## PM to tour forest area, interact with foresters

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Mysuru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend several events during his two-day visit to Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar districts on April 8 and 9. According to the sources, the PM will arrive late on Saturday and check into a private hotel for an overnight stay. Early on Sunday, PM will visit Bandipur and tour the forest area and interact with foresters. Later, he will visit Theppakadu elephant camp in Tamil Nadu.

The PM will attend 50 years of Project Tiger at the Karnataka State Open University campus around mid-day. As part of the 50 years of Project Tiger event, an exhibition showcasing major species conservation, a technical session on the global status of 'Tiger conservation: updates from tiger range countries', plenary talks on 50 years of tiger conservation and way forward, evolving a pragmatic wildlife conservation paradigm in India, eco-tourism initiatives and management challenges will be held.

A parallel technical session on human-wildlife conflict, conservation, and sustainable development, conservation in a human-dominated landscape, moving beyond large carnivores, invasive species, and project Cheetah will also be held.

During the inaugural session, a commemorative coin will be released and a report on tiger estimation summary will be presented. A short film on the success of Project Tiger will also be screened. The critical tiger habitat in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve is 872 sq km

Dasara elephants to welcome Modi

Caparisoned Mysuru Dasara elephants will welcome PM Narendra Modi at Melukamanahalli, one of the entry/exit points of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, on April 9. The Prime Minister will arrive soon after daybreak and is expected to go on a tiger safari deep in the core areas of Bandipur.

All the decorative items used on Dasara elephants during the Mysuru Dasara celebration have been taken to Bandipur from Mysuru Palace premises where they are stored. tnn