

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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A FOUR-DAY THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON AVIAN BIOLOGY

Applications are invited from young researchers working at universities/institutions/research oriented NGOs all over the country for a DST-sponsored Four-day '**Thematic Workshop on Avian Biology**' at Gurukula Kangri University, Haridwar, Uttarakhand during September/October 2008.

Objectives of the workshop

The main focus of this workshop is on capacity building with the following goals:

- (i) To expose the researchers to new and exciting ideas and directions in modern avian biology,
- (ii) To equip them with basic conceptual and technical tools to ask and answer relevant research questions,
- (iii) To promote interaction among ornithologists in different parts of the country, &
- (iv) To help them to write a better research proposal.

Outline of the workshop

The workshop will mainly consist of four kinds of activities:

- (i) Plenary lectures: Dynamic and enthusiastic speakers will provide an overview of current research and scope of future researches in selected areas.
- (ii) Mini-workshops: Specific techniques and skills used in avian research will be introduced to the participants.
- (iii) Intervening Poster Session: Participants will interact and learn about each others' work and research interest.
- (iv) Research Proposal Presentation: Interaction among experts and prospective researchers around their preliminary proposal.

There is no participation fee. All the invited participants will be provided local hospitality and travel support.

Who may join?

The workshop is open to all young Indian participants (PG and research students, post doctoral and young university faculty) having keen interest and dedication to work in avian biology. Independent researchers are also encouraged to apply. All participants are required to bring a poster describing the bird research they have done and/or intend to do. Those who wish to write for extra-mural grant should bring a short write-up as well as a presentation (MS office-Power Point) about their research proposal.

Correspondence to

The application in plain paper with full contact address including e-mail, fax and telephone number; nature of research work and/or teaching being undertaken; a 200 words summary on why should you attend the workshop along with detailed bio-data must reach to the director of the workshop on the following address by **30 May 2008**.

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