

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May' 2021

Respected Sir,

I hope you are doing well. Enclosed is a letter requesting a conservation reserve status for Sattal. We request you, to please study the attached appeal and help us in saving this forest.

We will be following this up with a detailed actionable plan.

I hope we will get your support in this endeavor.

Looking forward to your response,

Yours sincerely,

**SATTAL CONSERVATION CLUB**

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Date: 07.05.2021

To,  
The District forest Officer,  
Nainital Uttarakhand

**Subject: Recognition of Sattal Lake Region as the "Sattal Conservation Reserve"**

Dear Sir,

We would like to introduce ourselves as a group of concerned citizens who live around the Sattal lake area, located in the lower range of the Himalayas, just 23 kilometres away from Nainital, at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet. We have been involved in regenerating and protecting the surrounding regions from fire, poaching, tree felling, for a number of years. We are pained to see our forests burning, being littered and destroyed and sincerely wish to offer our active participation in ensuring this does not occur again. It further pains us to have learned that a proposal has been approved to 'develop' the Sattal area and promote it as a tourist spot by building structures, converting paths into cemented roads, installing lights, etc.

Sattal is a cluster of mysteriously inter-connected seven freshwater lakes located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand, perched at an altitude of 1370 mts above sea level and offering many splendours of nature and idyllic scenery. The group of seven lakes namely 'Panna or Garud Tal', 'Nal-Damyanti Tal', 'Purna Tal', 'Sita Tal', 'Ram Tal', 'Laxman Tal', and 'Sukha Tal or Khurdariya' is set amidst dense forests of oak and pine trees, offering breath-taking beauty, accentuated by the delightful atmosphere.

With most of its flora and fauna still intact, Sat Tal offers a unique and biodiverse ecosystem, including 500 species of natural and migratory birds, some of which are:

- Purple Sunbird
- Fire-tailed Sunbird
- Black-throated Sunbird
- Green-tailed Sunbird
- Crimson Sunbird
- Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush
- Spotted Laughingthrush
- White-throated Laughingthrush
- Streaked Laughingthrush
- Variegated Laughingthrush
- Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush
- Rufous Sibia
- Red-billed Leiothrix
- Blue-winged Minla
- Bluethroat
- Red billed blue magpie
- Himalayan Bluetail (Orange-flanked Bush-Robin)
- Golden Bush-Robin
- Slaty-blue Flycatcher
- Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher
- Chestnut-headed Tesia
- Black-hooded Oriole
- Maroon Oriole
- Kalij Pheasant
- Koklass Pheasant
- Hill Partridge

- Rufous-throated Partridge
- Slaty-headed Parakeet
- Plum-headed Parakeet
- Long-tailed Minivet
- Scaly-breasted Cupwing (Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler)
- Himalayan Black Bulbul
- Ashy Bulbul
- Mountain Bulbul
- Indian/Chestnut-bellied

This is further enhanced by more than 525 varieties of butterflies that are to be seen in the region.

Sattal's forests are home to the King Cobra (Vulnerable), Himalayan Serow (Vulnerable), Indian Pangolin (endangered) as well as the world largest moth called *Atacus Atlas*. Further, some of the world's critically endangered, endangered and vulnerable birds, find home in Sat Tal. Some of, such birds include:-

- Red-headed or King Vulture - Critically endangered
- Egyptian Vulture - Endangered
- Cheer Pheasant - Vulnerable
- Grey-crowned Prinia - Vulnerable
- Pallas's Fish-eagle - Vulnerable
- Cinereous Vulture - Near threatened

These forests also host numerous trees of the family "Orchidaceae" like Foxtail Orchid (endangered), which are rare or endangered. Also, trees from the species of the family *Woodsiaceae* such as *Wooddia Andersonii* and *Woodsia Cyaloba*, which are believed to be near extinct or extremely / highly endangered are also found here.

The banj oak-chir pine forests of Sattal, form part of the globally recognised Western Himalayan temperate forest biome located in the Himalayan biodiversity hotspot.

Western Himalayan temperate forests have been attributed high conservation importance. This area has been designated as an 'Endemic Bird Area' due to the overlapping of ranges of eleven restricted-range species.

There are, as of now, very few Protected Areas located in this forest type in Uttarakhand, and they are small in size, being Benog Mountain Quail Wildlife Sanctuary, Naina Devi Conservation Reserve and Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary.

35-45% of the bird species found in Sattal are forest specialists, that is, they cannot adapt to any other habitat type such as gardens, orchards, pine forest or degraded forest.

Oak forests are shrinking rapidly in area due to climate change, extractive pressure, and need to be given high level of protection.

We recognise the importance of the aforesaid factors and the bio-diverse nature of this region. Accordingly, after gaining knowledge of the "development" proposal for Sattal lake through newspaper reports, social media and local residents, we have been deeply concerned about its impact on the biodiversity of Sattal region. A print out of a tweet from MLA Mr. Sanjeev Arya, informing the general public about the proposed development is annexed herewith for your ready reference. Further, a newspaper report and a photograph of a banner informing about and marking the inauguration / "bhoomi poojan" for the development plan are also attached for your ready reference.

In order to gain further information about the said project, we have filed applications under the Right to Information Act, 2005 with the concerned government departments, *vis.* the Forest Department, the Irrigation Department, the Housing and Urban Development Authority and the Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam requesting information regarding these planned steps, as annexed with this letter.

Unfortunately, despite successful delivery of the aforesaid RTI Applications, we have till date not received any response.

Further, in order to educate the local residents, as well as the general public about the significance of this region, the development plan and its direct impact on the bio – diversity of the region, we have also launched a social media campaign “SAVE SATTAL” to gather support for giving Sattal a special conservation status and prevent any activity that will damage the environment from taking place. ([www.savesattal.thereisnoearthb.com](http://www.savesattal.thereisnoearthb.com)). A print out of the social media post of the campaign is annexed herewith for your ready reference. We have also posted an online Petition on the platform known as change.org to garner support for conservation of Sattal and its protection from concrete development. So far, we have gathered about 17,000 votes from people supporting the Petition and the voting is continuing as on date. A copy / printout of the online Petition is annexed herewith for your ready reference. We have also been mindful of the fact that several stakeholders of Sattal region, may not have access to the internet or the ease of navigating websites or social media platforms on the internet. For the convenience of such stakeholders, we have approached them directly and personally and have discussed with them the urgent need for conservation of Sattal region, its lakes and forests. We have received support in heartening numbers which is reflected in the physical signatures / endorsements we have obtained from such stakeholders. A copy of the writeup / letter presented to such stakeholders along with the signature sheet is also attached with this letter for your ready reference.

We have also had the opportunity and honour of discussing about the conservation of Sattal with various dignitaries who have been either visitors or residents of Sattal region and have also come in support of urgent need to conserve and protect Sattal from construction in the name of “development” and “beautification” which would eventually destroy its bio-diversity, natural beauty and will render it as a yet another region of Uttarakhand stripped of its precious forests and tranquillity in the name of tourism. The letters of endorsement / support received from such ecologists, namely Mr, Ramnarayan and Ms. Ghazala Shahabuddin, are annexed hereto for your ready reference.

