

Abstract

The presentation Sparrows & Superpower will throw light on the challenges that India with its growing urban population will face in regard to conservation, sustainability and use of natural resources. In the race to become a superpower and developed nation we are ignoring a number of ecological & environmental impacts.

Sparrow as ambassador of urban biodiversity helps in connecting the influential urban population to nature and conservation.

The absence of house sparrow will result in breaking an important link that the urban population has with nature. The causes of house sparrow decline are also the ones which affects humans as sparrow is one of the best bio-indicator of our degrading environment.

About the Speaker

Mohammed Dilawar hails from Nashik, Maharashtra, and has been working for sparrows since 2005. He was a lecturer in environmental studies before he dedicated himself completely to sparrow conservation. His work has been recognized by the illustrious 'TIME' magazine which awarded him it's 2008 "Heroes of the Environment" Award (given to only 30 environmentalists around the world): see citation at http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1841778_1841782_1841791,00.html. This feat has also been endorsed by the Limca Book of Records in it's National Awards given in 2011. More information about the speaker's work can be found at www.natureforever.org