



Blue Bisons

STRONGER - FASTER - TOGETHER



On a Journey from 'I' to 'We'

Introduction of Group Members.....

Sr. No.	Team Member	Nick Name	Sr. No.	Team Member	Nick Name
1	Bappa Karmakar	The Dictator	11	Leishingam Khayi	The Sniffer
2	Ajit Ranjan	Sherlock Holmes	12	Manish Bindal	AIR
3	Vineetha OK	Duracell Chalta Hi Jaye	13	Nitika Pant	Miss Hyena
4	Vikas Nigam	Power Petrol Supplier	14	Sumit Besra	Doctor ji
5	Bikram Nath	Ekla Chalo Re	15	Pragya Singh Naruka	The Leech Queen
6	Shobha Sharma	The Ultimate Enthusiast	16	Sukhmani Sangha	The Caretaker
7	Rishikant	Sheikh Sahab	17	Sujeet Pujari	The Only Male
8	Sudha Korivi	The Monalisa	18	Satheesh Kumar Thota	Delicate Darling
9	Laysang Lama	The Selfie Queen	19	Rangoli Vishambhari	Banarasi Dhokla
10	Dineshraj Jayaraaj	Commander-in-chief			

Let's Redefine Trek.....

- ❖ **T - Take care of each other**
- ❖ **R - Reach the rarest**
- ❖ **E - Embarking on tumultuous yet rewarding journey**
- ❖ **K - Know the nature & nature of one another**

Inspiration for group name(Blue Bisons).....

❖ BLUE :

- i. Nilgiri hills are popularly known for their blue colour
- ii. Our uniform was also blue

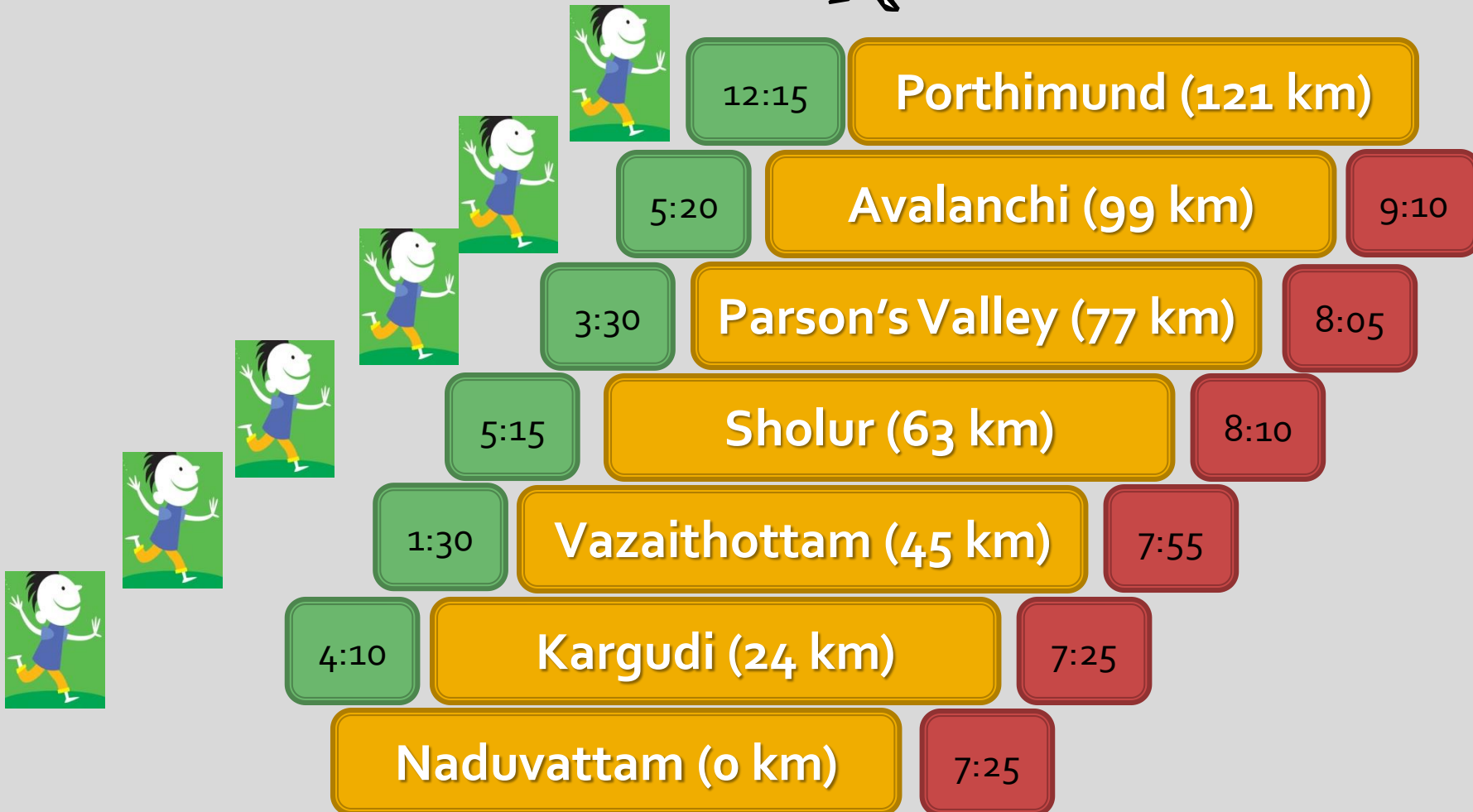
❖ BISONS:

- i. First wildlife that we sighted
- ii. Qualities of bisons that we as a group wanted to incorporate:

Stability, Abundance, Gratitude, Consistency, Blessing, Strength and Prosperity



Trek Route



Planning- Our Strength

- Time based planning
- Group meetings before and after the trek
- Terrain specific planning
- Power Petrol
- Regular supply of laughter with 'Jokes & Incidents'

Starting base camp: Naduvattam

- Icebreaking
- Planning and Group Meeting
- Sleeping in the coffins (sleeping-bag) for the first time
- Night mode default setting was SNORE, kept some of the members awake.



Rainy Morning ...



Day 1: Naduvattam to Kargudi

Our journey begins...@7:25



Passing through tea garden





Fidayeen (Leeches) Attack



Interaction with inhabitants...



Fauna

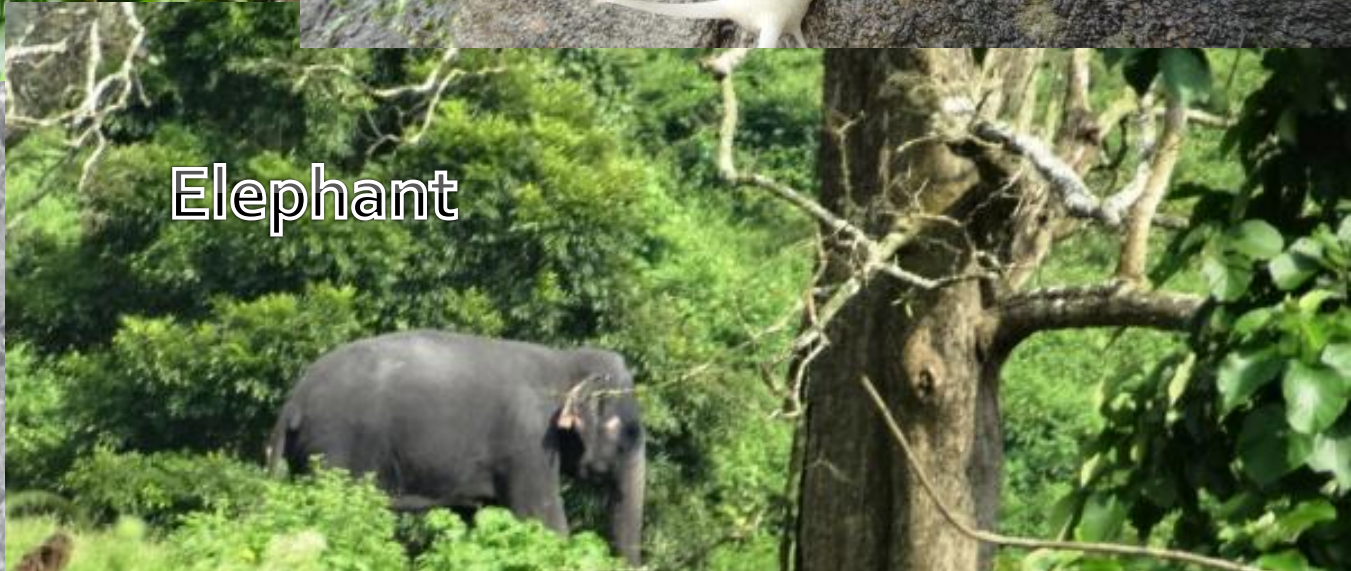
Bison



White Snail



Elephant



Flora



**TOUCH ME NOT
(MIMOSA PUDICA)**



HELICHRYSUM



RHODODENDRON

Tea, Coffee and Pepper Plantation



Mudumalai Tiger Reserve



It seems we have travelled double the distance that was being told to us

Why this
Kolaveri di?