We strongly feel that coordinated planning and action between different stakeholders can lead to good sustainable results. The active participation of local communities is not only necessary but is also crucial to ensure environmental conservation. ***We therefore implore your good self to move the forest and government machinery, to grant Sattal the status of a conservation reserve, so that it can remain with wildlife, as nature truly intended.***

We look forward to a positive response from your good self and a fruitful association with the Forest Department on the above subject matter.

Thanking you,  
With best regards

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Copy to:

PCCF, Uttarakhand, Dehradun  
PCCF, Van Panchayat, Uttarakhand  
Irrigation Department, Dehradun  
CMO, Uttarakhand  
CCF, Nainital  
CCF, Forest Training Academy, Haldwani, Uttarakhand

**Annex 1**

Tweet from local MLA,  
Newspaper report,  
Bhoomi Poojan poster / banner photo

**Annex 2**

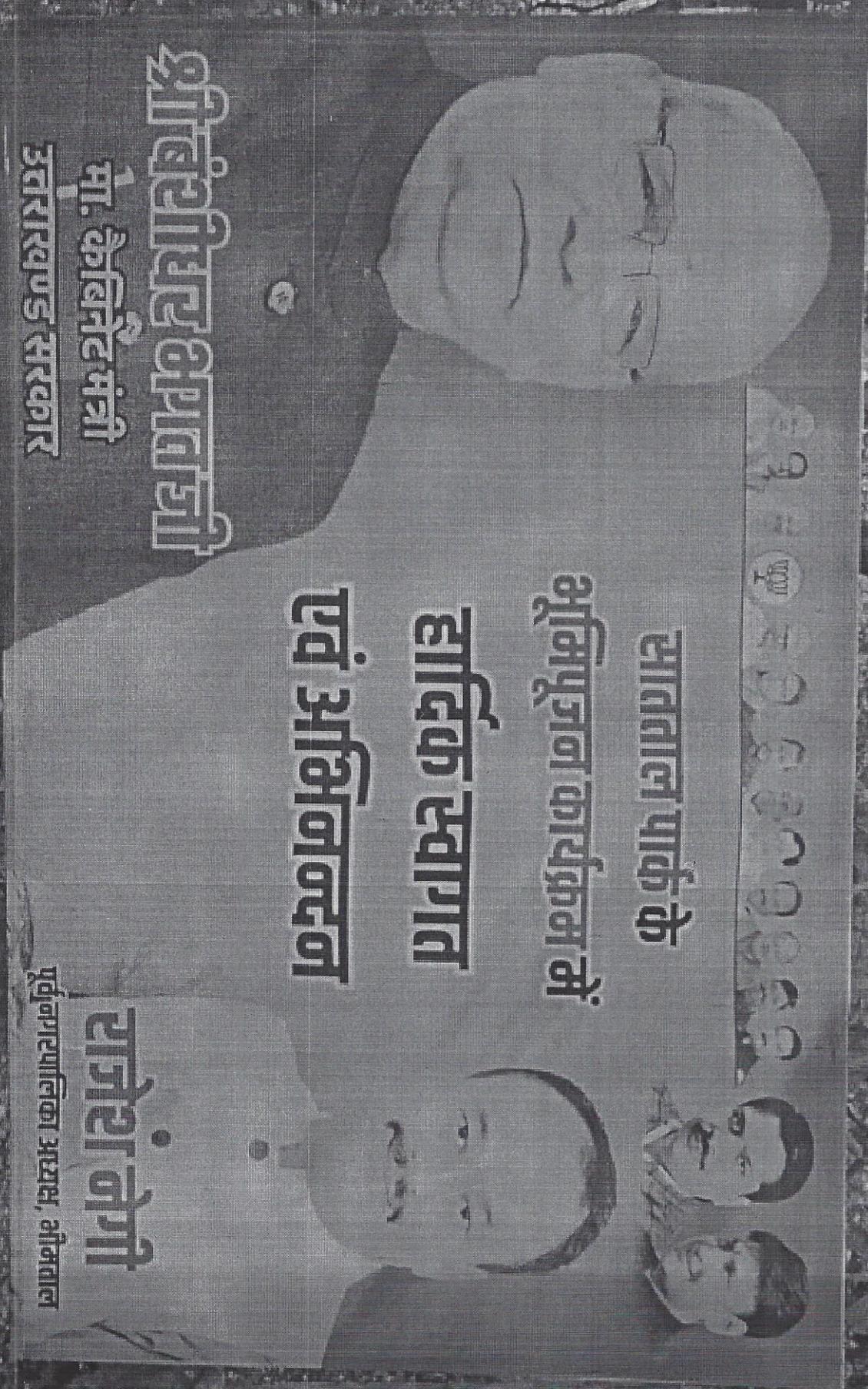
RTI Applications - RTI to Forest Department, Irrigation Department, Uttarakhand Housing and Urban Development Authority, KMVN

**Annex 3.**

Change. Org petition  
Petition with signatures obtained physically

**Annex 4**

Letters of Support



श्री बिंशीधर शिवाजी

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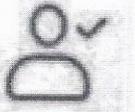
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एवं अभिजनन्दन

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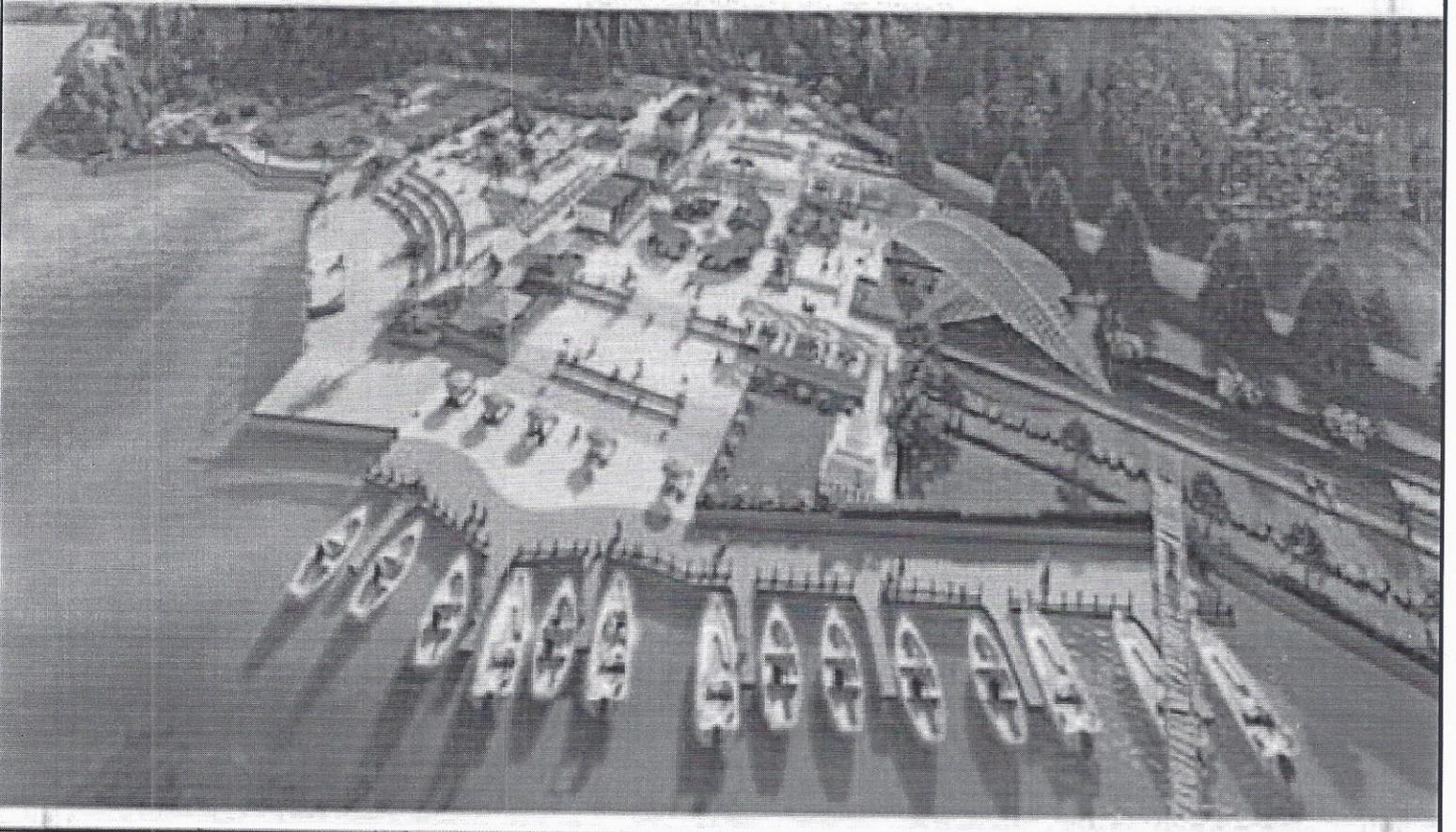


