

## Two day workshop on “Using bird songs to monitor diversity” was conducted by the Munnar Wildlife Division

Workshop on “Using bird songs to monitor diversity” was conducted by the Munnar Wildlife Division, Kerala Forests and Wildlife Departments in collaboration with Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) (Government of India), Tirupati on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Staff from Eravikulam National Park, Shola National Park, and Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary were participated in the two day workshop, and selected 15 bird enthusiasts and researchers were also participated in the programme. Probably this might be the **first ever workshop in India**, which is exclusively about bird acoustic and analysis.

The workshop was included

- Introduction to Bird Song and Bioacoustics in Wildlife Management
- Familiarising the bird calls to departmental staff
- Bird watching and recording songs – techniques with phone and professional equipments
- Introduction to Bird call analysing software
- Discussion on using bird songs, data archiving

Many eminent experts like Dr. Robin Vijayan, Mr. Vishnudas, Mr. Viral Joshi, Mr. Shyam (all are from IISER), Adv. L. Namasivayan, Shri. Sathyan Meppayur were handled the class and field session. Participants were taken to the field for bird call identification and recording, later they have analysed the recorded bird call with the help of the Software. This workshop will helps to forest’s staff during their field and also would be making them keen on birds and their calls. Shri. K. B. Subhash, Asst. Conservator of Forests; Shri. K. E. Sibi, Asst. Wildlife Warden, Shola National Park; and Shri. S. Sandeep, Asst. Wildlife Warden, Eravikulam National Park were also attended the Programme. Mrs. R. Lakshmi, Wildlife Warden, Munnar Wildlife Division concluded the session and interacted with the participants.



