

## Two children team up with Corbett's ghost to save a leopard in new TERI Press title

*'Leopard in the Laboratory' is second in the series by Anjana Basu*

**Kolkata, 11 June 2016:** The Energy and Resources Institute and Oxford Bookstore launched Anjana Basu's *'Leopard in the Laboratory'* in Kolkata today. This is the second book in the Jim Corbett series, the first being *'In the Shadow of Leaves'*. The new title takes forward the friendship of the children, Manjul and Rohan as they go on to greater adventures with Carpet Sahib, Corbett's ghost. The challenge this time is to save a leopard as it is pushed out of the shrinking forests of Rudraprayag due to incessant felling of trees.

The book was released in the presence of actor and wildlife expert Sabyasachi Chakravarty, wildlife expert Rishin Basu-Roy, social communicator Mira Kakkar, and Rahul Dey.

On her new title, **Anjana Basu** commented, "Kumaon was chosen simply because it was Jim Corbett country – the same background as *'In the Shadow of the Leaves'*. By demonstrating how wild animals and people interact, without lecturing, and through an interesting story, the message of conservation is conveyed. This is the principal behind both the Jim Corbett ghost books. Leopards are very different from tigers and the combination of ghosts, leopards and children is fun to work with – I hope both children and adults will enjoy it."

**Ms Anupama Jauhry, Head, TERI Press** said, "Children, the purest form of human mind, realize the urgency of conservation whereas adults choose to turn a blind eye. This tussle between the innocence of the children against the rationale of adults has been magically interwoven into this story by Anjana. TERI publications address and raise awareness about the current environmental concerns plaguing our planet.

The title can be purchased from the **TERI Press website, Flipkart and Amazon**. The e-book version is also available on **Amazon, Google books and Kindle**.

### **Excerpt from the book:**

*Manjul finds a calf has been killed and people are saying that there is a leopard on the loose. While walking through the forest Manjul is cornered by the leopard. However, a mysterious*



man, *Carpet Sahib*, rescues her in the nick of time. In the aftermath of the incident, Manjul fears for the leopard.

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### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Anjana Basu was born in Allahabad and started school in London. She works as an advertising consultant in Kolkata. She has a book of short stories, published by Orient Longman, India, to her credit. The BBC has broadcast one of her short stories and her poems have featured in anthologies brought out by various publishers. This is her sixth novel and third children's book. The first, *Chinku and the Wolfboy* was published by Roli and the second, *In the Shadow of the Leaves* by TERI.

Basu has also worked on scripts with late filmmaker Rituparno Ghosh for many of his films, most notably *Antarmahal* and *The Last Lear*.

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