Sanjeev Arya

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कुछ इस तरीके से विकसित होगी सातताल झील  
6 करोड़ की लागत से होगा लैंड स्कैपिंग, लेक साइड  
डेवलपमेंट, चिल्ड्रेन पार्क, व्यू पॉइंट, प्लांटेशन, दुकानों का  
निर्माण। नए पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में विकसित होगा  
सातताल। नैनीताल विधानसभा मेरी पहचान।



2577.42 लाख के सूखाताल रियाजिग जोन, टूरिस्ट इेस्टीनेशन, साताताल में छह करोड़ से होने वाले विकास कार्यों का भूमि पूजन

# सूखाताल जया दूरिस्ट इेस्टीनेशन बनेगा = भवाल



नैनीताल | हमारि संवाददारा

शहरी विकास मंत्री बंशीधर भगत ने गुरुवार को 2577.42 लाख की लागत से बनने जा रहे सूखाताल रियाजिग जोन एवं टूरिस्ट इेस्टीनेशन प्लाइट का भूमि पूजन किया। उन्होंने कहा कि सूखाताल नैनीताल का नया पर्यटन डेस्टीनेशन बनेगा। इससे लोगों को रोजगार तो मिलेगा साथ ही यह नैनीताल के लिए भी महत्वपूर्ण साबित होगा।

विधायक सीजीव आर्य ने कहा कि सूखाताल के विकसित होने से पर्यटकों का घूमने के लिए नया स्थान मिलेगा। फुड कोर्ट, बोट बाजार विकसित होने से स्थानीय शिल्पकला का प्रदर्शन होगा। जिला विकास प्राधिकरण सचिव साचिव पंकज उपाध्याय ने कहा कि 25.77 लाख से सूखाताल में रियाजिग वेल, 9145 वर्ग मीटर में झील निर्माण, चारों ओर पैदल पथ, लिफ्ट, स्वचालित सीढ़ी, ओपन एयर थियेटर, चिल्ड्रन पार्क, सूचना केन्द्र, वृद्धन सेंटर व अन्य कार्यक्रमों का कार्यक्रम और लैंड स्केप का काम होगा। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता पालिकाध्यक्ष सचिव नेगी की। इससे पूर्व बंशीधर भगत के नैनीताल पहुंचने पर भाजपाइंडो ने हनुमानगढ़ी से बाइक रैली निकाली। राज्य अतिथि गृह सभागार में स्वागत किया गया।

कार्यक्रम में कोरोना प्रोटोकॉल की खूब धजिजात उड़ी। सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग तार-तार भर करीब सौ से अधिक कार्यक्रमों एक कमरे के अंदर स्वागत समारोह करते रहे। इस दौरान कई लोग बिना मास्क भी मिले। कार्यक्रम निपटने के बाद भगत ने दावा किया कि सरकार कोरोना के लिए गंभीर है। यह सुनने के बाद मौजूद भाजपा कार्यकर्ताओं से लेकर अफसर तक हंसो मजाक करते रहे। कार्यक्रम में जिला पंचायत अध्यक्ष बेला तोलिया, केएमवीएन विश्वेश्वर कुंवर विद्यु, सभासद राजला क्रमाला, आनंद विद्यु, गोपाल रावत, शांति मेहरा, भुवन हवालता, देवेन्द्र देला, खामानंद शर्मा, विवेक साह, मनोज जोशी, गोपाल रावत, डीएन भट्ट, दया किशन पोखरिया, पूरन मोहैया, अरविंद पट्टिया, मनोज साह, देवेन्द्र, आनन्द आदि रहे।



स्वागत

नैनीताल में गुरुवार को कैबिनेट मंत्री बंशीधर भगत के स्वागत के उत्साह में नेता-कार्यकर्ता कोई प्रोटोकॉल भूल गए।



शुभारंभ

सूखाताल झील परियोजना का लोकार्पण करते कैबिनेट मंत्री बंशीधर भगत।

**साताताल पर्यटन में अचल पहचान बनावेगा**  
भूमिताल। शहरी विकास मंत्री बंशीधर भगत ने साताताल में छह करोड़ की लागत से होने वाले विकास कार्यों का भूमि पूजन किया। उन्होंने कहा साताताल के बाद अलावा पूरे देश के पर्यटन भानिचत्र में अलग पहचान बनावेगा। उन्होंने कहा यहां एक आन थियेटर का निर्माण भी कराया जाएगा। साताताल विकास के लिए पूर्व सीएम विवेक रावत के कार्यकाल के दौरान छह करोड़ स्वीकृत हुए। इसके बाद मंत्री नलरमथरी ताल भाजपा नेता हरद सातावाल के घर पहुंचे और अध्यक्ष गोपाल रावत, डीएन भट्ट, दया किशन पोखरिया, पूरन मोहैया, अरविंद पट्टिया, मनोज साह, देवेन्द्र, आनन्द आदि रहे।

