

## A happy closing of Wildlife Week in Orissa : Elite and Senior citizens of Bhubaneswar honour Scientists

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The senior citizens and other elite of Bhubaneswar City observed Wildlife Week and on the concluding day, 8th October, honoured four scientists for their life time contributions to society in fields related to environment and biodiversity. Recipients of the honour are :

Prof. A. K. Panda (educationist),  
Dr. J. K. Panigrahi (zoological sciences),  
Prof. P. K. Chand (botanical sciences),  
Dr Lala A. K. Singh (wildlife conservation).

The awards were instituted by HONEST (House of Nature, Environment, and Society Trust), a 10 year old Trust of Bhubaneswar. In addition to the programme, prizes were presented to school children who won Essay, Elocution and Art competitions on wildlife themes.

Members of Orissa Environment Society and Jaydev Walkers' Club who were present at the meeting included high profile academicians and administrators such as the former Vice Chancellors of Utkal University and Sambalpur University, former Principal of the Ravenshaw College (now University), former PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha and serving Chief Conservator Forests. Many other dignitaries from various walks of life participated also, including the Director Trustee of HONEST, Dr. S. N. Patro, a champion of 'environmental awareness' who received the State Government's Biju Patnaik Award for Wildlife Conservation in 2009.

Dr. Lala A. K. Singh, one of Zoo Outreach Organisation's oldest members, formerly Senior (Wildlife) Research Officer under the Forest and Environment Department, Odisha was awarded prize as 'Man of the Year 2010' for 'Lifetime Contributions in Wildlife Management'.

Congratulations to Lala, Dr. Panda, Dr. Panigrahi, Dr. Chand, and all members of HONEST, Orissa Environment Society, and Jaydev Walker's club for arranging and supporting this very nice event.



Award as presented to Dr. LAK Singh and other awardees. Prof. A. K. Panda, Dr. J. K. Panigrahi, Prof. P. K. Chand.



Dr. Singh proudly poses with his awards.