



# WELCOME

## A VISIT TO NILGIRIS

**HOST**

**THE BLUE WALKERS**

*TREK KE SAATH BHI ,TREK KE BAAD BHI*

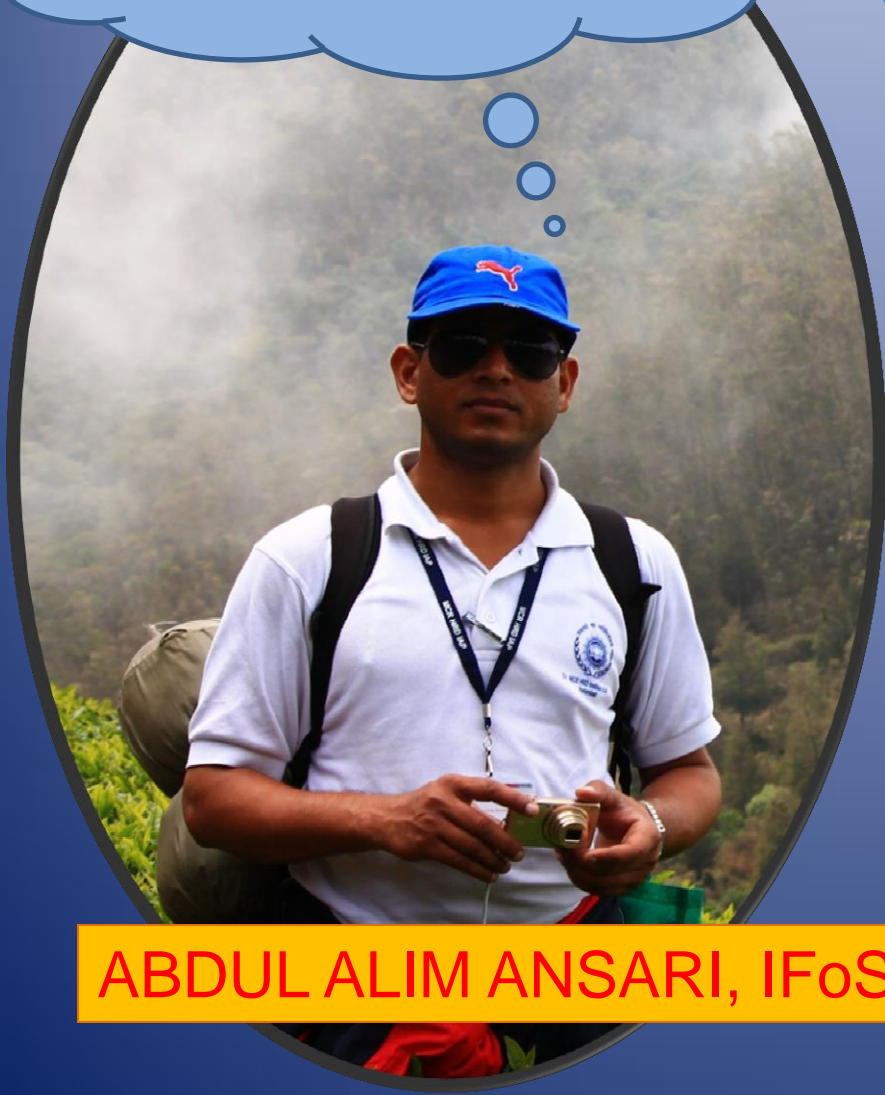
**TREK GROUP 3**

# INTRODUCING THE WALKERS



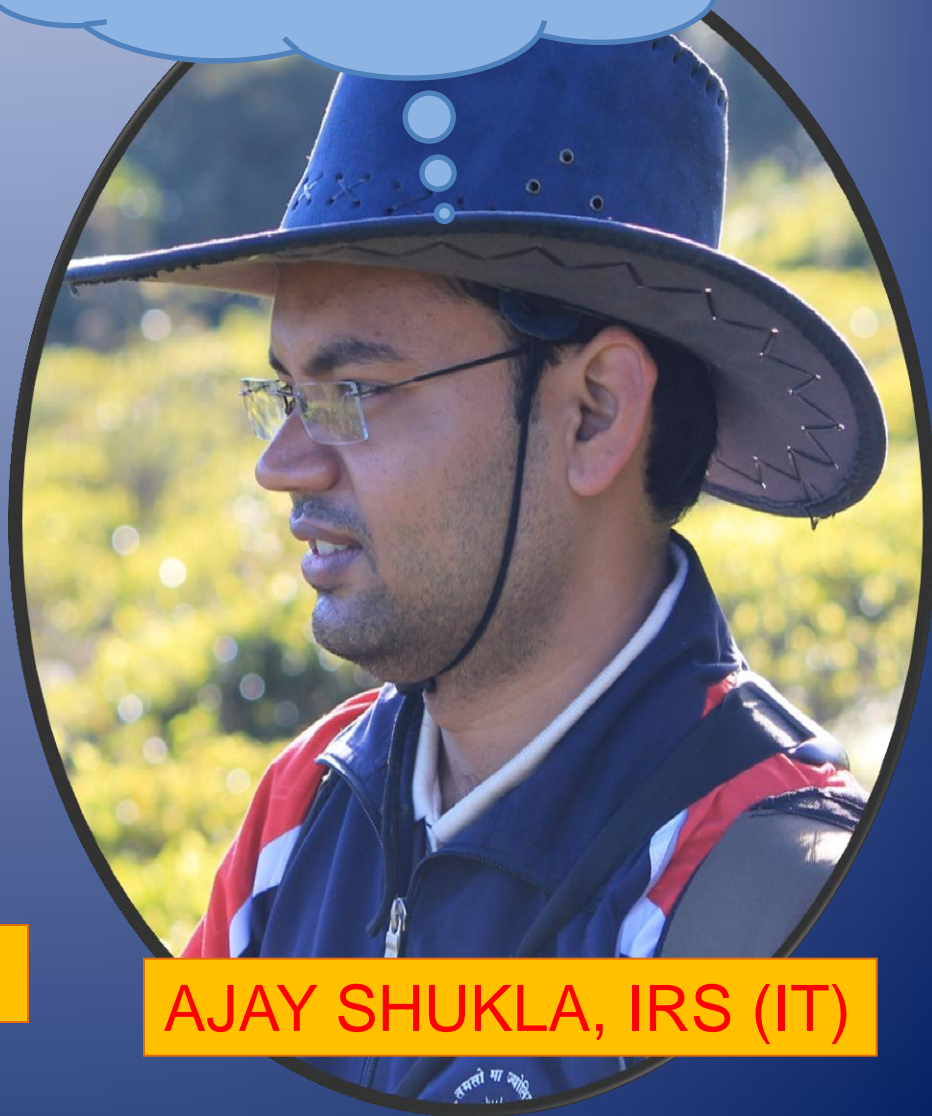


GL cum PJ MASTER



ABDUL ALIM ANSARI, IFoS

SRI SRI 1008  
BABA AJAYANAND



AJAY SHUKLA, IRS (IT)

