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To

Hemangi Vartak

Founder, Jungle Belles

Pune

Subject: Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution to Wildlife Awareness and Conservation

Dear Hemangiji,

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Jungle Belles for your dedicated efforts in promoting wildlife awareness, nature education, and conservation among women and young citizens. Your journey—from personal discovery to leading a nature-focused movement—is truly inspiring.

Through your women-exclusive wildlife safaris, nature-based getaways, and educational outreach programs, Jungle Belles has created a unique and impactful platform that connects people—especially women and children—to India's wilderness in a safe, engaging, and enriching manner.

Initiatives such as the WildFest for Kids, Jungle Ki Baatein webinars, Plantation Drives, and School Awareness Programs are playing a vital role in nurturing a deeper understanding and appreciation of biodiversity. Your short film "Wild Pune", which beautifully highlights the ecological wealth of Pune, is a notable contribution to regional conservation storytelling.



I also commend your efforts toward supporting forest communities and staff through thoughtful donation drives and outreach activities. These gestures reflect a holistic understanding of conservation—one that values both people and the planet.

The Forest Department looks forward to continued collaboration with Jungle Belles in building a more aware and nature-connected society. Please accept my best wishes for your ongoing and future endeavours.

With sincere regards and best wishes for your future endeavours.



Tushar Chavan 5th June

Tushar Chavan, IFS

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