Kargudi Base Camp- Mission accomplished

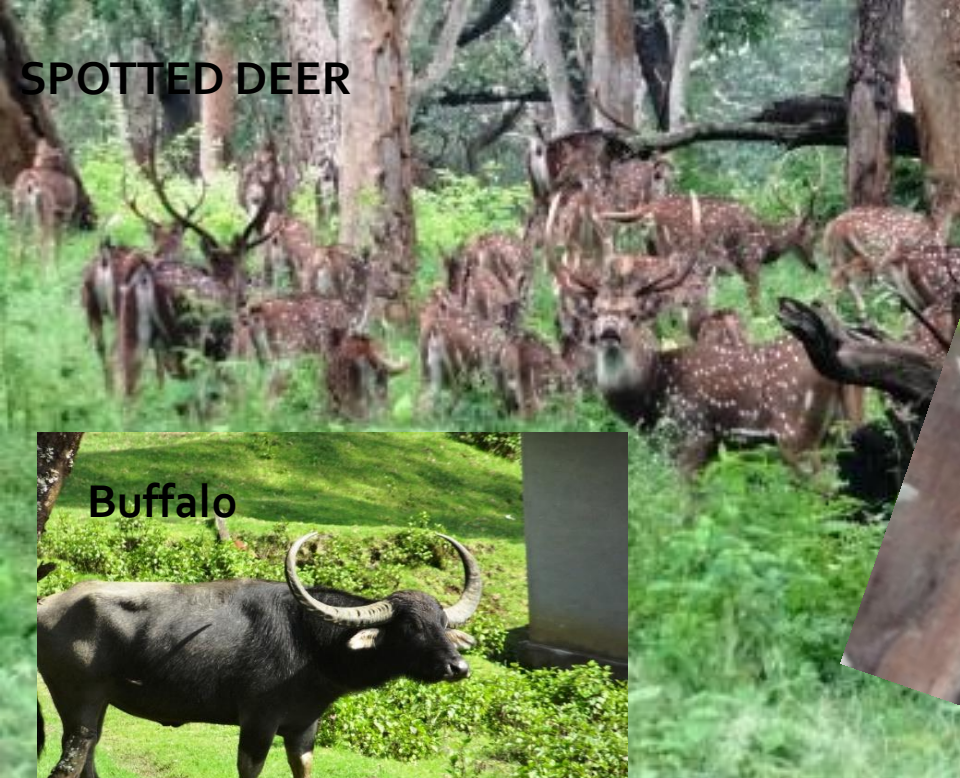
- We reached at 4:10 pm
- Overcame Blisters and pains to emerge victorious
- The best cook served us delicious food, but monkeys also had their share; they were all around the base-camp

Cook : Sri Krishanan Kutty



Second day mission starts from..Kargudi to Vazaihattam





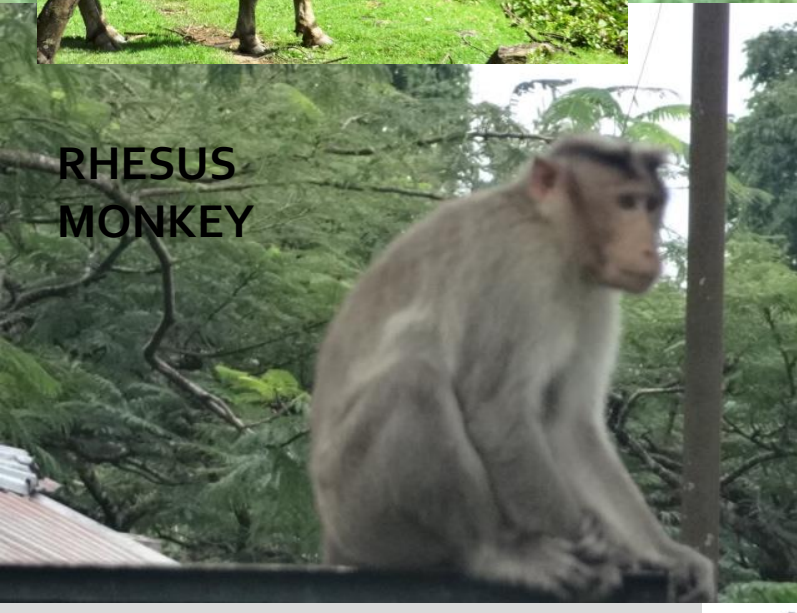
SPOTTED DEER



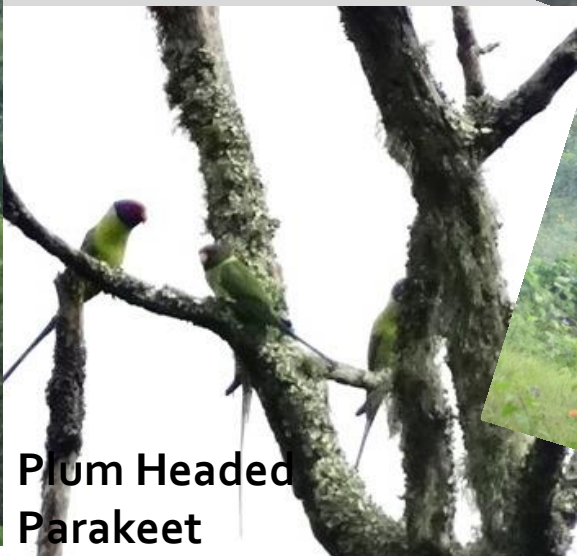
FLYING SQUIRREL



Buffalo



RHESUS MONKEY



Plum Headed Parakeet



Elephant

Most cherished breaks after the tiring trek...but picture abhi bakki hai dost..!



