

**Mach 2011:** Tiger Trust is organising a cultural-cum-educational tour program to Kanha National Park from 21-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.

Tiger Trust firmly believes that in addition to an in-house awareness, a global awareness is also essential to curb the tiger poaching menace, Tiger Trust has established an on-going program with Clemson University and have carried out cross-cultural programs for the last eight years in various national parks of India. Tiger Trust and Clemson University have an on-going growing program of cooperation and Tigers for Tigers, a student led initiative has supported Tiger Trust. In the past students of Clemson University were invited to Ranthambhore National Park to interact with the local students of the village. This year we will be carrying out our annual collaborative program in Kanha National Park.

This year the event is scheduled to be held in March. Under the Tiger Trust-Clemson collaboration, students from the Clemson University, Department of Biological sciences are invited to India to visit the national park and have a first hand experience of watching animals and its wild habitat. The main idea behind organising such a cultural-cum-educational tour is to make our young students globally aware about the issue of declining tiger population. Since the inception of this cultural tour since four years the students of Clemson University have visited Bandhavgarh and Ranthambhore National Park. During their visit, the students are not only taken on a sight-seeing tour inside the park but are also invited to meet the local students and villagers living around the peripheral areas of the Park. Having continued to organise such educational –cum-cultural tour the students now feel awfully excited to meet the local students. During the local interaction, the students present skit, presentations and other events to highlight the concept of conservation.