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### On the Green Guard

### awards for foresters

**W**hat is the Green Guard award?

Green Guard award, an annual award scheme, have been instituted by us from this year in pursuance of wildlife conservation. Tiger reserves and wildlife ranges of India have been chosen for this award. Awards are being given for exceptional individual and team performance under the categories of anti-poaching operation and wildlife habitat conservation and best protected wildlife range.



**W**hat is the purpose of this Award?

We, The Jungles, in our crusade to conserve nature have instituted this award, with a view to recognise the dauntless services of the field staff of the 27 tiger reserves in India towards protecting our natural heritage, often at the risk of their own lives. We are reciprocating their contribution by honouring these unsung heroes with suitable awards, in cash and equipment which are useful in their daily operation in the forests.

**W**hat are the activities of The Jungles?

The Jungles was founded in 1986 under the presidentship of Buddhadev Guha, eminent Bengali author. Its main pursuit is to make members acquainted with the various eco-systems of our country. It has conducted several surveys on forests and wildlife and participated in the tiger census operation. It has organised anti-poaching operations and campaigns, nature courses and public programmes and its ongoing projects are on Wildlife Conservation. Our task is to direct public attention towards conservation of ecological harmony, getting involved in this movement that is going on all over India.

**W**hat kind of response are you getting from the Kolkatans to preserve environment?

The response is very good. The Kolkatans are very conscious about wildlife and ecology. We have not received any fund either from the state or central government or from any foreign organisations. Though we have contributed from our own pockets and received support from sponsors, we need all of your support.

Staff Reporter