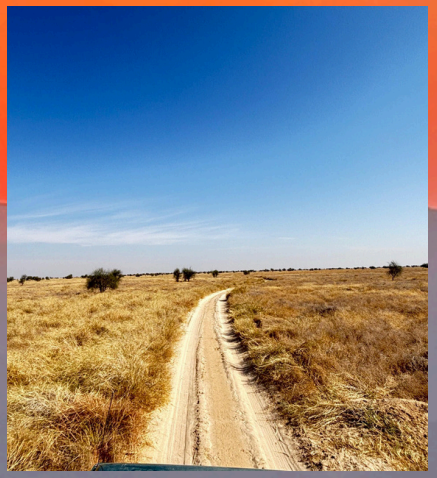
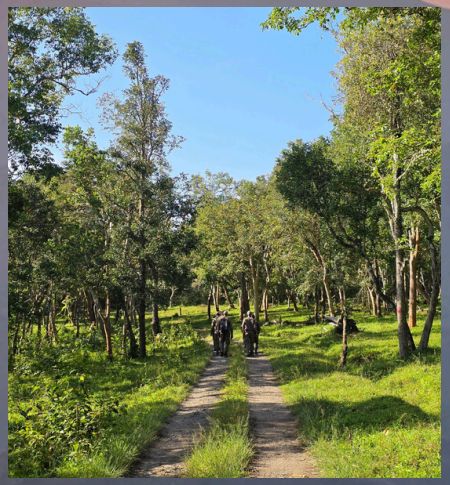
VAN YATRA

SFS 2023–2025, CASFOS, COIMBATORE







Exploring THE forest, enriching THE forestry

VAN YATRA



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PRAYER OF THE FOREST

Man!

I am the warmth of your home in the cold winter night and the protective shade when summer's sun is strong.

I am the frame work of the roof to your house and the top of your table.

The bed in which you sleep and the timber which you fashion your boat.

I am the handle to your hoe and the door to your hut.

I am the wood of your cradle and the boards of your coffin.

I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty. Hear my prayer:

"Destroy me not."

FOREWORD



The formation of a forester is not limited to classrooms—it is shaped through experiences, field learning, and an enduring connection with nature. This album beautifully captures that journey of discovery and transformation undertaken by the State Forest Service Officer Trainees (2023–25) of the Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Coimbatore.

Over the course of two years, from 28th November 2023 to 27th November 2025, the trainees have evolved from probationers to professional foresters, absorbing lessons from the forests themselves. Each photograph in this collection is a testament to their learning and the spirit of adventure that accompanies the study of forestry.

Their journeys across India—from the mangroves of Kerala and coastal ecosystems of Kanyakumari to the highlands of the North and the arid zones of the West—reflect the diversity of challenges and opportunities that define our nation's natural heritage. Through these travels, they have not only witnessed ecological diversity but also gained an understanding of sustainable forest management, community participation, and the importance of ecological restoration.

This album stands as a proud record of their dedication, discipline, and teamwork. It also reflects the commitment of CASFOS to nurture capable, compassionate, and technically sound foresters who will uphold the values of conservation and service.

I congratulate all Officer Trainees of the 2023–25 batch for their hard work and enthusiasm and wish them a rewarding and meaningful career ahead in the service of forests and the nation.

– V. Thirunavukarasu, IFS
APCCF, Principal
CASFOS, Coimbatore

FOREWORD



It gives me immense pleasure to present this compilation of memories and field learning experiences prepared by the Officer Trainees of the Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore during their 2 year induction training. The course has been designed to blend classroom learning with extensive field exposure so that trainees can develop a comprehensive understanding of forestry, ecology, and sustainable management practices.

During the study tours, special emphasis was placed on experiential learning. Each tour was carefully planned to ensure that the trainees could directly observe the practical aspects of forest management, biodiversity conservation, and community participation. The visits to various eco-restoration sites in Kerala, Pune, Hosur and other regions provided valuable insights into innovative approaches for ecological rehabilitation and restoration.

I am glad to note the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the trainees in documenting their observations and learning outcomes. I hope this compilation will serve as a useful reference for future batches and continue to inspire a scientific and sensitive approach toward forest management.

I extend my best wishes to all Officer Trainees for their future endeavors in the service of the forests and the nation.

Dr. C. Vidhyasagar, IFS
Course Director, SFS 2023-25
Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore

OUR JOURNEY

This album is a reflection of our remarkable journey at the Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Coimbatore, where we entered as probationary officers on 28th November 2023 and are passing out as professional foresters on 26th November 2025. Over these two years, we have not only gained knowledge but also lived experiences that will guide us throughout our service.

The photographs and memories captured here showcase the diverse landscapes, ecosystems, and institutions we encountered during our training. From the southern tip of Kanyakumari to the northern terrains of Jammu, from the deserts of Thar to the lush evergreen forests and shola grasslands, from thorn forests to ecotourism sites, every journey added a new dimension to our understanding of forestry and conservation.

Our exposure to reputed institutions such as the ICFRE institutes, State Forest Training Institutes, and interactions with NGOs working at the grassroots further deepened our perspective on the challenges and opportunities in forestry. Each place we visited strengthened our resolve to contribute meaningfully to the protection and sustainable management of our natural heritage.

This album, therefore, is not just a collection of photographs but a testimony to our transformation—from learners to custodians of the forest, from trainees to foresters ready to serve. It is a celebration of friendships, shared experiences, and the values that will guide us in our careers ahead.



Shri V. Thirunavukarasu, IFS (1997)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Principal
Cadre: Tamil Nadu

Sir, We feel privileged to have trained under your charismatic and inspiring leadership. Your teaching combined professionalism, clarity and practical wisdom. Whether in forestry, administration or life management, you taught us to think independently and act responsibly. Your famous lines - "Apply your mind", "It's common sense", "Manage the show" - have become guiding principles for us. You ensured the best facilities, welcomed our concerns with understanding and improved every aspect of our learning environment. The tours, interactions and shared experiences under your guidance will remain treasured memories.We can proudly say: CASFOS Coimbatore is the best, because of you.