Masinagudi Forest Range



Delicious Cactus Fruit



Crossing another milestone



@Vazhathottam

- Reached at 1:30 pm
- Private resort
- First bonfire of the trek
- Party pooper elephant



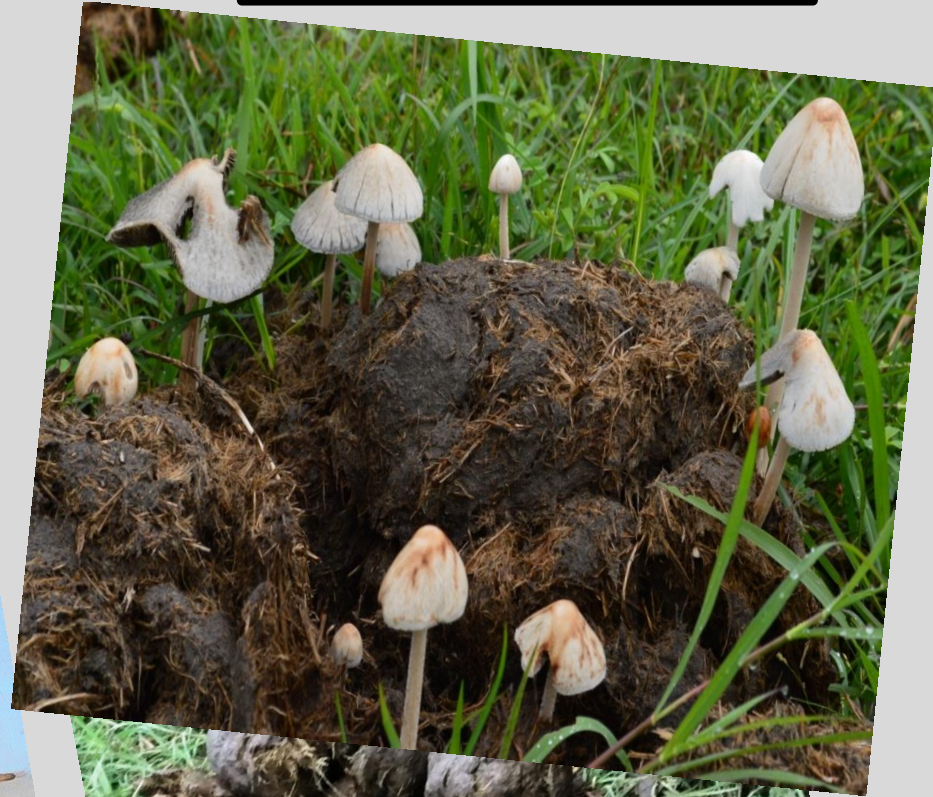
All ready for Sholur at 7:55 am



THE GREAT EXPECTATIONS



And the HARD REALITY!!





INDIA PROJECT FOR ANIMALS AND NATURE (IPAN)

-Animal Welfare Organisation, NGO

-Looks after the health and welfare of domestic and wild animals

- control of rabies



THE GREAT MUD BATH



**Halt!! Time to
recharge
Petrol Power**



Power Petrol



With Tea worker



With Tribal Kids



**With president of
Ooratty hamlet**





OPUNTIA



ACACIA



**BLUE
GUM**



Day 4 (Heading to Parson's Valley)...



Visit to Dunsandle Tea Factory.....



Plucking of tea leaves.....



Collecting Tea Leaves.....



A Toda Tribal.....

Toda Temple



Traditional Toda Shawl



Savannas.....



The Pine Cones.....



Parson's Valley@3:30 pm



Fun Time at Parson's Valley Dam



A Tale Untold..... (Ghost Stories)

ssshhh.....Koi Hai

“Darna Mana Hai”



Parson's Valley to Avalanche



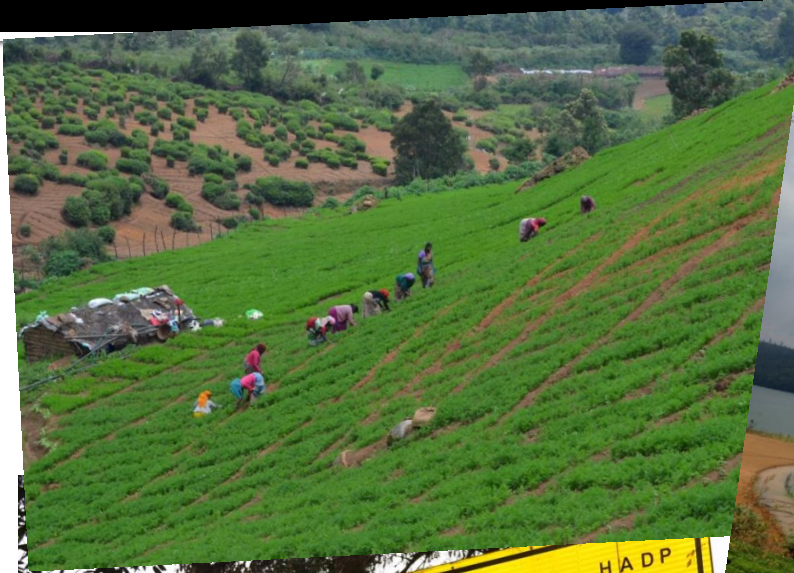
Walking through the maze of Wattle.....



