provide board and lodging to deserving researchers free of cost..

**Funds Required Rs 3,655,200 or UK£ 46,000 or \$76,000**

## TIGER HAVEN SOCIETY PARK PROTECTION AND ACTIVISM



### Flood Control and Grassland Regeneration Project.

The Neora river flows from the Nepal Terai and runs from West to East along the escarpment of the Sal Forest of the Dudhwa National Park. With no forest cover left in the Nepal Terai, the silt levels in the Neora have increased dramatically and a dam built further east has slowed the rate of flow. What used to

be routine annual floods have now become an ecological disaster, suffocating the land with silt leading to a collapse of tree cover and grass. To provide a measure of relief to the grasslands of the Park the Neora's embankment has been raised by 12 feet and channels have been cut to hasten the flow of water leading to reduced silt deposit.

The benefits of this are evident as within 2 years there has been a significant return of Swamp Deer to the grasslands.



The return of the deer has also heralded the return of the tiger. The embankment needs regular maintenance and repair after years when the monsoon is excessive and the river needs dredging regularly. The Tiger Haven Society will work in co-operation with the park to repair and rebuild 10 Kms of embankment, dredge and cut 1 Km of channels and recover 2000 acres of grasslands.

**Required Rs 10,000,000 or UK£125,000 or US\$200,000**

### Publicity and Activism Project.

One of Billy Arjan Singh's constant endeavours was to enhance the safety and security of the animals to whom he devoted most of his adult life. This started in the 60's with fighting the Shikar Companies and goes on till this day with pro-active work in the Park, constant writing to people in authority and hard hitting interviews with any publication that is ready to listen.

There are 3 critical issues that the Society intends to focus on.

Motivating the Government to create a separate wild life protection agency modelled on the US to overcome the inherent conflict between a forester and a wildlife protector.

Motivating the general public to create support for anti poaching measures and support for animal welfare and expansion of nature reserves.

Promotion of Tourism in and around the Dudhwa National Park.

Towards this end the society intends to use the media and also promote a wildlife journal to be distributed free which will publish research work done by the society.

**Required Rs 25,00,000 or UK£31,250 or US\$50,000 per annum.**