Dr. K. Anandh, IFS
2004
Jammu and Kashmir
Lecturer

We remember our first tour with you, sir - full of energy, laughter and learning. Your mastery of Forest Resource Management and your ability to get things done are remarkable. The academy reforms you initiated have benefitted all of us. Thank you for being supportive, strong and joyfully inspiring throughout our journey.



Dr. C. Vidhyasagar, IFS (2009)
Conservator of Forests and Lecturer
Cadre: AGMUT

Our heartfelt gratitude to you, Sir, for your inspiring leadership, constant encouragement, and unwavering support throughout our training at CASFOS, Coimbatore. Your dynamic vision and tireless efforts made our journey memorable - from academics and sports to food and tours - truly giving us the proud title of the "Always on Tour" batch.
Your presence during the Kerala and North India tours filled our days with joy, laughter, and unforgettable experiences. We will always remember your warmth, humour, and the infectious laughter we shared with you. You will always hold a special place in our memories, Sir.



Dr V.S. Senthil Kumar, IFS
2005
Jammu and Kashmir
Lecturer

Sir, we fondly remember your witty explanations, cheerful presence, and the unforgettable SIT moments we shared. You not only taught Environmental Economics but also showed us how discipline and fitness shape character. Your efforts to enhance our facilities and comfort mean more than words can express. We are sincerely grateful.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The preparation of this album has been a memorable and enriching experience, allowing us to reflect upon the diverse learning journeys undertaken during our training at the Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Coimbatore). It encapsulates not only the landscapes we explored but also the knowledge, discipline, and camaraderie that defined our two-year transformation into professional foresters.

We express our sincere gratitude to Sh. V. Thirunavukarasu, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Coimbatore, for his constant encouragement, visionary leadership, and for providing an environment that nurtures both professional competence and personal growth. We are equally grateful to our Course Director, Sh. C. Vidhyasagar, IFS, for his invaluable guidance, motivation, and support throughout the training period.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all faculty members, visiting experts, and guest lecturers whose sessions broadened our understanding of forestry, wildlife management, and environmental conservation. We also acknowledge the CASFOS administrative and supporting staff for their seamless coordination and assistance in every phase of our training and tours.

The All India Study Tours were among the most rewarding aspects of our training. From the southern coasts of Kanyakumari to the Himalayan foothills, from the deserts of Rajasthan to the lush forests of the Western Ghats and Northeast India, each journey offered valuable insights into India's ecological diversity and conservation challenges. We express our gratitude to all accompanying faculty members and tour coordinators whose guidance, patience, and leadership ensured the success and safety of these tours.

Lastly, we extend our appreciation to the Literary Committee, the Librarian Dr. Muhamad Rafi Hussain, and all staff members of CASFOS, Coimbatore, for their cooperation and encouragement during the preparation of this album.

This compilation stands as a tribute to the collective effort, shared experiences, and learning that have shaped us into foresters ready to serve with commitment and integrity.

With sincere gratitude,
(State Forest Service Officer Trainees, 2023–25)
Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore



Shri V. Karthick, IFS
2009
Odisha
Lecturer

Sir, your dynamic presence shaped our training deeply. Whether in the classroom, nursery, plantation or sports ground, you were always guiding. Your discipline and strictness kept us focused, while your energy kept us motivated. Your vibrant teaching and strong execution skills taught us to act with clarity and purpose. Thank you for being a powerful and inspiring mentor.



Shri M. Anisha Kalkoor, IFS (2009)
Conservator of Forests and Lecturer
Cadre: AGMUT
Joined: 15 June 2022

Sir, your calm wisdom, realistic approach, and effortless humour created an environment where learning never felt heavy. Tours became vacations, lessons became relatable, and training became memorable. Thank you for guiding us with balance, kindness, and clarity.



Shri I. Arul Gnana Mathuram, IFS (2011)
Conservator of Forests and Lecturer
Cadre: Assam-Meghalaya

Sir, your kindness, practical approach, and active involvement strengthened our training journey. From improving food quality in the mess to teaching us the essence of JFM, you shaped both our comfort and understanding. Thank you for being supportive and thoughtful always.



Dr. S. Sarath Babu, IFS (2012)
Deputy Conservator of Forests and Lecturer
Cadre: Rajasthan

Your gentle guidance on our Andaman & Nicobar and Central India tours made our training unforgettable. We deeply appreciate your caring nature and the rich knowledge you shared. Thank you, Sir.



Smt. N. Viji, IFS (2013)
Deputy Conservator of Forests and Lecturer
Cadre: AGMUT

Ma'am you have provided clear, insightful guidance during Working Plan and FRA sessions. Her composed leadership and considerate nature enhanced our learning environment. We are sincerely grateful.



Dr. Ramkrishnan R.
Scientist-C
Cadre: Scientific and Technical

Every session with you Sir felt lively and engaging. He guided us through Forest Engineering and Watershed Management with simplicity and patience. The road alignment fieldwork and NIT days are memories we cherish fondly. Sir's energy and support made our journey meaningful. We are truly grateful



Shri K. Muniasamy
Physical Training & Games Instructor
Cadre: Ex-Serviceman
(23 Sep 1986 – 30 Sep 2006)

Sir, thank you for two years of tireless training. From the struggle of the 5km run and core workout to our philosophical talks and samosa treats, you shaped not just our fitness, but our character. We carry your discipline, warmth, and enriching memories from CASFOS forever. A huge salute, Sir!



Dr. B. Md. Rafi Hussain
Library Information Assistant

Sir, your kindness is something we will always cherish. You created a space where learning felt natural and peaceful. From study materials to PYQs, your help made our preparation easier. Your contribution to SANTORAMA reflects your commitment and passion. Thank you for being a calm, supportive and ever-smiling presence throughout our training journey.

