

# Tiger Conservation Awareness Mission:

## Community Outreach Programme

Conservation Himalayas (CH), a Chandigarh-based NGO in India, is currently undertaking a series of SAVE-TIGER AWARENESS SERIES for the communities (*Van-Gujjars and Rai Sikh*) living in the tiger range areas in Uttarakhand state, India. The programmes are held in the Tiger-Poaching and Human-Tiger Conflict (HTC) sensitive areas. Such programmes are being conducted for the first time with these communities. Dr. Santosh Kumar Sahoo and Aruna Negi of the Conservation Himalayas lead this mission with three main objectives: i) to map the human-tiger conflict areas, ii) to disseminate information about conservation importance of tigers and their prey-base in their natural habitat, and iii) to bridge the gap between the managers of the protected areas (PAs) and the fringe communities.

Through the community outreach programmes, Dr. Sahoo and Aruna Negi tell the communities about the **Countdown 2010 SAVE BIODIVERSITY** mission of the IUCN and encourage them to take pledge to do their part to save the local forests and wildlife. The communities highly appreciate this first ever tiger conservation awareness mission of the Conservation Himalayas and are very much optimistic for the CH's successful tiger conservation programme in Uttarakhand's tiger range areas through community-oriented tiger awareness campaign and better coordination with the forest department authorities.



Save-Tiger Awareness Programme at Dhanpur Gosai, Ram Nagar, Uttarakhand



Male Tiger sighted at Dhela village in the periphery of the Corbett National Park (CNP), Ram Nagar, Uttarakhand, India



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