**प्राधिकरण खला करने का वाला पूरा**  
शहरी विकास मंत्री बंशीधर भगत ने कहा कि भवाल मिलने के बाद उन्होंने पहली फाइनल पर इस्ताहर कर जिला प्राधिकरण खला कर दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि 2016 में जनहित के लिए प्राधिकरण बने थे, लेकिन इसका दुरुपयोग होने से इसे स्थगित किया गया है। प्रदेश में निकाय की आर्थिक खस्ताहल के सवाल पर भगत ने कहा कि अभी तो बच्चा पैदा हुआ है। सरकार को चार साल हो गए हैं पर शहरी विकास की जिम्मेदारी अभी मिली है। इसलिए काम समझने में समय लगेगा। कोविड नियमों के प्रति गंभीरता जरूरी है, इसमें टील दी तो आरंपी हम भी हो जाएंगे। कोविड के चलते सुरक्षित कुंभ के सवाल का शायरना जवाब देते हुए भगत ने कहा, भोजन भी जिद्दी है रास्ते भी जिद्दी है, देखना है कल क्या होगा अपने इरादे भी जिद्दी है...। भगत ने कहा कि सल्ट में भाजपा की एकरफा जीत होगी। पूर्व सीएम को सल्ट प्रचारक की तिल्ट से बाहर करने के सवाल पर बोले, यह नालती हुई है, इसे जल्ट दुरुस्त किया गया।

**भवाली में प्राधिकरण हटाने को ज्ञापन सौंपा**  
भवाली। शहरी विकास मंत्री बंशीधर भगत ने पालिका के वाहनी को हरी झंडी दिखाकर रणना किया। पालिका मंडल पल्टे व्यापार मंडल अध्यक्ष नरेश पांडे के नेतृत्व में लोगों ने जिला विकास प्राधिकरण को हटाने के लिए ज्ञापन सौंपा। पालिकाध्यक्ष सजय वर्मा ने कैबिनेट मंत्री को माला रानी की वनरी भेंट की। यहां लखेंद कपीरा, बलरम मेहरा, चंदन बेहरा, आशुतोष कंदला, प्रकाश आर्य, उमा पटेलनी, गीमा विद्यु, मोहन विद्यु, नन्द किशोर पांडे, लखेंद कपीरा, पवन थाकुरनी, अनुभव कुमार, सुनील मेहरा, मुकेश कुमार, ज्योति साह रहे। इससे पूर्व नैनीताल के मनुभारानी हौटल से निकाले कमचारियों ने मंत्री को ज्ञापन सौंपा।

ANNEX - 2 (RTI'S SENT)  
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**BY SPEED POST**

To,

**The Public Information Officer  
The Office of Chief Conservator of Forest (Kumaon - Uttarakhand, Nainital)  
Nainital, Uttarakhand**

**Subject: Application u/s 6(1) r/w proviso to section 7(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.**

Dear Sir,

The applicant is a resident of Sattal Region in the District of Nainital, Uttarakhand and a public spirited citizen actively involved in the conservation of forests and wildlife of the region. Sattal literally stands for "seven lakes" vis. 'Panna or Garud Tal', 'Nal-Damyanti Tal', 'Purna Tal', 'Sita Tal', 'Ram Tal', 'Laxman Tal', and 'Sukha Tal or Khurdariya' which exist in the region and are surrounded by dense forests.

The forests of Sattal region boast of a plethora of flora, wildlife, birds and are a befitting example of biodiversity. There are over 500 species of birds, 525 variants of butterflies that are found in these forests. The Red headed king vulture (critically endangered), Cheer Pheasant (vulnerable), Cinereous Vulture (Near threatened), Grey Crowned Prinia (vulnerable), Pallas's Fish- Eagle (endangered), Himalayan Serow (vulnerable), Foxtail Orchid (endangered), King Cobra (vulnerable), are just some of the examples of the variety of birds and wildlife found in the region. Forests of Sattal also consist of a wide variety of trees including the ones from the family of Orchidaceae, which are also rare or endangered. For your ready reference, an indicative, non-exhaustive list of the trees, wildlife, birds etc. found in the region is annexed with this Application.

Despite the unmistakable significance of the region in terms of biodiversity, over the past few years, the forests of the region have been the target of man-made forest fires which every year, claim the lives of a host of precious trees and saplings, animals, birds and

also puts the residents of nearby areas at risk, blatant littering and disposal of plastic waste and similar activities that have put the forests under serious threat and danger of destruction.

Apart from the aforesaid malpractices by certain miscreants, it has also come to the knowledge of the Applicant that the Government of Uttarakhand has planned to develop the Sattal Lake area as a tourist destination comprising of shops, parking area, children's play area, viewing point, plantation etc. The project is being referred to as "Sattal Park"/ "Sukha Tal Recharging Zone and Tourist Destination Point" ("**Project**") in the media and recently a ceremony was held at Sukha Tal marking commencement of the Project. The Applicant apprehends that such projects would endanger the biodiversity of the region and will involve disturbance of the ecosystem of the area. A copy of a newspaper article and a tweet by the local MLA is being enclosed.

The Applicant believes that owing to the aforesaid reasons, there is an urgent need to actively protect and conserve the forests of Sattal region and its biodiversity. The Applicant further believes that the forests of Sattal region ought to be notified as a "Conservation Reserve" or under such other category as may be appropriate, which will ensure proper supervision, management and conservation of the area. Accordingly, the Applicant has taken upon himself to gather information about the region as well as other already notified Conservation Reserves which will assist the Applicant in drawing up a proposal in consultation with the local community and present the same to the relevant authorities.

In this regard, the following information is desired u/s 6(1) r/w section 7(1) and proviso to section 7(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The information is desired within 48 hours of the receipt of the request, as the said information desired *concerns the Right to Life/Liberty* as unadulterated, pollution free nature and environment are an integral part of the right to life as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

**(a) Details of the proposed Sattal Park" / "Sukha Tal recharging Zone and Tourist Destination Point"("the Project") to be developed around Sattal lake including but**

*not limited to the proposal of the Project, file notings, the various clearances and approvals obtained for the Project, resolutions, minutes of meetings and such other documents / information regarding the Project.*

*(b) Block maps and Topo Sheets of the Sattal forests including, but not limited to, Sattal Reserve Forest, Suriya Jhala, Suriyagaon, Nagari Gaon (Chak: Tirchakhet), Dhupchaud, Bhagtyura, Patunia, Jones Estate, JantwalGaon etc., and notified status of these areas, under the control of the Government of Uttarakhand, Forest Department.*

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**SATTAL CONSERVATION CLUB**

**Dated: 08.04.2021**

Enclosure: As above

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PIO, Office of Chief Conservator of Forests, Biodiversity, Kumaon

PIO, Office of Chief Conservator of Forests, Kumaon, Forest Training Academy

PIO, Office of Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chairman, Biodiversity Board, Uttarakhand

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**BY SPEED POST**

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Biodiversity, (Kumaon - Uttarakhand, Nainital)  
Nainital, Uttarakhand**

**Subject: Application u/s 6(1) r/w proviso to section 7(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.**

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**Dated: 08.04.2021**

Enclosure: As above

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PIO, Office of Chief Conservator of Forests, Kumaon, Forest Training Academy, Haldwani

PIO, Office of Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chairman, Biodiversity Board, Uttarakhand