CASFOS Coimbatore

"Shaping the guardians of the Green"





THE JOURNEY

Starts on 28/11/2023

In CASFOS

sfs 2023-25

From theory to thickets — classroom to canopy




MADHYA PRADESH
CAS
ODISHA


KARNATAKA
EOS
CHHATTISGARH
JK Desert Jeep Safari
Shri Bhupender Yadav
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Our City TOUR

Coimbatore: Filter coffee, Dosai & Biryani



FRTC





TNPL





INSECTARY

From Tamil Nadu Paper Limited to the Insect Museum at TNAU – learning how industry and science turn ideas into sustainable action."





Laughing, learning and performing together – our cultural events stitched bonds stronger than any syllabus."











FROM RHYTHM TO ROAR — DRAVIDIAN CULTURE AND MARTIAL ARTS UNLEASHED IN ONE ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE!"



Welcoming the Hon'ble Environment Minister with colours of tradition — our Rangoli reflects creativity, respect and nature's harmony















Holi

Pongal















Saluting the Spirit of Freedom and Unity













Forest Martyr's day



"Together for a Cleaner Tomorrow! 🌿💪
Active participation in *Shramdaan Abhiyaan showcased our collective spirit and responsibility — each hand contributing to make our academy campus cleaner, greener, and more beautiful!"



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET





















THE ONLY WAY TO MOVE FORWARD IS TO LET GO OF THE PAST AND EMBRACE THE FUTURE.













FOREST FIELD ORIENTATION TOUR

12/02/2024-20/02/2024



"In the first step we meet the forest, in the next we learn from it, and slowly we realize—we are now a part of it."

FIRST FIELD TRIP, LIFELONG FOREST BOND.





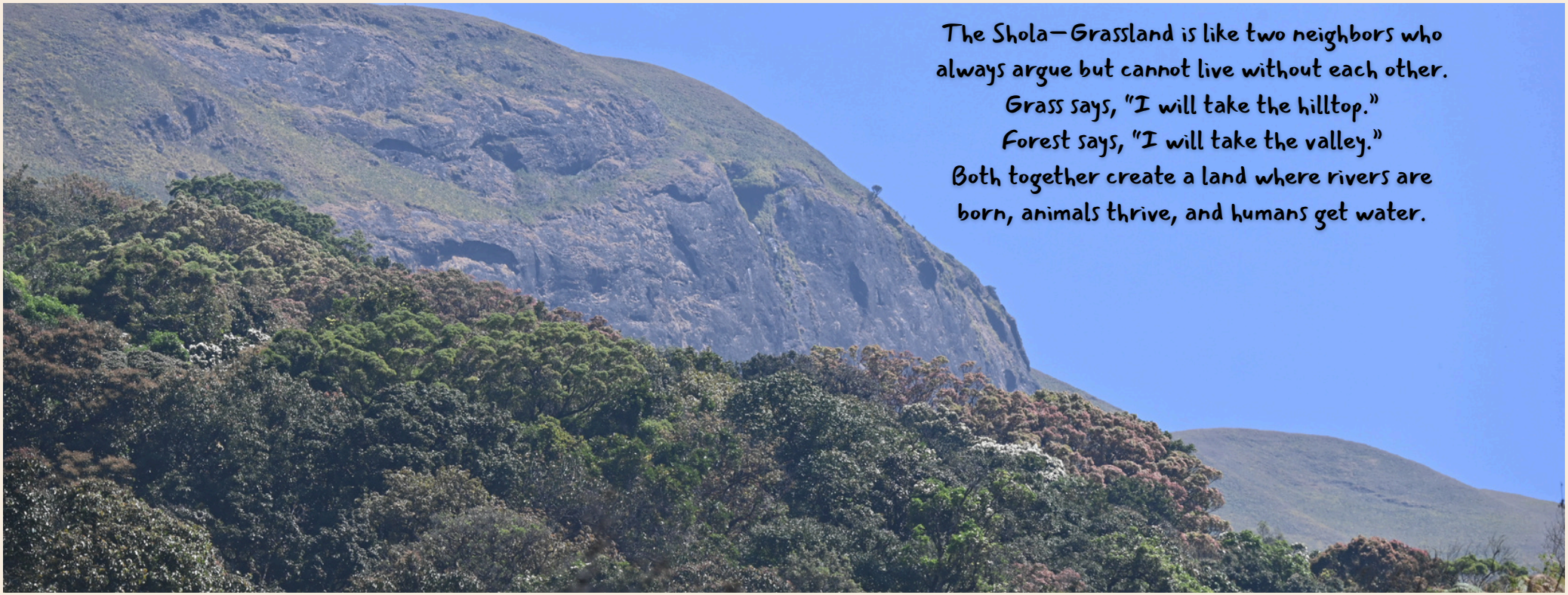
Anamalai Tiger Reserve

"From the lush tea slopes of Valparai to the deep silence of Sichali Valley, from the towering teak of Hugo D. Vries to the wild heart of Topslip—Anamalai is the crown jewel of the Western Ghats."





Breathless from the climb, speechless from the view



The Shola–Grassland is like two neighbors who always argue but cannot live without each other.
Grass says, "I will take the hilltop."
Forest says, "I will take the valley."
Both together create a land where rivers are born, animals thrive, and humans get water.




Valparai – Where every stream begins in shola forests, every slope shelters the Nilgiri Tahr, and every breath echoes the Western Ghat

"In Topslip's silence rise the teak,
Saved by the vision of Hugo de Vries,
A forester's gift to time,
A forest's pride forever."

Hugo de Vries
12.06.1870-12.12.1933







“Kumkis of ATR are guardians of harmony, moving into villages not to fight, but to gently drive wild herds back to the forests they call home.”

Kozhikamuthi Elephant Camp





Kumkis act as true foresters—patrolling, rescuing and aiding conservation. In many states they have service books, ranks and even post-retirement care, honouring their lifelong service to forests and people."

Kozhikamuthi Elephant Camp







KANNIMARA TEAK

“Parambikulam – Where time rests in the shade of Kannimara, a teak that has lived four centuries as nature’s monument.”







SPECIAL TASK FORCE

11/03/24-20/03/2024

Formed in 1994, Tamil Nadu's Special Task Force gained renown for its jungle expertise, anti-poaching operations and endurance training, most famously ending Veerappan's reign through Operation Cocoon in 2004, earning a proud legacy of bravery and forest protection."