The Joy of Meeting!!



Sometimes its worth lingering on the journey for a while before getting to the destination



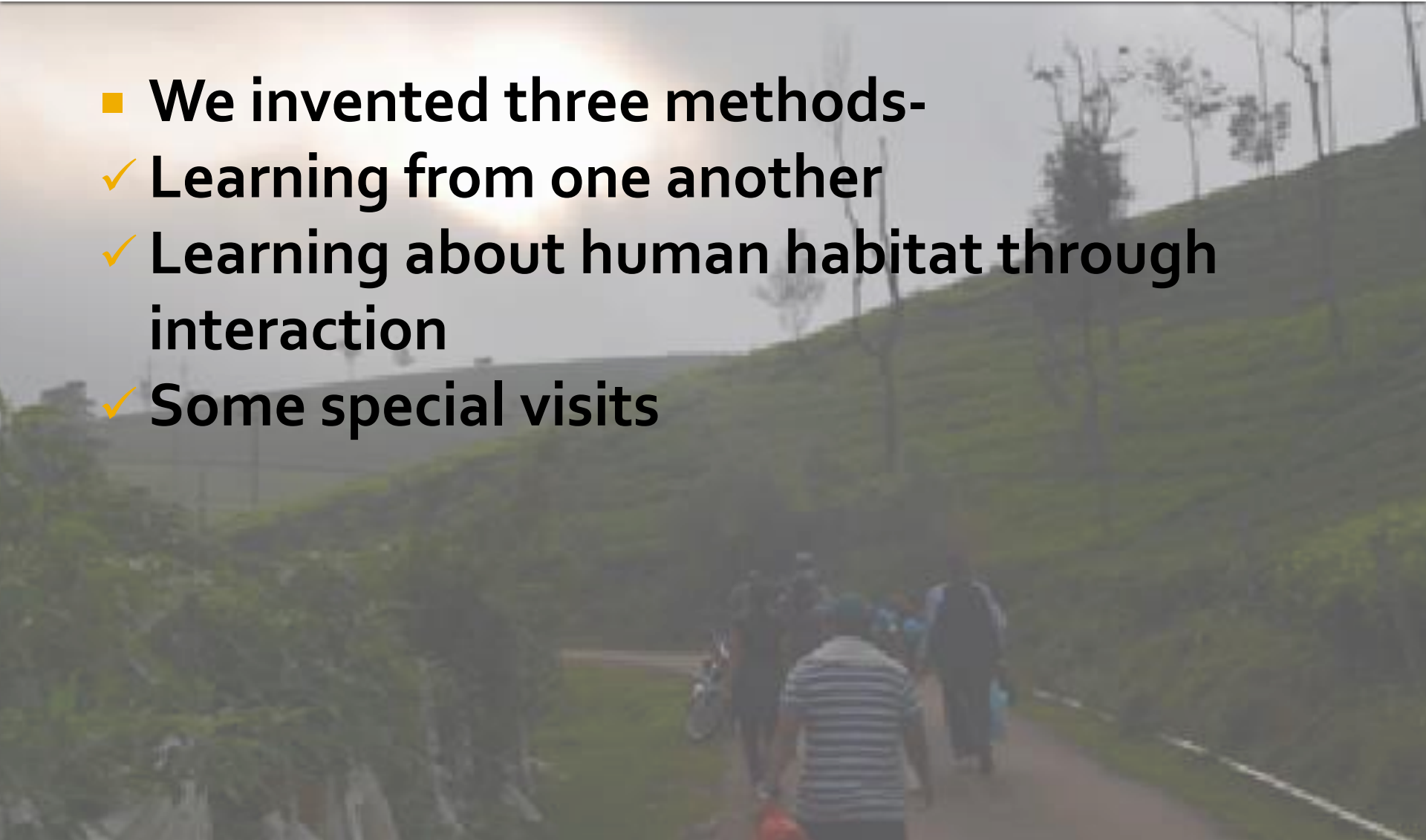
FONDEST MEMORIES

- SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP for leech removal
- ENDLESS BONDING OVER BONFIRE-Age old ghost and super natural stories
- BREAK PLEASE: MUNCHING TIME – TIDBITS
- ANTAKSHARI: THE ENERGY BOOSTER- Einstein's theory of relativity