**Bunty**

**Bubli**

**NANDANI SALARIA, IFoS**

**ANSHU YADAV, IFoS**



**WALKIE  
TALKIE**



**KAVITHA, IRS (C & CE)**

**PLASTIC KI  
DUSHMAN**



**MOONA YASMIN, IPoS**

**THE  
GREAT POSER**



**SUMIT AHUJA, IRS (IT)**

**UBHARTA  
HUA SITARA**



**SUNIL, IRS (IT)**

**TREK  
DEEWAANI**



**SHIVANI NARAIN, IRPS**

**CHANDANI  
RAATEIN**



**TUSHAR CHAVAN, IFoS**



**SILENT  
WALKER**



**RAHUL, IES**

**IRON LADY**



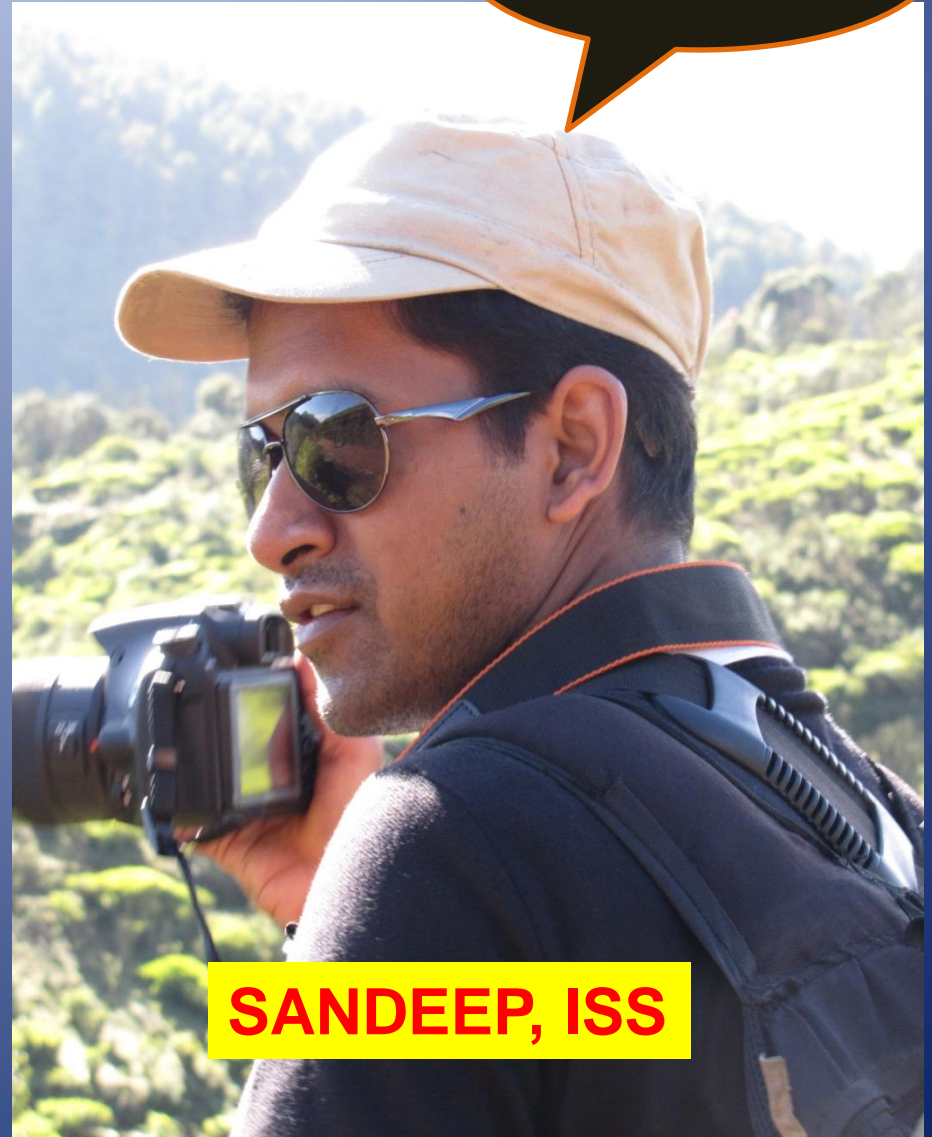
**LAKSHMI, IRS(C & CE)**

**DURONTO EXPRESS**



**SOMNATH, ISS**

**DEV ANAND**



**SANDEEP, ISS**

SPRITE  
SEEDHI BAAT;  
NO BAKWAAS



**NARENDRA, IRTS**

PHATA POSTER  
NIKLA VIJAY



**VIJAY, IES**

**ELEPHANT  
CHASER**



**SUMANTA CHAKRABORTY, ISS**

**SIMPLEST GUY-  
THE TREASURER**



**VIVEK CHOUDHARY, IES**



INDISPENSIBLE  
HELPING HAND



LEECH  
KILLER

**ARUN KUMAR, IIS**

**VAIBHAV DHERE ,IRS (IT)**

# SUPPORTING CAST



- SUBRAMANI
- ASHOK
- PRAVEEN
- MANIMUTTU

# GUEST APPEARANCE



# THE CHALLENGE

20 People

11 States

6 Escorts

5 Stops

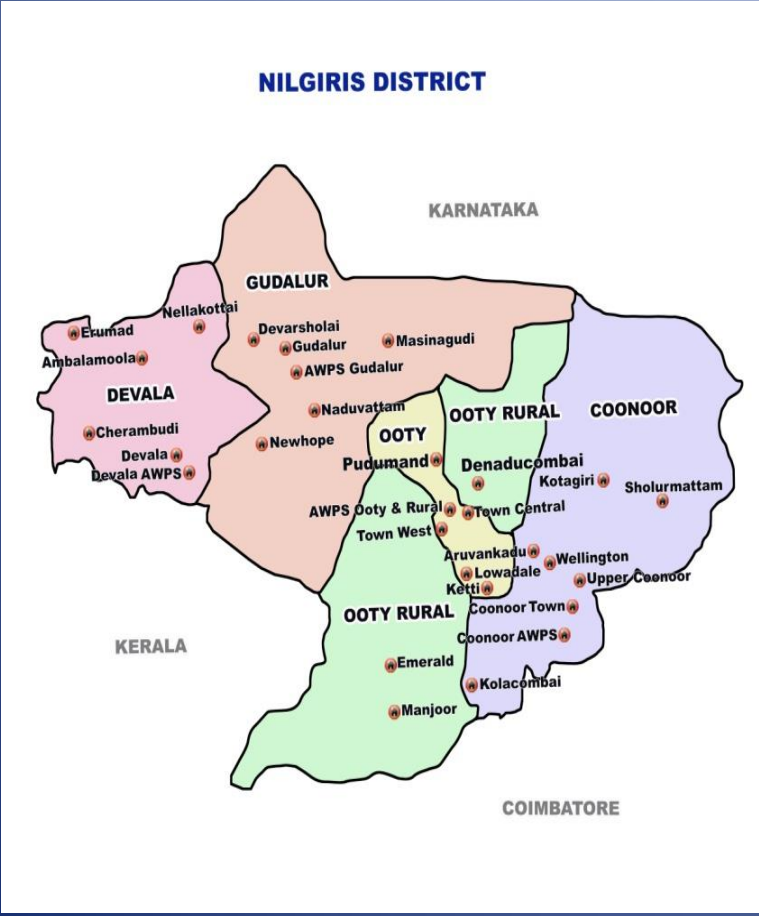
70 Km

5 days

INTO THE WILD.....