Running, rappelling, rock climbing, river crossing, survival drills — STF training pushes limits and builds fearless protectors of our forests.”









From river and bridge crossings to camouflage and tug-of-war — STF training forges skill, courage, brotherhood and unbreakable fraternity













Learning to survive with minimal resources — STF training builds endurance, sharpens instincts and teaches us to overcome any jungle challenge.”

Smiling through sweat

Eco-restoration Site Visit

The field study tour to Kerala focused on understanding eco-restoration initiatives under the Marayoor Forest Division and Pampadum National Park. A key highlight was the visit to the Eco Restoration Site at Anjunattupara, where officers explained the process of removing invasive wattle trees and restoring native Shola forests. Similar restoration work at Pampadum National Park involved the removal of Acacia mearnsii (wattle) and regeneration of natural Shola-grassland ecosystems. These initiatives aim to revive native biodiversity, improve habitat quality, and promote sustainable coexistence with local tribal communities.



Marayoor

“Marayoor – The only natural home of sandalwood, where fragrance meets the forest.”











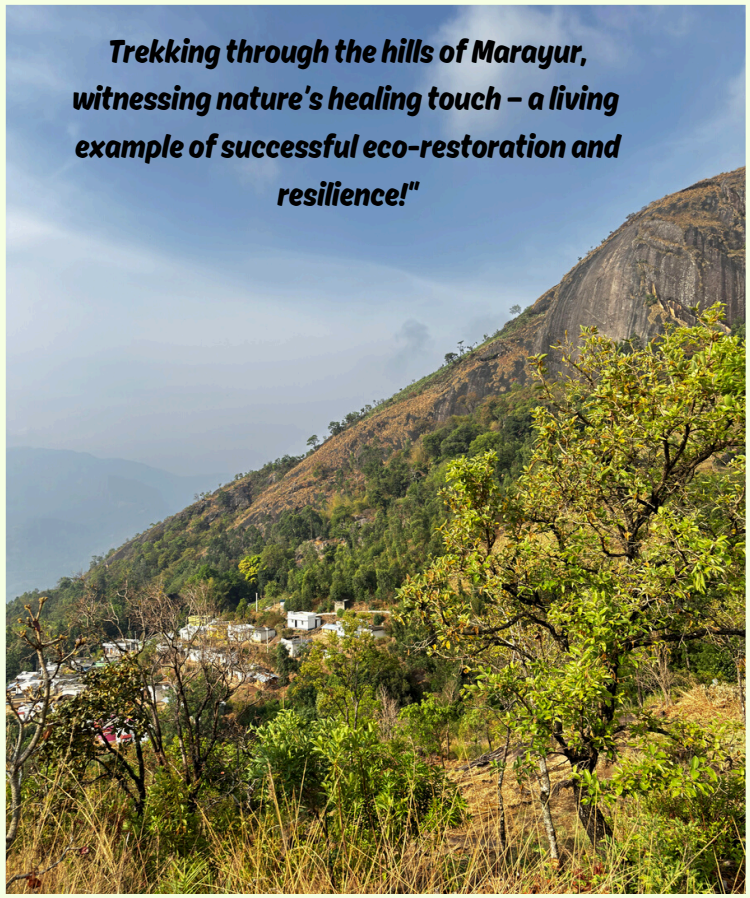
ERAVIKULAM







Eravikulam National Park – rolling green sholas and misty grasslands, home to the endangered Nilgiri Tahr and Neelakurinji which blooms once every 12 years."


Trekking through the hills of Marayur, witnessing nature's healing touch – a living example of successful eco-restoration and resilience!"





Did you know? Pampadum Shola is Kerala’s smallest national park, yet crucial for conserving shola ecosystems and endangered species like the Nilgiri marten