LEARNING AS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUP MEMBERS

- We invented three methods-
- ✓ Learning from one another
- ✓ Learning about human habitat through interaction
- ✓ Some special visits



Learning from one another

- Empathy
- Helping attitude
- Working from “I” to “we”
- The importance of time management
- Endurance
- Gratitude
- Self awareness



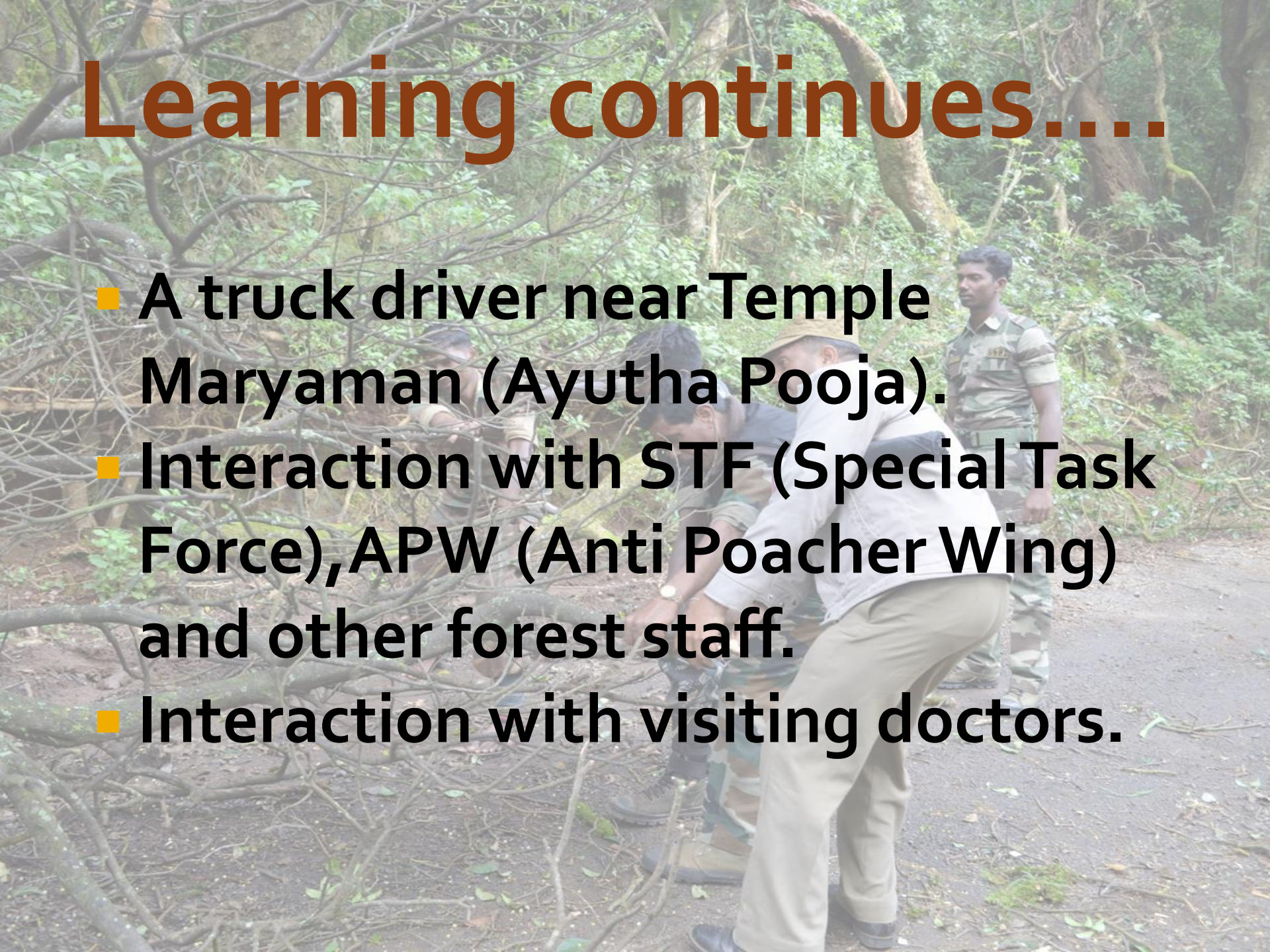
Learning about human habitat through interaction

- Family of tea estate worker on way to Karagudi.
- The passionate cook at Karagudi.
- Interactions with our ADG Sir.
- Female workers of tea estate on way to Sholur.
- Interaction with president of Ooratty Hamlet.
- Visit to Dunsandle Tea Factory.
- Interaction with Toda Tribal Family.
- Meeting with Groups V and III.



Learning continues....

