

Now, app for centrally documenting bird record data

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Navi Peth: Ela Foundation and Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) have announced a unique computer and mobile phone-based application, 'birdwatch.elafoundation.org' for centrally documenting bird record data from general public and bird watchers for science and conservation on Tuesday.

The application is developed by Ela Foundation.

Speaking to media persons, Director, Ela Foundation, Satish Pande, said, "Many people watch birds, make bird lists or take bird photographs but there is a need of a central inventory for such important observations for which we have developed this application."

The data can be sent on the application by the users after registering their names. The data will be analysed and uploaded monthly on www.elafoundation.org, informed Pande.

Pande said that the application is user-friendly as people can permanently document their observations from the home or field.

"This application is very useful as one can keep on sending their observations



(L-R) Supriya Chitrav, Coordinator Films and Satish Pande, Director of Ela Foundation at the Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival press conference held at Patrakar Bhavan on Tuesday.

and can also upload old observations with the specific past date and locality. The uploaded information will be first screened by experts and then accepted," he added.

Pande said that today, several species of birds are declining due to loss in their natural habitats. But certain rare birds are often sighted in remote areas but are not recorded.

"This application will enable bird watchers working in remote villages to contribute their observations for science and conservation," he added.

Speaking about the importance of the application in documenting observations, Pande said, "The application can help make a database of birds over several years, make locality wise databases, record important localities that birds prefer and alike."

Pande said, "Such observations can help us understand the current bird population trends."

Documenting the arrival and departure dates of migratory birds can help us analyse the signs of climate change, he added.