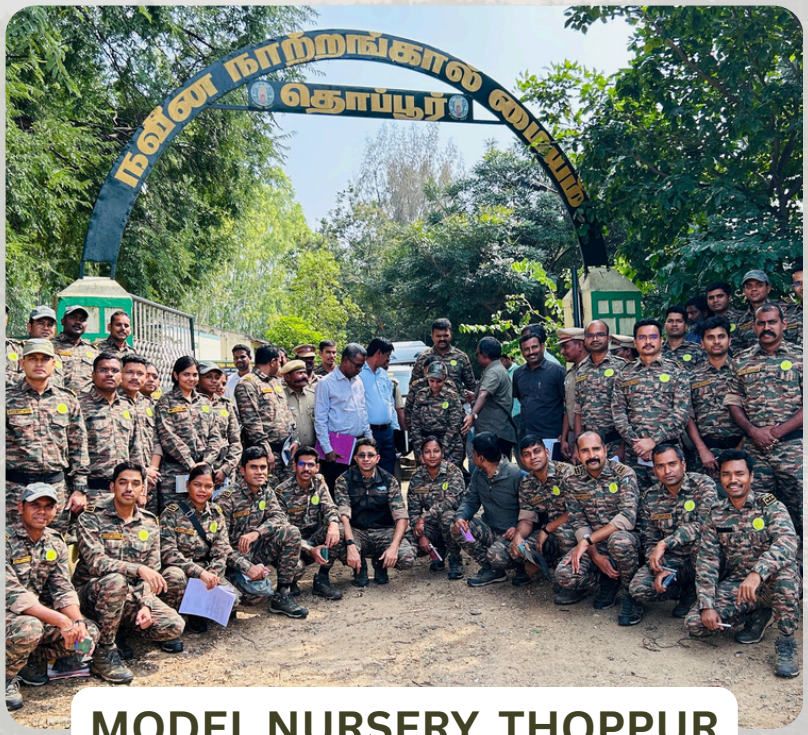
Rock Afforestation
KRISHNAGIRI







GROWMORE BIOTECH, HOSUR



MODEL NURSERY, THOPPUR

EXPLORING SOUTH INDIA

SOUTH INDIA TOUR I
14/07/24-04/08/24

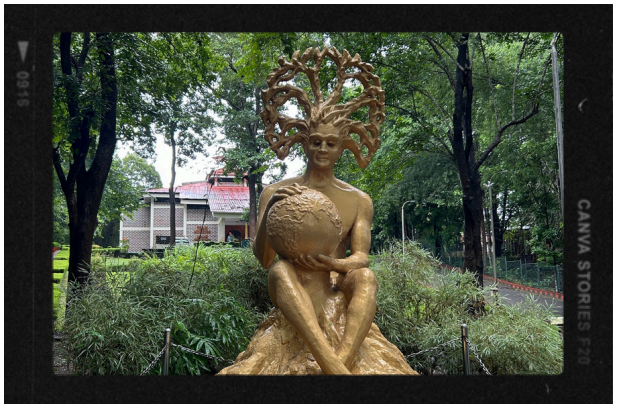
SOUTH INDIA TOUR II
16/09/24-26/09/24

SOUTH INDIA TOUR EXPLORED TAMIL NADU AND KERALA'S SHOLA FORESTS,
VAST GRASSHILLS, RENOWNED INSTITUTIONS,
DEVOTIONAL TEMPLES, DRAVIDIAN ARCHITECTURE,
PLEASANT CLIMATE AND VIBRANT
CULTURE — A LIVING CLASSROOM IN BIODIVERSITY,
HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP.

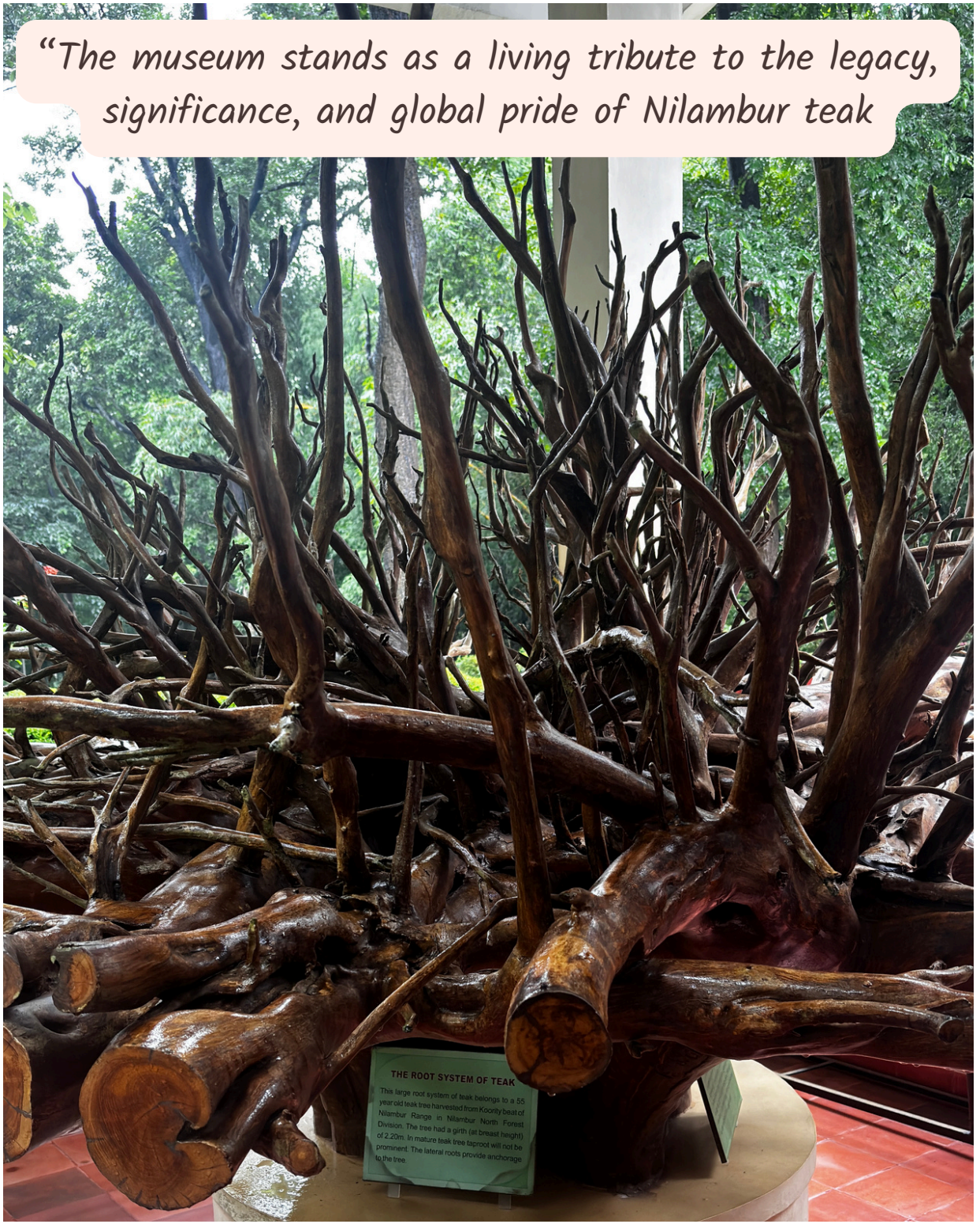








"The museum stands as a living tribute to the legacy, significance, and global pride of Nilambur teak



PRA and JFM remind us that true conservation is collective—when communities share responsibility and benefits, together we make forests flourish





IN KMTR, CONSERVATION IS NOT IMPOSED—IT IS LIVED WITH THE PEOPLE





Crowned best in MEE 2023, Periyar proves that effective planning, local partnership, and strict protection safeguard not only the tiger but the entire landscape



STANDING WHERE SWAMI VIVEKANANDA DREW STRENGTH TO AWAKEN THE NATION



PICHAVARAM - WHERE SILENCE, SALTWATER AND SUNLIGHT WEAVE NATURE'S CLASSROOM







POINT CALIMERE
(KODIKKARAI)
BLACKBUCK SANCTUARY

Where elegant blackbucks sprint across salt flats under endless skies

POINT CALIMERE'S SPRAWLING WETLANDS ARE A LIFELINE FOR MIGRATORY FLAMINGOS, SHOREBIRDS AND WATERFOWL, OFFERING CRITICAL FEEDING AND ROOSTING GROUNDS WHILE SHOWCASING THE IRREPLACEABLE ROLE OF INDIA'S COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS.



