Choti-choti si aashayein in bade-bade paharaon se Pure karne aa gaye khwab na jane hum kahan se Lagta tha sapna sa har ek din, Pharaon ki iss nilgiri mein Jab lagne laga apna sa, Na chodi koi kasar hamne dadagiri mein





Coming up:

- Preparations for the Trek
- Trek Route
- Day by Day Coverage
- Flora and Fauna
- Entertainment
- Culture and the Economy of Nilgiris
- Learnings
- Challenges and Suggestions

First thing First:

THANKS TO MCR HRD



For Perfect Acclimatization

• NO WI - FI HERE.....



• NO CONNECTION THERE...



For making us Rough and tough

NO WARM WATER HERE....

NO WARM WATER THERE





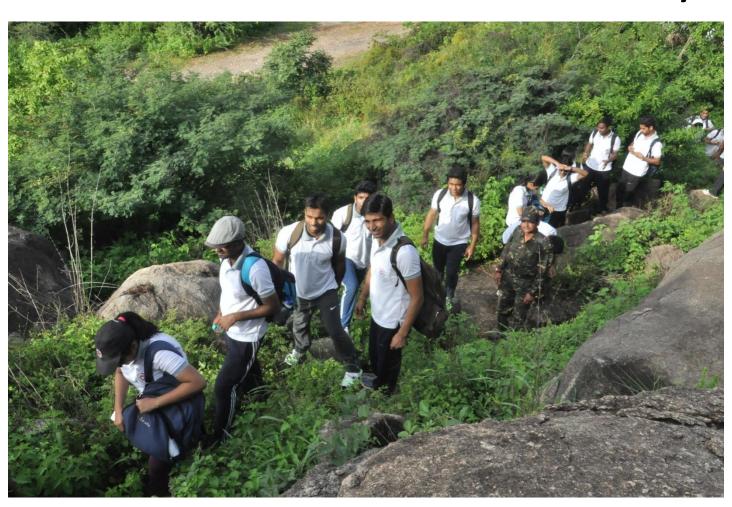
But on a serious note.... Physical readiness did help

Remember the PT



Stretching the boundaries of muscle and mind alike

Short trek: The First Face off with Forestry



And the Cross Country and Cycling



Testing your endurance

So, is the preparation for the Trek done ???

Wait a minute....

Hunter shoes ...





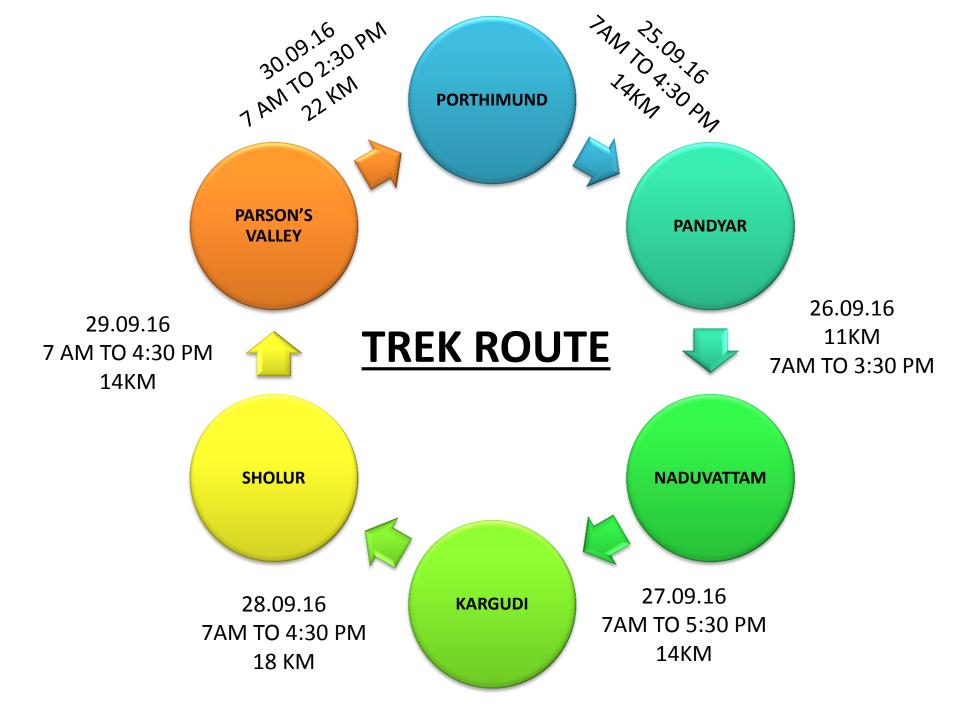
Hat and Sunscreen....





Travelling to OOTY





Trickiest and the First

(I) PORTHIMUND TO PANDYAR

Our Resthouse



And look how clean and tidy we began



Day 1: PORTHIMUND TO PANDYAR

Deep Forests and you had to really bend before nature.



Crossed the Wooden bridge



Haule Haule hoJayega Paar....





Espirit de Corps materializes here

Hills and the sudden grasslands



And the Jade Greens



Wow! The connection is here....



Finally, falling and trolling we reached Pandyar to be welcomed by Pandyar Pakoras



Day 2: PANDYAR TO NADUVATTAM

Beware of Leeches





Our standard LPC (Leech Protection Cover)= Shampoo +Salt

Market visit at Naduvattam

Pakora Party at Naduvattam





The Naduvattam Bonfire For warming the body, clothes and shoes



Day 3: NADUVATTAM TO KARGUDI

- Crossed Madumalai Tiger Reserve, spotted Elephants and Black Langoors
- Finally, ONE LEECH BITE
- Reached Kargudi: The LUXURY ROOMS
- Kargudi Breakfast: Best South Indian food ever tasted.