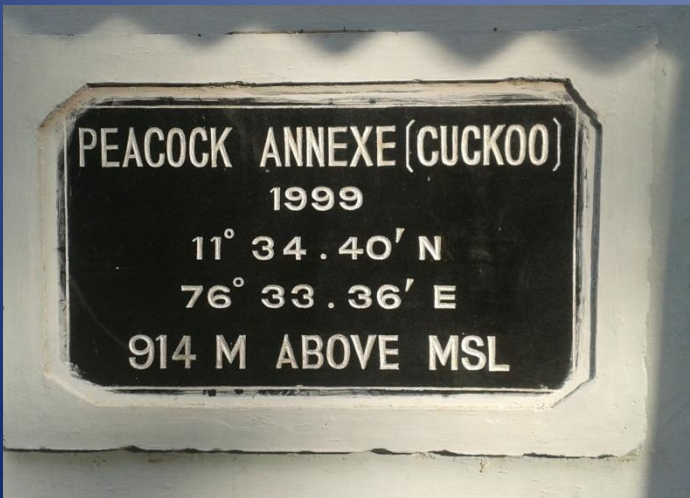


# Route Map



- STARTING POINT • PANDIAR
- DAY 1( 13 KM) • NADUVATTAM
- DAY 2( 14 KM) • KARGUDI
- DAY 3(18 KM) • VAZHAITHOTTAM
- DAY4(14 KM) • SHOLUR
- DAY 5(16 KM) • PARSON'S VALLEY

# TREK POINTS



# POINT ZERO



*Trek ke sath bhi,.. trek ke baad bhi..*

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Safar ki shuruaat...



...chai ke sath !!!

It began with a pack of cards....



And contd. with dumb charade...!!!



# Finding peace together....



# Memories for life...





# BOATING, SHOOTING .... WE DID IT ALL !!!





*Din ho ya raat...  
Hum sath sath!*



# FRIENDSHIPS.....

**FORMED.....?**



**CEMENTED..... !!!!**



Yeh Kahan Aa Gaye Hum,  
Yun Hi Saath Saath Chalte.....



# *Khana khazana; kahin bhi , kabhi bhi !!*



*Aaj main upar aasman neeche*



Togetherhness is AWESOME.....!!



# NILGIRIS

- ❖ Part of a larger mountain chain known as the Western Ghats . The highest point is the mountain of Doddabetta, with a height of 2,623 m
- ❖ Nilgiri hills have a history going back a good many centuries. It is not known why they were called the Blue Mountains. Several sources cite the reason as the smoky haze enveloping the area, while other sources say it is because of the Kurunji flower, which blooms every twelve years giving the slopes a bluish tinge.
- ❖ Originally tribal land and was occupied by the Todas around what is now the Ooty area, and by the Kotas around what is now the Kotagiri(Kothar Keri) area.
- ❖ Badagas are one of the major non tribal OBC (other backward community) population in the district who reside in the mountain
- ❖ Receives rain both during South West Monsoon and North East Monsoon.