Jungle lodges & resorts





AT KALI TIGER RESERVE, THE MIGHTY RIVER MEETS RICH TIGER HABITAT, WHILE JLR'S ECO-TOURISM MODEL SHOWS HOW RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL CAN SUPPORT CONSERVATION, LOCAL LIVELIHOODS AND UNFORGETTABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

SNORKELLING THROUGH MANAULI'S CLEAR WATERS – A LIVING TEXTBOOK OF CORALS, SEA CUCUMBERS AND COUNTLESS REEF SPECIES.




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भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद

A JOURNEY THROUGH TAMIL NADU'S LIVING TEMPLES – HERITAGE MEETS DIVINITY







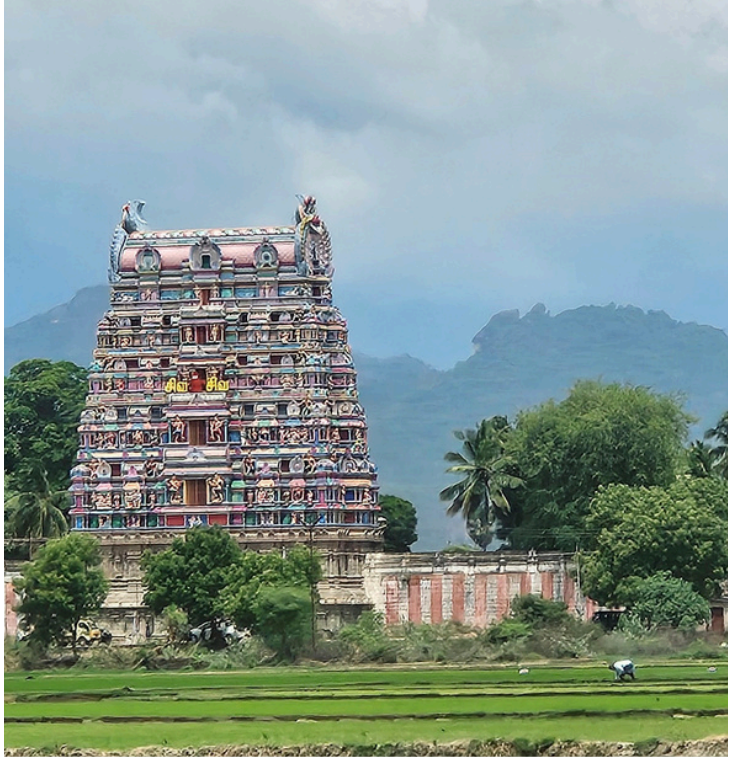






A mosaic of devotion, culture, and timeless beauty sculpted into breathtaking architecture.







From towering Murugan shrines to colourful Meenakshi gopurams, from sacred hills to the ocean's edge at Vivekananda Rock — a journey through South India's timeless temples of faith and heritage."







GURUVAYUR TEMPLE, MAHABALIPURAM SHORE TEMPLE, CHIDAMBARAM NATARAJA







PILGRIMAGE TO GURUVAYUR, MAHABALIPURAM AND CHIDAMBARAM REFLECTS DEVOTION, TIMELESS FAITH AND COSMIC LIBERATION—KRISHNA'S GRACE, SHORE TEMPLE'S ETERNITY AND NATARAJA'S DANCE UNITING SURRENDER, WONDER AND FREEDOM


The Journey
TO
EAST INDIA
09/10/24-25/10/24

KAZIRANGA





Kaziranga in Assam is the wild heart of India — home to the famous one-horned rhino, roaming elephants, swampy grasslands and dazzling birdlife, making every visit a living wildlife documentary."







"BIG FOUR" OF KAZIRANGA:

1. Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros – Rhinoceros unicornis
2. Asian Elephant – Elephas maximus indicus
3. Wild Water Buffalo – Bubalus arnee
4. Swamp Deer (Barasingha, Eastern subspecies) – Rucervus duvaucelii ranjitsinhi

FROM FIELDS TO FESTIVALS — THE DANCE OF ASSAM: WHEN EVERY STEP TELLS A STORY





BHUPEN HAZARIKA SETU — INDIA'S LONGEST RIVER BRIDGE OVER THE BRAHMAPUTRA, SEAMLESSLY CONNECTING ASSAM AND ARUNACHAL, JUST LIKE THE BARD'S SONGS CONNECTED HEARTS."

Dzukou Valley Trekking

“The trek of silence, bamboo whispers, and endless green horizons.”

Mist, meadows & miles of memories, Legs ache & hearts glow





Mawphlang Sacred Forest, protected
by the Khasi faith,
Where every stone, tree, and stream
is home to a spirit.
Nothing may be taken out — not
even a leaf, by ancient taboo,
A living shrine of nature, culture,
and timeless biodiversity.





The Living Root Bridge Mawlynnong

Bridges grown, not built — from the roots of Ficus elastica,
Living pathways woven by Khasi and Jaintia hands.
They grow stronger with age, cradled in mist and forest rain,
Symbols of harmony where nature and people walk as one.





Dawki (Umngot) River



Crystal waters where boats seem to fly,
Dawki flows like an emerald under the sky.

LAITLUM CANYONS





NATURE'S OWN AMPHITHEATRE LAITLUM TEACHES SILENCE LOUDER THAN WORDS.



STANDING UNDER 250 YEARS OF SHADE —
FEELING LIKE SEEDLINGS."



"From the tiniest moss to the tallest tree,
the Botanical Survey of India studies India's plant wealth.
It documents and conserves nature's heritage,
and builds knowledge for a sustainable future.
Every plant recorded is a step
towards protecting biodiversity and life."

