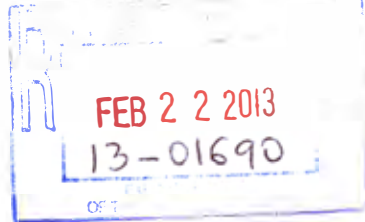




सत्यमेव जयते

JA
(book kept)

Excellency,



संयुक्त राष्ट्र स्थित भारत का स्थायी मिशन
न्यूयॉर्क

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
235 EAST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10017
Tel: 212-490-9660 • Fax 212-490-9656
E-mail: india@un.int
www.un.int/india

08 February 2013

Knowing how much importance you attach to the preservation of the environment, I have the honour to enclose a coffee table book on "Chilika, The Celestial Lake". Situated in the Indian state of Odisha, this large beautiful brackish water lagoon is both a symbol of beauty and a hotspot of biodiversity. It has been designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention 1971. It is the largest wintering ground of migratory birds in Asiatic subcontinent and has fascinating avifauna.

One of the authors of this beautiful coffee book, Ambassador Beuria was a distinguished colleague in the Indian Foreign Service who after retirement has devoted himself to environmental issues. In this publication, he has captured the beauty of the lake through photographs on the flora, fauna, natural beauty and avian fantasy in particular.

The author has written to me to request that I send this publication to you with his compliments.

Please, accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations
New York

TO: CENTRAL

13/02

Handed to SG by the
PR of India on 8 FEB.

For logging & filing
(SG kept encl. book).

No other action needed.

Thank you
Rammal

(H.S. Puri)

PRT/08/004

FEB 22 2013

053/CENTRAL