

Press Release

Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh was a renowned wildlife biologist and well known conservationist from Nanguneri in the Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu, who dedicated his life in the field of science based conservation. He trained scores of young biologists and wildlife managers at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. Dr. A.J.T Johnsingh from the days of his post-graduation till his death in 2024 had worked for the application of science in wildlife conservation and inspired many wildlife lovers, environmentalists and forest officers towards professional approach in wildlife conservation.

Recognizing the contributions of Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh in Wildlife Conservation, an award has been constituted vide G.O.(Ms). No.157, Environment, Climate Change & Forest (FR.7) Department, Dated.16.09.2024 to an Indian Citizen / Institution for exemplary contributions in the field of wildlife conservation in India. This award shall have a citation and prize money of Rs.25.00 Lakh.

Eligible applications / nominations for award from individuals/ Institutions all over India may be made through Tamil Nadu Forest Department website (<https://www.forests.tn.gov.in/>) and relevant documents related to experience field work, specialization, noteworthy achievements in wildlife conservation may be submitted by post to the O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator Forests (HoFF), State Forest Headquarters, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Chennai – 600 032. Last date for receipt of applications / nominations for award is 31.01.2025

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Chief Wildlife Warden**

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