NORTH INDIA



27/01/25-27/02/25

From Gujarat's salt pans to Rajasthan's dunes, Uttarakhand's forests to Himachal's snowy peaks, and
Mata Vaishno Devi's climb – our North India tour mixed wildlife, culture and altitude... plus countless cups of chai and priceless lessons in conservation



Narara Marine National Park reveals vibrant intertidal life, mangroves and corals, highlighting Gujarat’s unique coastal biodiversity and conservation importance





THE LITTLE RANN OF KACHCHH WILD ASS SANCTUARY PROTECTS THE LAST POPULATIONS OF ASIATIC WILD ASSES, ALONG WITH DESERT-ADAPTED FLORA AND FAUNA, SHOWCASING REMARKABLE RESILIENCE IN GUJARAT'S ARID LANDSCAPES







MIYAWAKI MAGIC IN THE HEART OF AHMEDABAD — CONSERVATION, SPEED, AND SUSTAINABILITY."





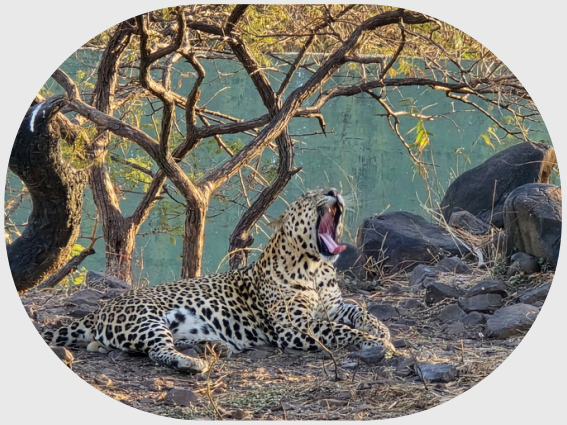
Sabarmati Riverfront transforms urban space into a sustainable, recreational and ecological corridor, while Sri Krishna Bridge connects communities, blending engineering excellence with scenic beauty and civic planning."



Gir,Forest-Where the last Asiatic lions rule & the king doesn't need a crown — just a golden mane and a royal stare











GIR FOREST, GUJARAT, IS THE LAST REFUGE OF THE ASIATIC LION, SHOWCASING SUCCESSFUL CONSERVATION EFFORTS, PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY, AND OFFERING A LIVING CLASSROOM IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND HABITAT PRESERVATION



Somnath Temple, first of the twelve Jyotirlingas, stands on Gujarat's coast as a symbol of resilience, rebuilt seven times, blending Chalukya architecture, deep spirituality and timeless grandeur beside the Arabian Sea

PADHARO MHARE DESH





UDAIPUR :-City Palace to Lake Pichola — a journey through Rajputana elegance, where palaces shimmer and heritage whispers timeless stories.

From Hawa Mahal's breezy windows to Jantar Mantar's cosmic calculations and City Palace's royal grandeur — Jaipur taught us history, science, and how to walk a lot in style









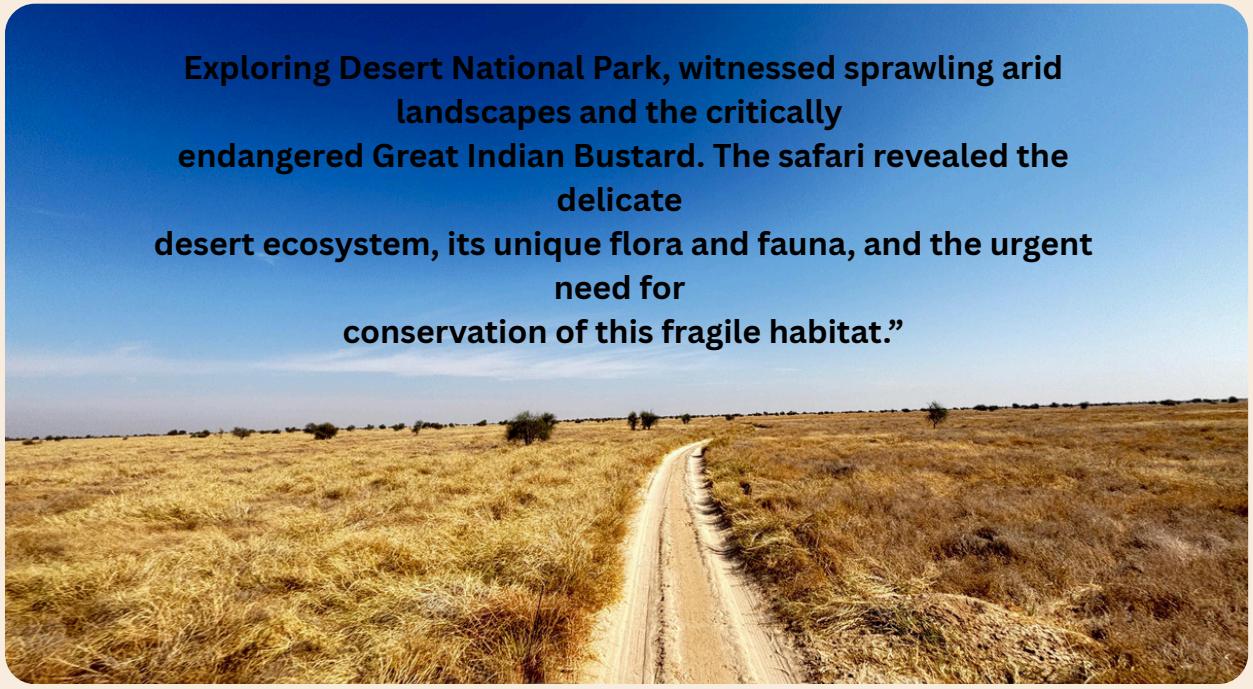
From Sajjangarh Fort, the sun dips behind Udaipur's hills as if attending a royal farewell. History, hills, and sunsets – all conspiring to give us sore necks and wide smiles







Exploring Desert National Park, witnessed sprawling arid landscapes and the critically
endangered Great Indian Bustard. The safari revealed the delicate
desert ecosystem, its unique flora and fauna, and the urgent need for
conservation of this fragile habitat.”





Visiting the Eiffel Tower in the evening and gazing at this awesome architecture is the best way to forget the stress after a hard day at work!