- A truck driver near Temple Maryaman (Ayutha Pooja).
- Interaction with STF (Special Task Force), APW (Anti Poacher Wing) and other forest staff.
- Interaction with visiting doctors.

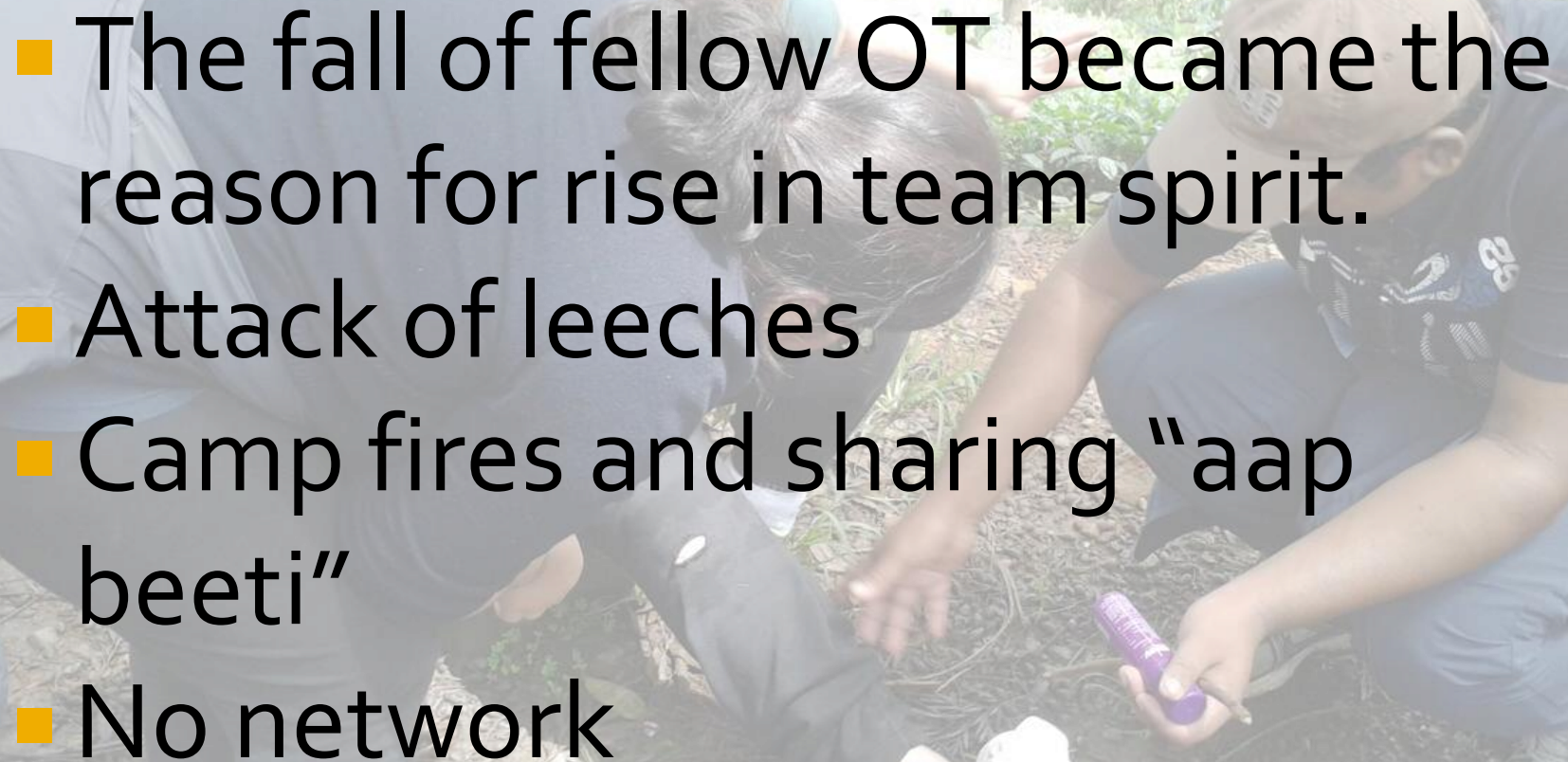


SOME SPECIAL VISITS

- Check dam visit
- Visit to various Temples, Churches and Tombs

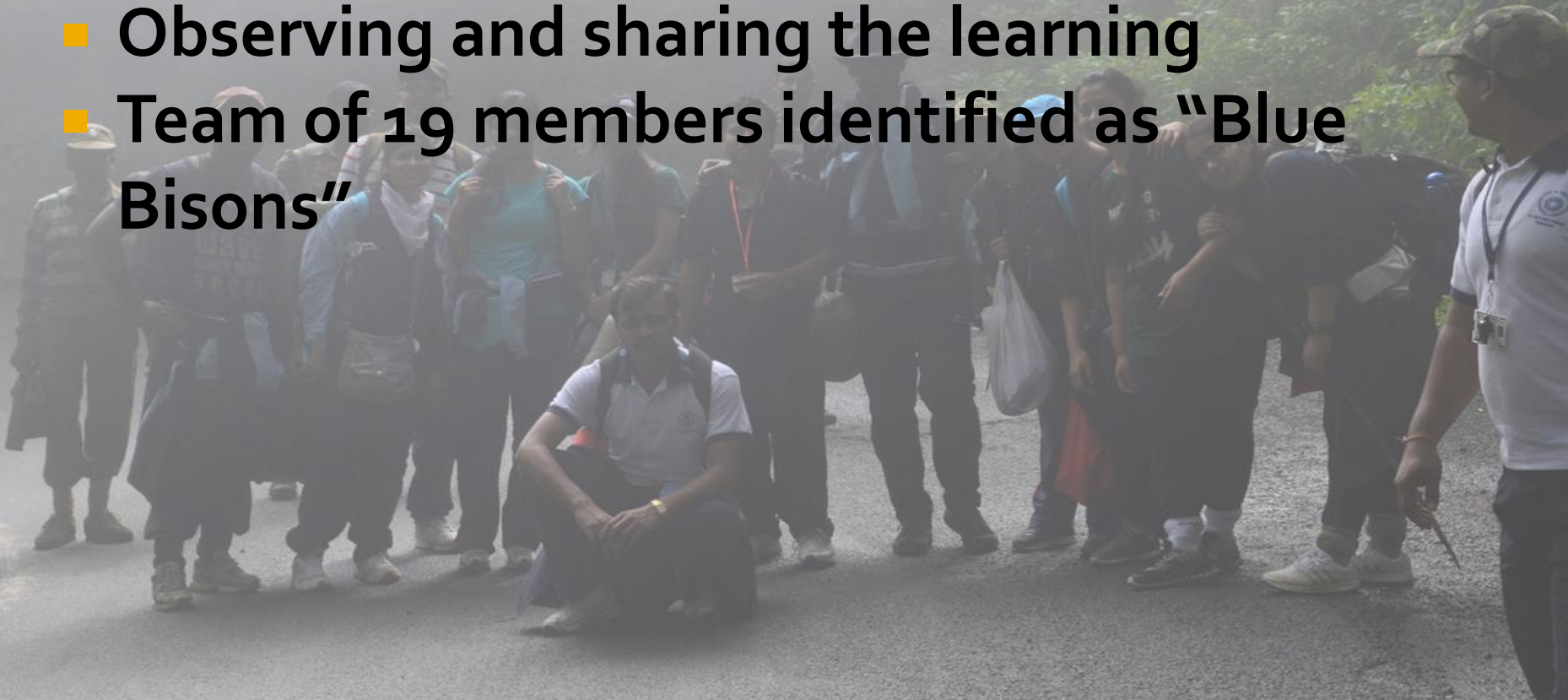


SOME BINDING INCIDENTS

- The fall of fellow OT became the reason for rise in team spirit.
 - Attack of leeches
 - Camp fires and sharing “aap beeti”
 - No network
- 
- A photograph showing a person in a blue shirt and cap applying a purple ointment to the leg of another person who is lying on the ground. The scene is outdoors in a wooded area.

A JOURNEY TO HEARTS

- Common alignment of thoughts
- Our own definition of friendship
- Observing and sharing the learning
- Team of 19 members identified as “Blue Bisons”



Natural Flora and Fauna

Fauna	Scientific Name	Flora	Utility
White Snail	Cepaea Hortensis	Silver oak	Furniture
Wild Bora	Sus scrofa	Arjun	Furniture