# BIODIVERSITY – FLORA

- NILGIRI WILDFLOWER- ORANGE  
CESTRUM

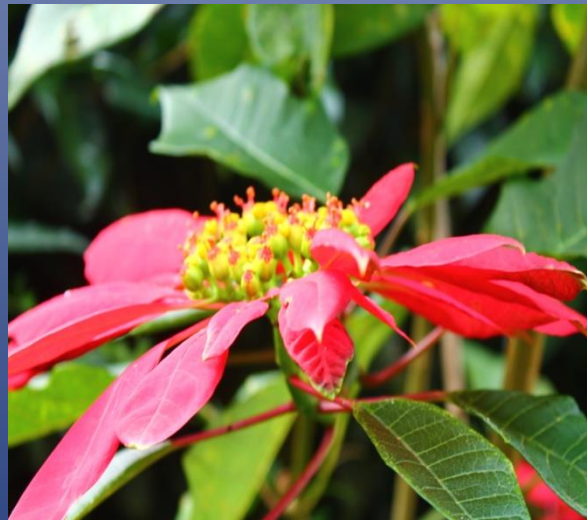


- BALMY BALSAMS



NILGIRI WILDFLOWER- YELLOW POUCH FLOWER

# OTHER WILD FLOWERS



# FLORA OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE



PEPPER



COFFEE



YAM



TAPIOCA



CARDAMOM



DRY PADDY



**ALMOND**



**COCONUT**

# TREES



EUCALYPTUS



SILVER OAK



PINE TREES

# FAUNA

## MAMMALS

### NILGIRI GAURS(*Bos gaurus*)



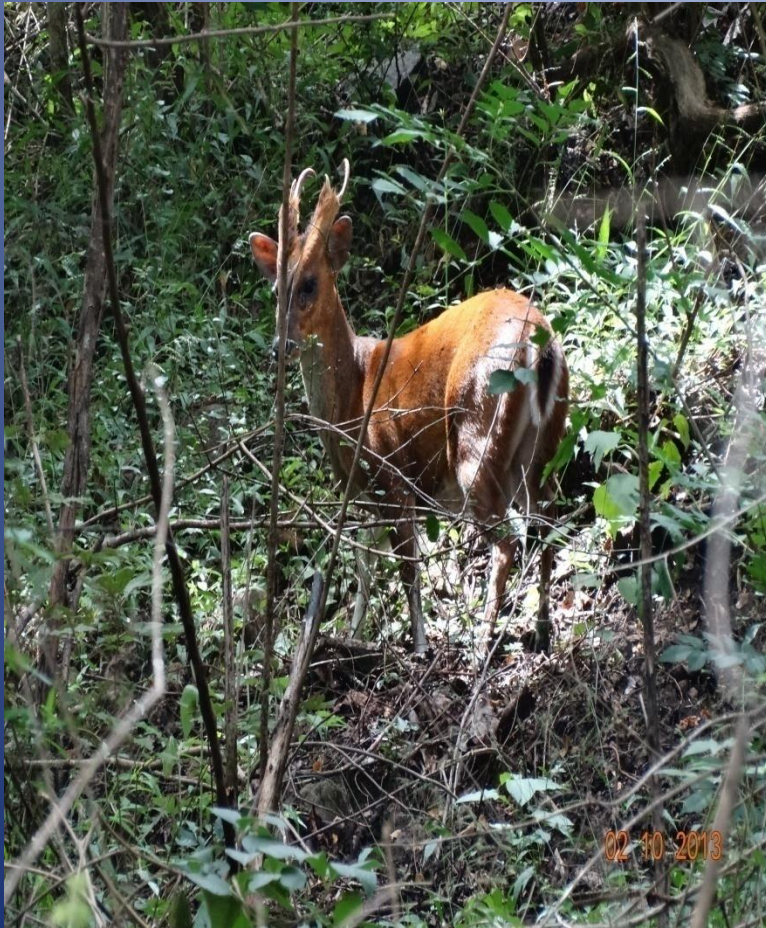
- The **gaur** also called **Indian bison**, is the largest extant bovine and is native to South Asia and Southeast Asia. The species is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List .
- The gaur is the tallest species of Wild Cattles .

### CHEETAL



- The **chital** or **cheetal** (*Axis axis*), also known as **chital deer**, **spotted deer** or **axis deer** .
- The chital's coat is pinkish fawn, marked with white spots, and its underparts are also white.
- Its antlers which it sheds annually, are usually three-pronged and curve in a lyre .
- The chital ranges over 8–30°N in India and through Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The western limit of its range is eastern Rajasthan and Gujarat .

# HOG DEER



- The Hog deer are indigenous to parts of India and Southeast Asia.
- The coat color of the Hog deer resembles that of the common white-tailed deer, light brown that may appear darker on bucks as they mature.
- Hog deer are not considered an endangered species however; populations have decreased over the last 20 years due to land development and over-hunting.

# NILGIRI LANGUR (*Trachypithecus johnii*)



- It has glossy black fur on its body and golden brown fur on its head.
- It is similar in size and long-tailed like the gray langurs.
- Females have a white patch of fur on the inner thigh. It typically lives in troops of nine to ten monkeys .



# GRAY LANGUR



- It is the most widespread langurs of the Indian Subcontinent .
- Belongs to the genus *Semnopithecus*.
- Gray langurs are large and fairly terrestrial, inhabiting forest, open lightly wooded habitats, and urban areas on the Indian subcontinent.
- Most species are found at low to moderate altitudes

# WILD ELEPHANT

*(Elephas maximus)*



- *Asian elephants are smaller in size than African elephants. They also have smaller ears, more rounded back, and a fourth toenail on each of their hind feet. They have thick, dry skin with a small amount of stiff hair, and are gray to brown in colour. Female Asian elephants have rudimentary tusks.*

# MALABAR GIANT SQUIRREL (*Ratufa indica*)



- Endemic to Western Ghats
- Mostly active in the morning and evening and resting in the midday .
- Upper canopy dwelling species which rarely leaves the trees thus its main predators are the birds of prey and leopards