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**BY SPEED POST**

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The Office of Chief Conservator of Forest (Kumaon - Uttarakhand, Nainital)  
Forest Training Academy  
Haldwani, Distt. Nainital, Uttarakhand**

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**SATTAL CONSERVATION CLUB**

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BY SPEED POST

To,

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**BY SPEED POST**

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PIO, Executive Engineer, Uttarakhand Irrigation Department, Dehradun

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Executive Engineer,  
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**SATTAL CONSERVATION CLUB**

**Dated: 08.04.2021**

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**BY SPEED POST**

To,  
Public Information Officer  
Uttarakhand Housing and Urban Development Authority  
Uttarakhand  
Dehradun

Subject: Application u/s 6(1) r/w proviso to section 7(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Dear Sir,

The applicant is a resident of Sattal Region in the District of Nainital, Uttarakhand and a public spirited citizen actively involved in the conservation of forests and wildlife of the region. Sattal literally stands for "seven lakes" viz. 'Panna or Garud Tal', 'Nal-Damyanti Tal', 'Purna Tal', 'Sita Tal', 'Ram Tal', 'Laxman Tal', and 'Sukha Tal or Khurdariya' which exist in the region and are surrounded by dense forests.

The forests of Sattal region boast of a plethora of flora, wildlife, birds and are a befitting example of biodiversity. There are over 500 species of birds, 525 variants of butterflies that are found in these forests. The Red headed king vulture (critically endangered), Cheer Pheasant (vulnerable), Cinereous Vulture (Near threatened), Grey Crowned Prinia (vulnerable), Pallas's Fish- Eagle (endangered), Himalayan Serow (vulnerable), Foxtail Orchid (endangered), King Cobra (vulnerable), are just some of the examples of the variety of birds and wildlife found in the region. Forests of Sattal also consist of a wide variety of trees including the ones from the family of Orchidaceae which are also rare or endangered. For your ready reference, an indicative, non-exhaustive list of the trees, wildlife, birds etc. found in the region is annexed with this Application.

Despite the unmistakable significance of the region in terms of biodiversity, over the past few years, the forests of the region have been the target of man-made forest fires which every year, claim the lives of a host of precious trees and saplings, animals, birds and

also puts the residents of nearby areas at risk, blatant littering and disposal of plastic waste and similar activities that have put the forests under serious threat and danger of destruction.

Apart from the aforesaid malpractices by certain miscreants, it has also come to the knowledge of the Applicant that the Government of Uttarakhand has planned to develop the Sattal Lake area as a tourist destination comprising of shops, parking area, children's play area, viewing point, plantation etc. The project is being referred to as "Sattal Park" / "Sukha Tal Recharging Zone and Tourist Destination Point" ("**Project**") in the media and recently a ceremony was held at Sukha Tal marking commencement of the Project. The Applicant apprehends that such projects would endanger the biodiversity of the region and will involve disturbance of the ecosystem of the area. A copy of a newspaper article and a tweet by the local MLA is being enclosed.

The Applicant believes that owing to the aforesaid reasons, there is an urgent need to actively protect and conserve the forests and lakes of Sattal region and their biodiversity. Accordingly, the Applicant has taken upon himself to gather information about the region which will assist the Applicant in drawing up a proposal for conservation in consultation with the local community and present the same to the relevant authorities.

In this regard, the following information is desired u/s 6(1) r/w section 7(1) and proviso to section 7(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The information is desired within 48 hours of the receipt of the request, as the said information desired *concerns the Right to Life/Liberty* as unadulterated, pollution free nature and environment are an integral part of the right to life as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

***(a) Details of the proposed Sattal Park" / "Sukha Tal recharging Zone and Tourist Destination Point"("the Project") to be developed around Sattal lake including but not limited to the proposal of the Project, file notings, the various clearances, sanctions and approvals obtained for the Project, resolutions, minutes of meetings and such other documents / information regarding the Project.***

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Postal order for Rs. 10/- no. 53F 076905 dated 07.04.2021, favouring the PIO, Uttarakhand Housing and Urban Development Authority Uttarakhand i.e. the Competent Authority (u/s 6 of the RTI Act, 2005), is annexed hereto.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully  
**SATTAL CONSERVATION CLUB**

**Dated: 08.04.2021**

Enclosure: As above

Copy to:

Public Information Officer, Uttarakhand Housing and Urban Development Authority,  
Uttarakhand, Dehradun

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**BY SPEED POST**

To,

**The Public Information Officer  
Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam  
Nainital**

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Despite the unmistakable significance of the region in terms of biodiversity, over the past few years, the forests of the region have been the target of man-made forest fires which every year, claim the lives of a host of precious trees and saplings, animals, birds and

also puts the residents of nearby areas at risk, blatant littering and disposal of plastic waste and similar activities that have put the forests under serious threat and danger of destruction.

Apart from the aforesaid malpractices by certain miscreants, it has also come to the knowledge of the Applicant that the Government of Uttarakhand has planned to develop the Sattal Lake area as a tourist destination comprising of shops, parking area, children's play area, viewing point, plantation etc. The project is being referred to as "Sattal Park"/ "Sukha Tal Recharging Zone and Tourist Destination Point" ("**Project**") in the media and recently a ceremony was held at Sukha Tal marking commencement of the Project. The Applicant apprehends that such projects would endanger the biodiversity of the region and will involve disturbance of the ecosystem of the area. A copy of a newspaper article and a tweet by the local MLA is being enclosed.

The Applicant believes that owing to the aforesaid reasons, there is an urgent need to actively protect and conserve the forests of Sattal region and its biodiversity. The Applicant further believes that the forests of Sattal region ought to be notified as a "Conservation Reserve" or under such other category as may be appropriate, which will ensure proper supervision, management and conservation of the area. Accordingly, the Applicant has taken upon himself to gather information about the region as well as other already notified Conservation Reserves which will assist the Applicant in drawing up a proposal in consultation with the local community and present the same to the relevant authorities.

In this regard, the following information is desired u/s 6(1) r/w section 7(1) and proviso to section 7(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The information is desired within 48 hours of the receipt of the request, as the said information desired *concerns the Right to Life/Liberty* as unadulterated, pollution free nature and environment are an integral part of the right to life as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

**(a) Details of the proposed "Sattal Park" / "Sukha Tal recharging Zone and Tourist Destination Point" ("the Project") to be developed around Sattal lake including but**

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*not limited to the proposal/ allotment of the Project, file notings, the various clearances and approvals obtained for the Project, resolutions, minutes of meetings and such other documents / information regarding the Project.*

*(b) What are the Environmental clearances, pertaining to the said Project, including the Environmental Impact Assessment of the said proposed Project on the Sattal Forests?*

*(c) Earmarking by metes and bounds/ area in square kilometers, of the said proposed Project.*

Postal order for Rs. 10/- no.dated 22.04.2021, favouring the PIO, Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam i.e. the Competent Authority (u/s 6 of the RTI Act, 2005), is annexed hereto.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully  
**SATTAL CONSERVATION CLUB**

**Dated: 22.04.2021**

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## Declare the Sattal forests a conservation reserve

17,620 have signed. Let's get to 25,000!



