



### **‘The Book of Indian Birds’ now in Gujarati**

*‘Bhāratnā Pakshio’ the Gujarati translation of the landmark BNHS publication ‘The Book of Indian Birds’ will be released at Hornbill House on October 1, 2019.*

Mumbai, September 25: ‘The Book of Indian Birds’ by Dr Sálím Ali, the legendary birdman of India, first published in 1941, is still considered an important acquisition for anyone interested in birds. The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) publication, currently in its 13<sup>th</sup> revised edition, has seen Hindi (2006) and Marathi (2018) translations, both of which have been well-received by the readers. BNHS is all set to launch the Gujarati version of the book titled ‘Bhāratnā Pakshio’. Translated by Dr Ashok Kothari, the book will be released by Shri. Praveensingh Pardeshi, Municipal Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika at the Hornbill House on Tuesday, October 01, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

BNHS has been publishing books on the biodiversity of the Indian region for several decades. ‘The Book of Indian Birds’ has been a close companion of both amateur birdwatchers and seasoned ornithologists in India for over 70 years. More than one million copies of this book have been sold till date. The book succinctly describes the habits and habitats of 538 birds (illustrated in colour) of the plains and foothills, and of the wetlands and sea-coast, along with accounts of nest and nesting behaviour, flight, bird migration, and birdwatching among others. This is an indispensable field guide for anyone who wishes to enjoy the rich and varied bird life of the Indian subcontinent.

The objective of the regional language publications is to develop a broad-based support of people from different sections of the society for the conservation of birds and their habitats. These books will be an important acquisition for birders, staff of the Forest Department, and school children, among others.

### **About the Author**

Dr. Ashok Shantilal Kothari has been practicing as a family physician for the last four decades. He is a senior member of the BNHS Governing Council and long-serving Chairman of the Library Subcommittee. He has organized seven exhibitions of rare books from the BNHS Library and also from his personal collection. He has conducted large-scale tree planting drives and nature trails for members of the BNHS, Friends of Trees, Rotary Club, and doctors’ associations.

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