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Shopian, [07.09.2024] — Shri Tawheed Ahmad Deva (IFS), the Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle / Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir visited Wildlife Division Shopian. This was his first visit to the Shopian Wildlife Division as Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir.

The Worthy Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir was received by Shri Sohail Ahmad Wagay, the Wildlife Warden, Shopian / South Division. The Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir paid visit to the two sites identified by the Shopian Wildlife Division for construction of Division Office and Control Room/ Rescue Centre at Shopian and Pulwama.

During afternoon the Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir paid visit to various areas of the Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary. The Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir was accompanied by the Wildlife Warden, Shopian / South Division and Technical Officer, Shopian Wildlife Division. During the visit an insightful discussion was held on the Wildlife species of the area, emphasizing the importance of their protection and conservation efforts.

Following the discussion, various instructions were issued for the sanctity of the Wildlife Sanctuary. The directions were issued to take-up various issues regarding the Mughal Road with the concerned Stakeholders under the chairmanship of Worthy Deputy Commissioner, Shopian. The Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir issued clear instructions to make the Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary Polythene free and Garbage free.

The Regional Wildlife Warden underscored the critical role of wildlife in maintaining ecological balance and the collective responsibility to protect our natural heritage and highlighted the significance of conserving Wildlife Species mostly in Red List of Red Data book and the need to inculcate the spirit among common masses, particularly youth. Special preference was given to the world's largest goat "Markhor" which is the pride of district Shopian found in Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary.

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