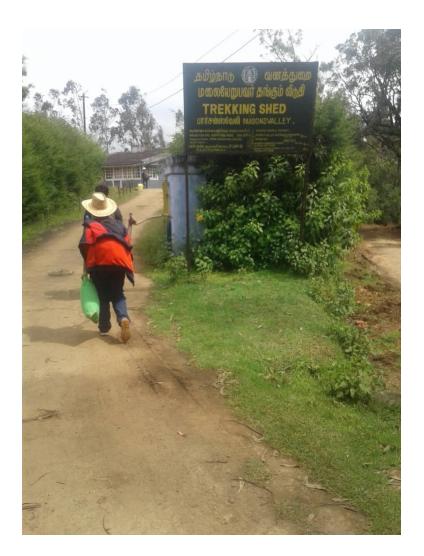
Day 4: KARGUDI TO SHOLUR

- Uphill Trek : Uphill task
- Breaking for food near the Stream
- The Daredevils
- The much needed halts
- Sholur: THE WELCOME NOODLES
- Children Band
- Temple and Tea

Day 5: SHOLUR TO PARSON'S VALLEY



Reaching the Last Camping Site





The Maggi Party at Parson's Valley





Day 6: PARSON'S VALLEY TO PORTHIMUND

The Tamil Nadu SEB Dam



PORTHIMUND LAKE ON THE WAY



FLORA of the NILGIRIS



THE WATTLES



THE EUCLYPTUS

The Anti – Weeding Program Eradication of Wattles and Restoration of Native Sholas



- Location : Modimund Peak
- Run by Forest Department of Tamil Nadu.
- Monitor work done in terms of amount of wattle cleared by weight.
- The Board displays the total Amount Spent as well.

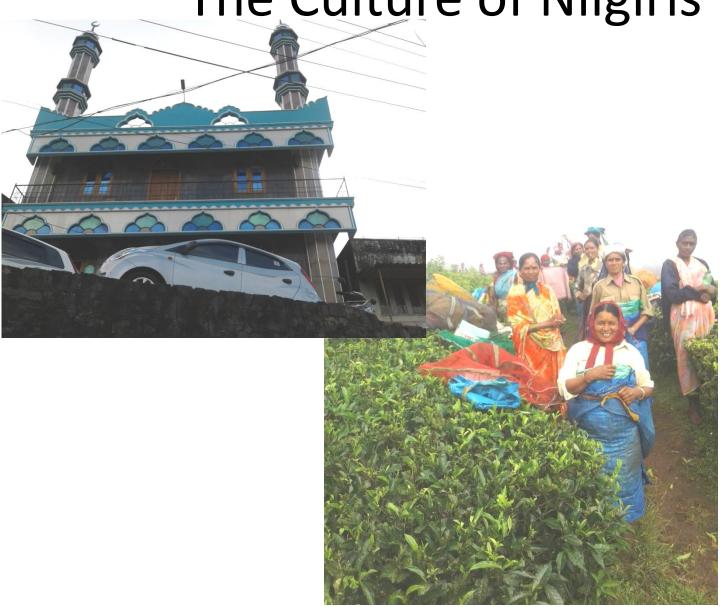
The Fauna of the Nilgiris



Barking Deer







Challenges

Sneaky Leeches!





Blister Overdose



Muscular pains/Sprains/Back issues (Aah se Aaha tak!)



The Sun







Cold Nights





Sari duniya ka bojh hum uthate hain





Space Crunch





Road Walking





Food Pangs









Thirsty Brigade







What we learnt...

To lend a helping hand... and to ask for help when needed





A Spirit of Adventure



To make the best of whatever we had











STF Personnel = Your Guardian Angels









Shampoo + Salt = Your New Best Friends





Basic First Aid





Above all... that its ok to get tired











Remember to Eat









Pray

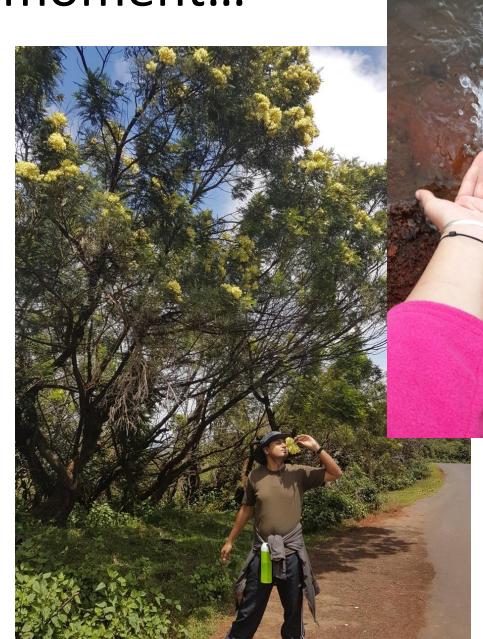




And love the moment...







Remember, this too shall pass



But if it gets too much... just take a break



Whenever and wherever you can`







Suggestions/ Feedback

- Reduce road walking (will reduce incidence of blisters)
- Better gear
 - Backpacks: better cushioning n waist support
 - Sleeping bags: zips torn
 - Shoes: suggest buying hunters at the start of FC
- Logistics: Smaller groups/ more blankets at base camps like Porthimund and Pandyar

Special Thanks To:

- STF Guards
- MCR HRD Institute
- Ooty Administration
- Local Staff

Lastly, before we close.... Justifying the group name



NILGIRI MEIN DADAGIRI



Nundry (Thank You)