Wild Rabbit	Sylvilagus floridanus	Nilgiri tree(Blue Gum)	Flowers & oil for ornamental purpose
Spotted Deer	Cervidae	Eucalyptus	Oil with medicinal value



Natural Flora and Fauna

Giant Squirrel	Ratufa Indica	Acacia	Purification of air and water
Nigiri Langur	Trachypithecus johnii	Rose wood	Aerodynamic models
Bison	Bos gaurus	Bamboo	Basket making and fencing
Butterflies	Rhopalocera	Wattle	Gum extraction
Leech	Hirudinea		
Plum-headed Parakeet	Psittacula cyanocephala		



Types of Forest

- Tropical evergreen
- Tropical rainforest
- Wattle forest
- Pine forest

Main Crops Plantation

- **Banana**
- **Tamarind**
- **Tea**
- **Coffee**
- **Potato**
- **English Carrot**
- **Rice**

Tribes and their Culture

- Main occupation-Agriculture, tea estate labourer, Forest Dweller
- Ayutha Puja- Worship of weapons of tools
- Toda's Major festival-Uppodthi
- Toda's worship buffalo as god
- Preserving their culture and accepting modern development

THE MAKING OF REPORT AND PRESENTATION



“The Voyage of Adventure is not in seeking new landscapes but in having New eyes”

Michael Proust

Thank one & all