Ankit Suri signed 33 minutes ago



Paras Gosian signed 7 hours ago



Aagnay Budhraja started this petition to CMO, Uttarakhand (Chief Minister's Office) and 10 others

*Aagay Bunday*

सेवा में,  
 मुख्य वन संरक्षक ( कुमाऊं )  
 नैनीताल ( उत्तराखंड )

विषय :- सातताल की प्राकृतिक सौंदर्यता को बचाने के संबंध में

महोदय,

हम सब सातताल निवासी आपसे विनम्र निवेदन करते हैं कि हमारा सातताल प्राकृतिक सुंदरता से आच्छादित है। जिसकी प्राकृतिक सौंदर्यता हमें और सभी पर्यावरण प्रेमियों को लाभान्वित करती है, परंतु महोदय कुछ व्यक्तियों के द्वारा सातताल के जंगलों को शराब की खाली बोटलों और प्लास्टिक के कूड़े से पाटा जा रहा है। जो कि प्रकृति के प्रति बेहद अमानवीय व्यवहार है, जिस कारण यहां की प्राकृतिक सौंदर्यता का ह्रास हो रहा है, और हमारे काम पर बुरा प्रभाव पड़ रहा है। हम सभी स्थानीय निवासी इस गंभीर मुद्दे के तरफ आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करते हुए आपसे पुनः अनुरोध करते हैं कि विभागीय स्तर पर कंजर्वेशन रिजर्व का कार्य करके सातताल की प्राकृतिक सुंदरता को खंडित होने से बचाया जा सके। जिसके कंजर्वेशन के लिए भारतीय वन अधिनियम के अंतर्गत ऐसे व्यक्ति, जो प्रकृति को नुकसान पोहचते है, उनके खिलाफ कठोर कार्यवाही की जाए।

इसके लिए हम सभी सातताल निवासी महोदय के आजीवन आभारी रहेंगे।

S.No	Name	Resident of	Signature
1	Deepak Kumar	Surya gan	Deepak Kumar
2	Sagar	Almora	Sagar
3	SHUBHAM MULLICK	Sattal/Bhimtal	Smullick
4	Naveen chandra -Arya	Sattal/Surya	Naveen chandra
5	गोपाल	Sattal/Surya Gan	गोपाल
6	Adnan Vahanvats	Tirchakhet	Adnan
7	PRIVANKA PATWA	"	Pravank
8	Dinesh Chandra	Tirchakhet	Dinesh
9	मोहन सिंह बिजु	तिरचकहेत	मोहन सिंह
10	Sahil Mullide	Loveshal Deb	Sahil Mullide
11	Sai Nair	Sattal/Suryagan	Sai Nair
12	Amy	Bhimtal	Amy
13	Anil Wamba	Sattal	Anil
14	Vikings	Sattal/Viking	Vikings
15	Gaur S. Parra	Jongahat	Gaur S. Parra
16	Yogesh Jethi	Haldwan	Yogesh
17	Pavan negi	Sattal	Pavan
18	शिवजी च-९	तिरचकहेत	शिवजी च-९

19	Mamun Josph	Chapora	Shivar
20	Thermonit	SATTAL	H.K. DRYA
21	Kanchan Mehta	CATTAL	Ch. S. Mohit
22	Mamun Oth	SATTAL	Mamun Othson
23	Roubin Chhmalsonom	Bhimtal	Shivar
24	Nanda Arya	Bhimtal	Mamun
25	Patali Sherpa	Bhimtal	Dekh.
26	Vineet Pathania	Kabulhat, Cattel	Wadhwa
27	SHRUV DUT	Kobabigh	<del>Shivar</del>
28	Nakul Sarin	Nainital	<del>Shivar</del>
29	NIKHIL A SINGH	NAINITAL	Nikhil
30	Kamka Singh	NAINITAL	Kamka
31	Anshu Wadhwa	Almora	Anshu
32	Alok Rai	Mukteswar	Alok
33	Uday Shaker	Bhowali	Uday
34	MANAVENDRA JAM	NAINITAL	Manav
35	Arubhuti Jain	Kabulhat, Cattel	Arubhuti
36	Sheetal Prist	Nainital	Sheetal 21/3/21
37	Anur Vora	NADA	Anur
38	ANUPAM KISHORE	MUKTESWAR	Anupam 21/3/21
39	Rahul Kapur	Nankuchial	Rahul 21/3/21
40	MANNU KAPUR	NANKUCHIAL	Mannu 21/3/21
41	MADHU GUPTA	KORBARI	Madhu
42	ISHITA CHAUDHRY	Suryagan	Ishita
43	RAGHAVENDRA SETHI	Kabulhat	Raghav
44	Bhramika Gupta	Kolabigh	Bhramika 21/3/21
45	MANISH KUMAR	NAINITAL	Manish 21/3/21
46	NITA PAVARANA	NANKUCHIAL	Nita Pavarana
47	Ravi J. Pant.	Bhowali	Ravi
48	VINOD CHANDER ARYA	SURYA GAON	Vinod 21/03/21
49	Suneech Chandne	Suryagan	Suneech
50	Rajendra Kumar	Suryagan	Rajendra
51	Lili Kumar		Lili Kumar
52	Rohit Choudhary	Nathu Chhat	Rohit Choudhary
53	Sham Prasad	Nathu Chhat	Sham
54	Pranishtha Arya	Nathu Chhat	Pranishtha
55	Shivanya	Surya Gaon	Shivanya
56	TRISHA		Trisha

57	Rajander Kumar Arya	Suryagan Sattal	Rajander
58	Nafesh Kumar Arya	Suryagan (Sattal)	Nafesh
59	Bhuvan Choudhary	Suryagan	Bhuvan Choudhary
60	Mahendra Singh Surya	Suryagan	
61	<del>सुर्या -</del>		
62	<del>सुर्या -</del>		
63	<del>सुर्या -</del>		
64	Rahul Kumar		
65	Deepak Kumar		
66	Saraj	Suriyagan	Saraj
67	Vikram Singh Kantari	Sattal	
68	Rahul Kholiya	Haldwani	
69	Sawan Negi	Haldwani	
70	Tarun Bisht	Haldwani	Tarun Bisht
71	Neeraj Singh Negi	Bhital	Neeraj Singh
72	Faizan Khan	Bhital	Faizan
73	Bhalraj Surya	Suryagan Sattal	Bhalraj
74	Pankaj Surya	Suryagan	Pankaj
75	Rahul Bisht	Dampuri	Rahul
76	Sam Joshi	Kusumkhura	Sam Joshi
77	Shubham Boruski	Phoolchaur	Shubham
78	Yogendar Surya	Suryagan	Yogendar
79	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>	Suryagan	
80	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>	Suryagan	
81	Bhupendra Kangari	Sattal	Bhupendra
82	Chander Sekhar Pandey	Sattal	Chander
83	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>
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85	Rakesh Surya	Suryagan	Rakesh
86	गीता देवी	गीता देवी	गीता देवी
87	गीता देवी	गीता देवी	गीता देवी
88	CHANDAN Lal	CHANDAN Lal	CHANDAN Lal
89	चंदन लाल	चंदन लाल	चंदन लाल
90	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>	<del>सुर्या सुर्या</del>
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94	Abhishek Surya	Sattal	Abhishek