# INSECTS

## BUGS



**BLACK WOOD SPIDER**

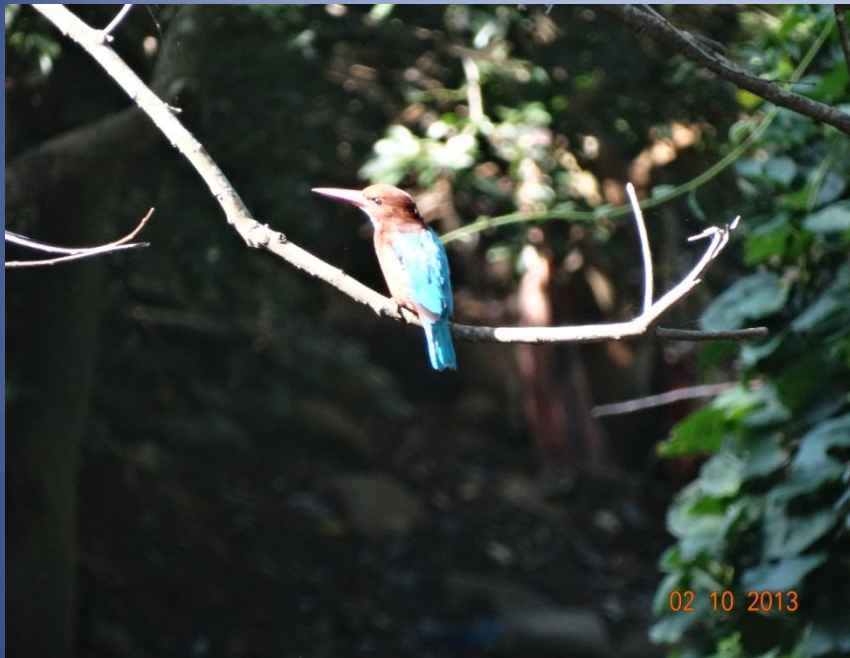
# BIRDS



DOVE



SHRIKE



**KINGFISHER**



**TURKEY**



**PEACOCK**

ADVERSITIES  
TO FACE, TO RELISH , TO  
OVERCOME

# LEECH ATTACK





**Chun chun ke  
maroonga !!!**



# DIFFICULT STRETCHES



# TREK BAG?



# FIGHTING FATIGUE...



# BLISTERS...



... AND THE SOLUTION

# FALLING TEMPERATURES





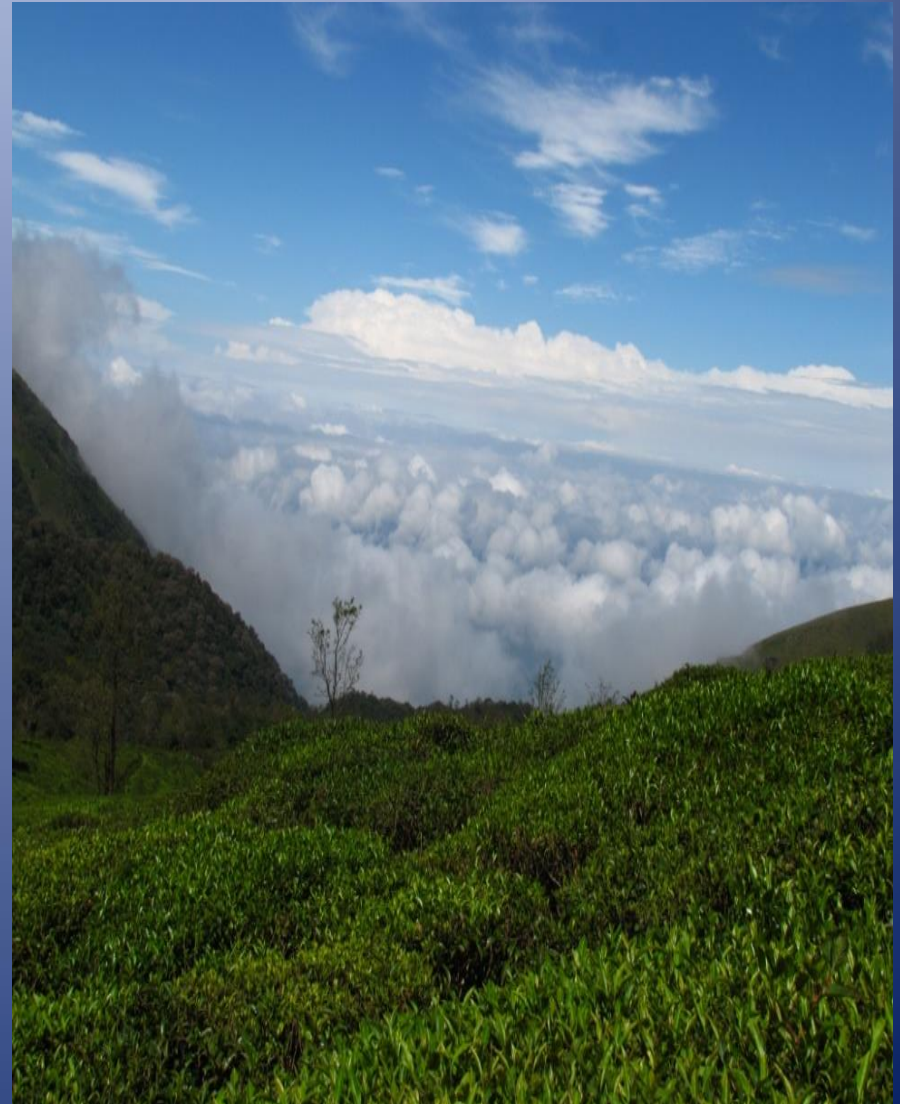
# LESSONS LEARNT

## LOVE FOR NATURE

PEACE .....

