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National Centre for Biological Sciences

**Tata Institute of Fundamental Research**

To whomever it may concern, 22 November, 2023

**Subject: Regarding research project on Mixed Bird flock Bioacoustics in Namdapha National Park, Changlang District**

Respected Sir,

The National Centre for Biological Sciences in Bangalore, Karnataka (www.ncbs.res.in) is an Autonomous Centre under the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. At this institute, Master’s graduates undertake a dissertation project in their fourth semester.

One of our students, Mr. **Ronith Urs**, has proposed a project titled ‘*Investigating Links between the Vocal & Participation Network in Mixed Bird Flocks*’ in collaboration with Dr. Anand Krishnan of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR). This project aims to record bird flocks to quantify vocal participation of species participating in these flocks & see if vocal participation relates to nuclearity. He plans to conduct this study in Namdapha National Park, Changlang district. We request the Arunachal Pradesh Forest department to assist Ronith with his project and grant him permission to conduct fieldwork in Namdapha.

This study is proposed for a period starting from 29th November 2023 to 15th March 2024. The project is funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, through a grant to the National Centre for Biological Sciences.

This letter is to seek your kind authorization and support.

Thanking you,

Sincerely

**Jayashree Ratnam**

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