Agrey Bhandari

95	Bhashkar Surya	Sattal	Bhashkar Surya
96	<del>Prithvi</del>	<del>Sattal</del>	<del>Prithvi</del>
97	<del>Krishan</del>	<del>Sattal</del>	<del>Krishan</del>
98	Danish Khan	Sattal (Nainital)	Danish Khan
99	Muhammad Khan	Sattal (Nainital)	Muhammad Khan
100	Shemaula Danish	Sattal (Nainital)	Shemaula Danish
101	Mirza Anwar	Sattal	Mirza Anwar
102	Pawan Kumar	Sattal	Pawan Kumar
103	<del>Prithvi</del>	<del>Sattal</del>	<del>Prithvi</del>
104	<del>Prithvi</del>	<del>Sattal</del>	<del>Prithvi</del>
105	<del>Prithvi</del>	<del>Sattal</del>	<del>Prithvi</del>
106	Kuldeep Lal	Sattal	Kuldeep Lal
107	Sunil Kumar	Tarphaleket	Sunil Kumar
108	Pranav Singh	Sattal	Pranav Singh
109	Rajesh Kumar	Sattal	Rajesh Kumar
110	Gopal Singh	Sattal	Gopal Singh
111	Anand Kumar	Bhaktura	Anand Kumar
112	Dhanraj Singh	Sattal	Dhanraj Singh
113	Anand Singh	Sattal	Anand Singh
114	Prithvi Singh	Sattal	Prithvi Singh
115	Anand Singh	Sattal	Anand Singh
116	Hemant Singh	Sattal	Hemant Singh
117	Prithvi Singh	Sattal	Prithvi Singh
118	Prithvi Singh	Sattal	Prithvi Singh
119	Prithvi Singh	Sattal	Prithvi Singh
120	Anand Singh	Sattal	Anand Singh
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168	Harish	Surya Gaoan	<del>Harish</del>
169	लीला देवी	हठकिशन	लीला देवी
170	शोभा आर्या	"	शोभा आर्या
171	ममता देवी	"	ममता देवी
172	भारती देवी	"	भारती देवी
173	मीना देवी	"	मीना देवी
174	रम्या देवी	"	रम्या देवी
175	नवीन चन्द	"	नवीन चन्द
176	मितीन कुमार	"	मितीन कुमार
177	नन्दी देवी	"	नन्दी देवी
178	मानजू देवी	"	मानजू देवी
179	लक्ष्मी देवी	"	लक्ष्मी देवी
180	सपिता देवी	"	सपिता देवी
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182	दिनेश चन्द आर्य	"	दिनेश चन्द आर्य
183	दीपा देवी	"	दीपा देवी
184	पारुख	"	पारुख
185	चादनी	"	चादनी
186	जेवरान		Jevaran
187	मीना देवी		मीना देवी
188	प्रेमा आर्या		प्रेमा आर्या
189	आर्या देवी		आर्या देवी
190	केशव राम		केशव राम
191	Susandev Kumar		Susandev
192	Kalif Kumar		Kalif
193	Kusum Arya		Kusum
194	हरी देवी		हरी देवी
195	पिपका		पिपका
196	गीता देवी		गीता देवी
197	कुन्दा लाल		कुन्दा लाल
198	उमा देवी		उमा देवी
199	S.No	Name	Resident of
200	रजनी देवी	"	रजनी देवी
201	Santosh	"	Santosh
202	निर्मला देवी	"	निर्मला देवी
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204	सुभाष चंद्र	सुभाष	सुभाष चंद्र
205	गोविंद जी	"	गोविंद
206	इश्वरीदास	"	इश्वरीदास
207	उशी देवी	"	उशी देवी
208	राधाश्याम	राधा गाँव	राधाश्याम
209	गोपी देवी	"	गोपी देवी
210	दिनेश कुमार	"	Dinesh Kumar
211	सुभाष चंद्र	"	सुभाष चंद्र
212	जालदी देवी	"	जालदी देवी
213	Sumangit Chaudhary	Suryagaon	Sumangit Chaudhary
214	Anuradha Chaudhary	Suryagaon	Alhandhary
215	Yogesh Kumar	सुर्या गाँव	Yogesh
216	DINESH	SURYAGAON	DINESH
217	Nita Budhapa	Surya Gaon	neta
218	Gautam Singh Surya	Suryagaon	Gautam
219	अशोक चंद्र	सुर्या गाँव	अशोक चंद्र
220	वीन आर्षा	जलवाला गाँव	वीन
221	कुंजी चंद्र शर्मा		K.C.
222	हेम चंद्र	सुर्या गाँव	Hem Chandra
223	पवन आर्षा	साताल	Pawan
224	राधाश्याम		राधाश्याम
225	श्रीमाल	साताल	श्रीमाल
226	गोपाल शर्मा		गोपाल शर्मा
227	228		
229	LAKSH KUMAR	CATIA SURYAGAU	LAKSH
230	MANISH Chaudhary	Sartle	MANISH
231	गोपी देवी	सुर्या गाँव	गोपी देवी
232	Aagib	Almora	Aagib
233	Sandhya Chaturji	Jones Estate	Sandhya
234	Aagnay Bhattaraj	Surya Gaon	Aagnay
235	Suroh Mandlee	Surya Gaon	Suroh
236	ANAND KAPUR	SURYA GAON	ANAND
S.No	Name	Resident of	Signature
237			
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संवा. में,

मुख्य वन संरक्षक, कुमाऊं

नैनीताल, उत्तराखण्ड

विषय :- मातृताल की प्राकृतिक सौंदर्यता को बचाने के संबंध में

महोदय,

हम सब मातृताल निवासी आपसे बिनम निवेदन करते हैं कि हमारा मातृताल प्राकृतिक सुंदरता में आश्चर्यवित है। जिसकी प्राकृतिक सौंदर्यता हमें और सभी पर्यावरण प्रेमियों को लाभान्वित करती है, परंतु महोदय कुछ व्यक्तियों के द्वारा मातृताल के जंगलों को शराब की खानी बोनलों और प्लास्टिक के कूड़े से पाटा जा रहा है। जो कि प्रकृति के प्रति बेहद अमानवीय व्यवहार है, जिन कारण यहां की प्राकृतिक सौंदर्यता का ह्रास हो रहा है, और हमारे काम पर बुरा प्रभाव पड़ रहा है। हम सभी स्थानीय निवासों इस गंभीर मुद्दे के तरफ आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करते हुए आपसे पुनः अनुरोध करते हैं कि विभागीय स्तर पर कंजर्वेशन रिजर्व का कार्य करके मातृताल की प्राकृतिक सुंदरता को संरक्षित होने से बचाया जा सके। जिसके कंजर्वेशन के लिए भारतीय वन अधिनियम के अंतर्गत ऐसे व्यक्ति, जो प्रकृति को नुकसान पोहचाने है, उनके खिलाफ कठोर कार्यवाही की जाए।