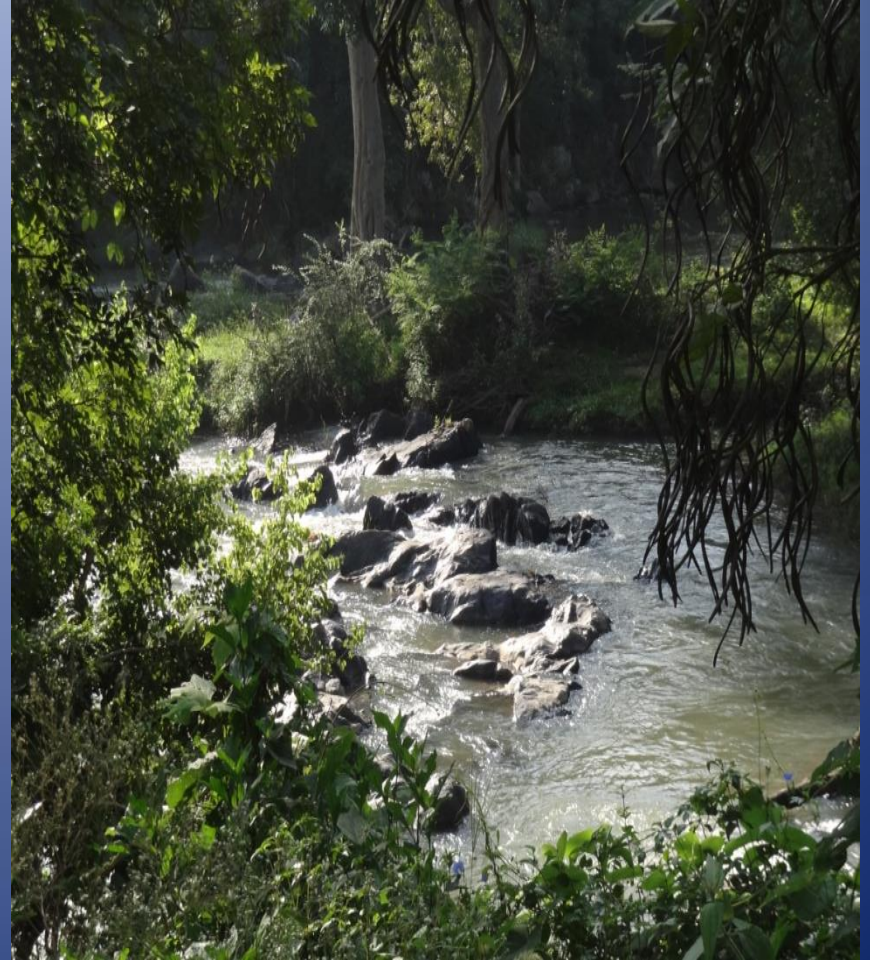


A MATTRESS OF CLOUD





# SERENITY .....



A landscape photograph showing a vast valley filled with thick, white clouds. The clouds are dense and cover the entire valley floor, creating a sea of white. In the foreground, the dark green, silhouetted tops of trees are visible against the bottom edge of the frame. The sky above the clouds is a deep, clear blue. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

