

## IX Rare Book Exhibition to begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> January BNHS to display its collection of rare books and lithographs

Mumbai, 1<sup>st</sup> January: BNHS brings forth an opportunity to glimpse the golden era in natural history in the form of old collectible books. The Bombay Natural History Society has organised the ninth edition of exhibition on Rare Books on Natural History. The exhibition will be held at the BNHS Hornbill House from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. There would be books and lithographs on natural history, some over 150 years old! Mr. Sunil Garje, Director, State Archives would grace the occasion and inaugurate the exhibition on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

India, better known as Hindoostan when the East India Company established itself in turn ruling the country. Hisdoostan was a place that attracted people for its beauty, wealth and resources. The East India Company employed a lot of people who proved to be a boon to India. How? Well, a lot of Britishers who resided in India were awed by its natural bounty, and went on to research and studied the environment in detail. 'Memoirs Of A Map Of Hindoostan' was one such book published by James Rennell in 1788.

These books which are a collection to behold, and witness to the golden era in natural history can be viewed along with information about them at the Rare Book Exhibition at BNHS. One can see collectibles like the volumes of 'Birds in Asia' authored by John Gould, originally published in 1850. The entry is free and open not only for nature enthusiasts but also everyone who might be fascinated by books.

## **Details in a Nutshell:**

What: IX Rare Book Exhibition When:  $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$  January 2019 Time: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Venue: BNHS Hornbill House Entry: Free and open to all

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