इसके लिए हम सभी मातृताल निवासी महोदय के अजीबत आभारी रहेंगे।

S.No	Name	Resident of	Signature
1	Tarun Joshi 8753110608	Phurfi	Tarun
2	अनिल कुमार	नैनीताल	Anil
3	हरीश जोशी	तिरहावत	Harish
4	Neeraj Joshi 9758147888	तिरहावत	Neeraj
5	Himanshu Joshi	Tinchakhet	Himanshu
6	Amit Sharma	Naini Tal	Amit
7	अमित शर्मा	तिरहावत	Amit
8	Ajithan	Surajpur	Ajithan
9	अजय कुमार	सुरपुर	Ajay
10	रजय कुमार	सुरपुर	Rajay
11	गिरिश शर्मा	भरतपुर	Girish
12	रमेश-कृष्ण जोशी	फरसौली (सरपंच)	Ramesh
13	गीता जोशी	फरसौली	Gita
14	Tushar	तिरहावत	Tushar
15	Abhay	Tinchakhet	Abhay
16	Girish	Tinchakhet	Girish
17	Manu	Tinchakhet	Manu
18	Ashwani	Tinchakhet	Ashwani

19	सुनील मोहन 3196342606	तिरहाल	सुनील
20	नरेश मोहन	"	"
21	कमल देव	"	"
22	शक्ति प्रियंका	"	"
23	अशोक सिंह	तिरहाल	शुभल
24	गौरमा सिंह	तिरहाल	गौरमा
25	कविता सिंह	"	कविता
26	मानकी जोशी	"	मानकी
27	लक्ष्मी	"	लक्ष्मी
28	रिश्मा कुमार	"	Ritesh
29	श्री राम लाल	"	Rasharal
30	उषा देवी	तिरहाल	Usha
31	गंगा देवी	तिरहाल	गंगा देवी
32	शाकुन्ता - सिंह	तिरहाल	Shakuntal
33	रामेश सिंह	तिरहाल	Ramesh
34	निलकंठ शर्मा	महराजगंज	Nilkanth
35	Sunil Kumar	Sattal	Sunil
36	Ankur Chohan	Sattal	Ankur
37	विशेश चन्द	राम लाल	विशेश चन्द
38	पूजा आषा	तिरहाल	पूजा आषा
39	राजेश लाल	तिरहाल	राजेश लाल
40	सत्य कुमार शर्मा	तिरहाल	Saty Kumar
41	सुभाष चन्द	तिरहाल	Subhash
42	पवन कुमार	तिरहाल	Pavan
43	Jalit Prasad	Tirchahat	Jalit
44	Mukesh	Tirchahat	Mukesh
45	Sandeep Kumar Singhal	Sattal Road Bhowali	Sandeep
46	दीपा सिंहल	आरुताल ओर असाती	Deepa
47	Navdeel	Sattal	Navdeel
48	Seraj	न गौर गाँव	Seraj
49	IAUST SHERAP	Nagarigaon	Sherap
50	शान्ति	Nagarigaon	Shanti
51	प्रियंका	न गौर गाँव	Princy
52	शशि	न गौर गाँव	Shashi
53	पुष्पा	फरसाही	Puspa
54	कमला रम्या	फरसाही	Kamla
55	जाजल	फरसाही	Kujal
56	मुकेश जोशी	तिरहाल	Mukesh

57	Pooja / Sanyal	अनिल	अनिल
58	राधा	निहाल	राधा
59	अमरा	डॉ. लखाल	अमरा
60	अम्बिका	अम्बिका	अम्बिका
61	Rahul Kumar	Maya	Rahul
62	Maya Anjali Prasad	Maya Anjali	Maya
63	Prakash Yadav	"	Prakash
64	वीरलाल शर्मा	वीरलाल शर्मा	वीरलाल शर्मा
65	हरीश चंद्र	हरीश चंद्र	हरीश चंद्र
66	अनिल	"	अनिल
67	सुरील कुमार	सुरील गांव	सुरील कुमार
68	महेश कुमार	"	महेश कुमार
69	रानी देवी	"	रानी देवी
70	आशु प्रकाश	"	आशु प्रकाश
71	आशा देवी	"	आशा देवी
72	Nikhil Kumar	Nikhil Kumar	Nikhil
73	YAMINI	Vashal	Yamini
74	Shankhya	Vashal	Shankhya
75	Nehal Sahu	Farsoli	Nehal
76	Pankaj Sahu	Farsoli	Pankaj
77	रविश जी शर्मा	फारसोली	रविश
78	लोकेश रावत	फारसोली	लोकेश
79	दीपक कुमार	निहाल	दीपक
80	गंगा देवी	निहाल	गंगा देवी
81	रामेश चंद्र शर्मा	अनिल	रामेश
82	योगेश जोशी	फारसोली	73
83	अनिल शर्मा	अनिल	अनिल
84	शिव शर्मा	अनिल	शिव
85	अनिल	Bhowali	अनिल
86	हरीश चंद्र	अनिल	हरीश चंद्र
87	Joshi	Bhowali	हरीश चंद्र
88	Hareesh	Bhowali	JOSHI HOMEOPATH
89	Nitesh Panwar	OHK Bhowali	Ramgarh Road, Bhowali
90	Yogesh Sanyal	Bhowali	9759323484
91	Sush	Bhowali	Yogesh
92	Kanchan Rikard	Farsoli	Sush
93	अनिल शर्मा	Farsoli	Kanchan
94	Jankar	Bhowali	अनिल

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98	विश्वेश	विश्वेश	विश्वेश
99	Vishal Kumar	विश्वेश	VISHAL
100	Manish Kumar	विश्वेश	मनीष
101	Nabeen Singh	Thakur	nabeen
102	KAPIL DEWAN	TIRCHAKHET	W Dewan
103	मनीष कुमार	विश्वेश	मनीष कुमार
104	चन्दन सिंह महरा	विश्वेश	चन्दन सिंह महरा
105	विश्वेश	विश्वेश	विश्वेश
106	K.S. Rawat	Tirchakhet	K.S. Rawat
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117	Kanaka Prasad	Tirchakhet	Kanaka
118	HARISH PANDEY	BHAWALI	Harish
119	Rajendra	Bhawali	Raj
120	Dyubare	Bhawali	Dyub
121	Klayam Kapil	Bhawali	Kapil
122	Govind Pandey	Fursal	Govind
123	Narek Kumar	Naini (Nagarigan)	Narek
124	Seema	"	Seema
125	Ramesh Chandra	"	Ramesh
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I am in full support of conserving this sensitive ecological zone after reading the petitions prepared by the local residents for declaring the Sattal Forest region as a Conservation Reserve that is backed by the support of the local residents as well as the support of thousands of people all over the world, who have confirmed their support, by joining the online campaign against such draconian acts of the authorities, through forums like:

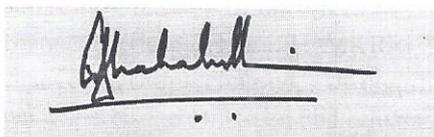
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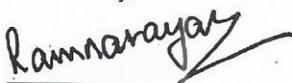
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