**RESPECT FOR NATURE**

# If others can do, why cant we ??



SAVE WILD ANIMAL



PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT



**DON'T USE PLASTICS**

**PLASTIC FREE ZONE**

**PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**





***MAP OF INDIA MADE FROM GRASS IN SOMMERDALE VILLAGE AS A SIGN TO PAY RESPECT TO NATURE***

# *SUNSCREEN AND CAPS ARE NOT THE ONLY WAY OUT*



*NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION*



Are main rest ni kar  
raha...yoga sikha raha  
hun

**Leading by example.....**



**Trekking is best done on FOOT!**



**Deos cannot replace bath**



**Morning PTs can take one only so far....**



**Laughter is 'the' best medicine!  
Doctors, please excuse....**



# UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY

## POPULATION



**Tea Garden Workers  
At Terrace  
Estate**



**Interaction With Toda Tribes On  
The Way To Parson's Valley**



***TRIBAL POPULATION WE MET ON TREK:  
A NEW EXPERIENCE***

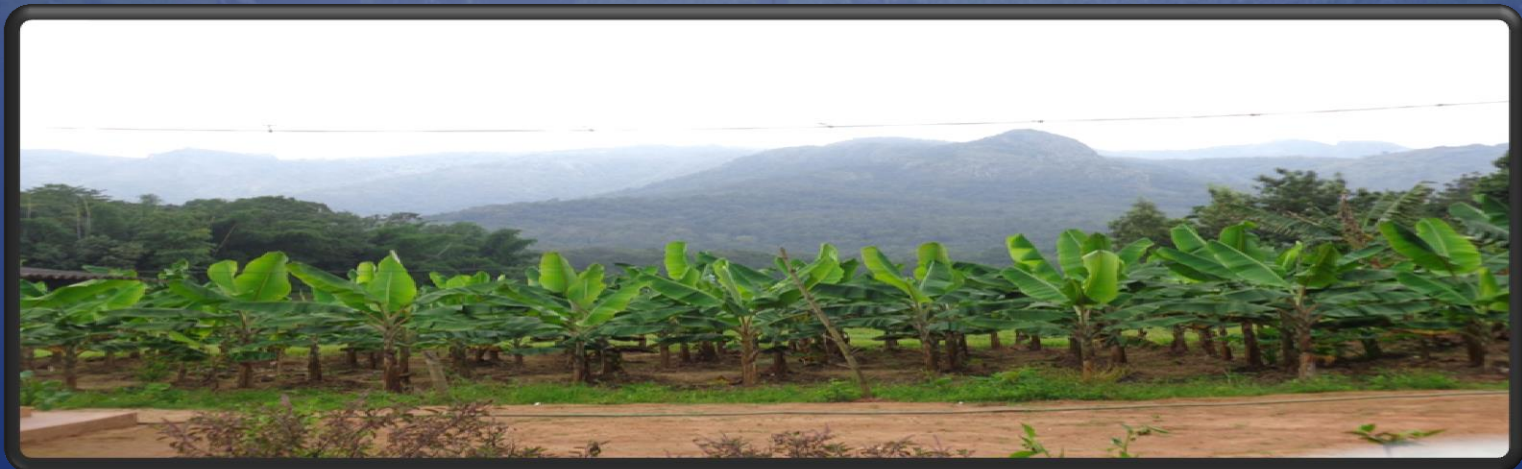
# ECONOMY



Tea plantations at Terrace Estate



Tea garden at Naduvattom



Banana Plantations On The Way To Kargudi Before Thorapally Checkpost



## TERRACE FARMING



## IRRIGATION

# SETTLEMENTS



**Clustered settlement**



**Scattered Settlement**



**Semi-pucca house**

# Some People Have Obedience In Their DNA



**SUNIL WEARING  
I- CARD ALL  
THROUGH  
TREK**

**VIJAY PRACTISING PT  
LESSONS IN TREK**



# UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH

**After coming from trek we came to know how the trek met the motto of FOUNDATION COURSE i.e. LEARN TO SERVE- as we learnt to**

**S- Sacrifice ( Our comforts for nature)**

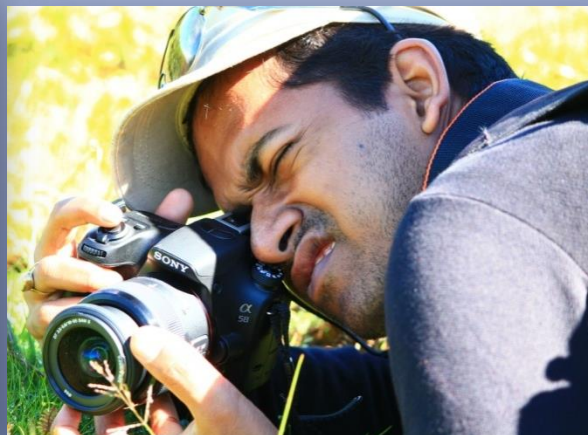
**E- Empathy( For poor , Wildlife , Nature)**

**R – Relationship ( Sense of Bonding with Nature and group members)**

**V- Values ( Respect for nature and its beauty)**

**E- Empowerment ( of Poor and Women )**

# DISCOVERIES- NEW FOUND LOVE



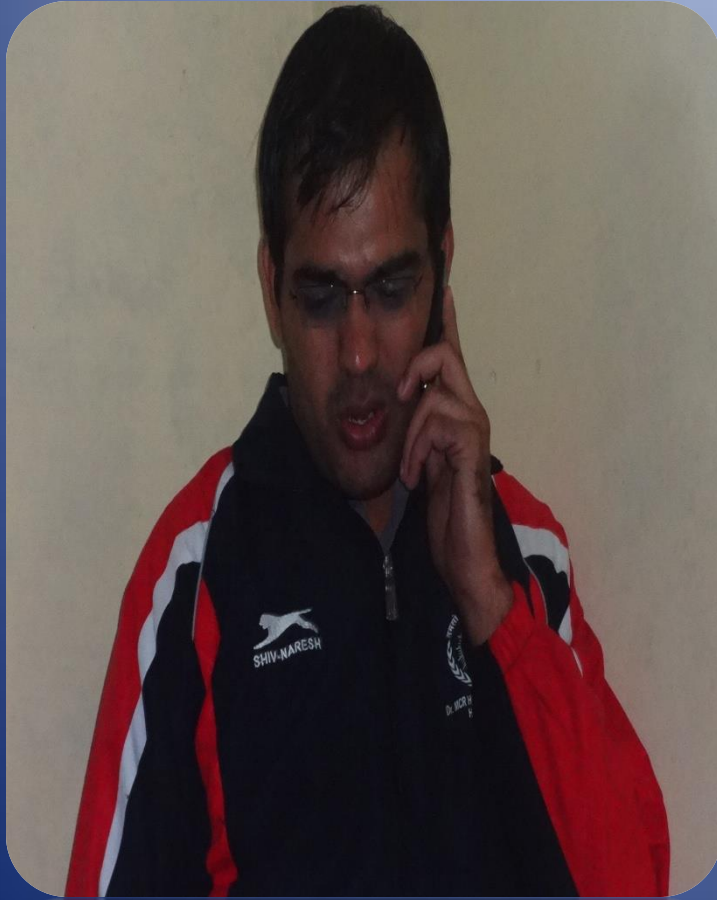


# With Due Apology Some Rules Were Broken



ROMANCING THROUGHOUT THE TREK

Do Not Disturb....CHARGING IS ON



At last , the blue walkers convey their sincere

Thanks to...

❖ MCR HRD IAP

❖ GOI

❖ Ministry of Environment & Forest

❖ All concerned officials

who had made this trek possible and successful .

# DISCLAIMER

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ANYWHERE !!!

THANK YOU

A photograph of a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a mountain peak, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of several mountain peaks. The text 'THANK YOU' is centered in the upper half of the image in a serif font.