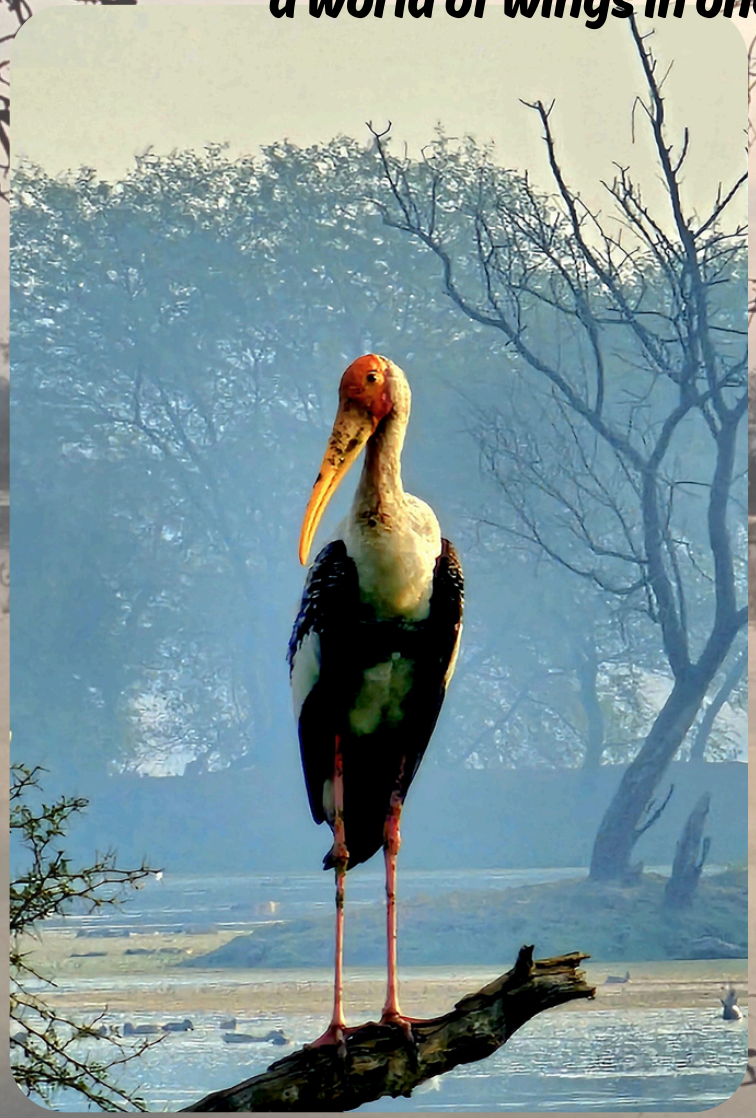
Did you know? This UNESCO World Heritage Site was once a royal duck-shooting reserve

before being turned into a wetland sanctuary.





From painted storks to Siberian visitors –
a world of wings in one wetland







AS THE SUN DIPPED BEHIND GOLDEN DUNES, WE SAVOURED RAJASTHAN'S FOLK MUSIC, DANCES AND SPICY THALIS – AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING BLENDING DESERT CULTURE, HOSPITALITY AND THE DAY'S WILDLIFE ADVENTURES









In Agra we finally stood before the Taj Mahal – a marble poem of love and symmetry, where history, art and selfies merge into one timeless frame











Chandigarh offered two lessons in one day — vibrant avian diversity at the Bird Park and Nek Chand's Rock Garden, where recycled scraps become art, proving creativity and conservation can thrive together.

Great Himalayan National Park :
where cold winds,
Bonfire and endless stories meet."



TIRTHAN VALLEY





DID YOU KNOW? THE RIVER IS NAMED AFTER "TIRTH" (PILGRIMAGE) BECAUSE OF THE MANY SACRED SITES ALONG ITS BANKS.





In India’s first national park, Jim Corbett, we traced conservation history and thrilled at a rare sighting of the majestic tiger — a living emblem of Project Tiger’s enduring success

Did you know? Dharamshala Cricket Stadium is the highest international cricket ground in the world, sitting at an altitude of around 1,457 meters (4,780 feet).







MAA VAISHNO DEVI

Nestled in the Trikuta Hills of Jammu, draws millions of pilgrims annually. The trek and shrine embody devotion, faith, and the spiritual heartbeat of India.

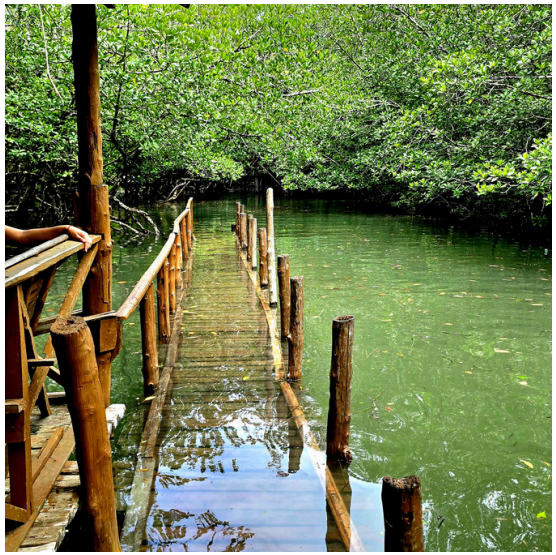


Driving through Atal Tunnel – a civil engineering marvel piercing the Pir Panjal, connecting people, cultures, and possibilities beneath the Himalayas

Did you know?
'Forester's Folly' in Himachal refers to large-scale clear felling of natural forests in the 1960s without proper regeneration, which led to massive soil erosion and became a classic cautionary lesson in forestry.









ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLAND

09/08/25-16/09/25

“ANDAMAN ISLANDS, AN INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO IN THE BAY OF BENGAL, HOLD RICH BIODIVERSITY,
INDIGENOUS CULTURES, PRISTINE BEACHES, MANGROVES AND CORAL REEFS, WITH A HISTORY OF COLONIAL SETTLEMENTS AND FREEDOM-STRUGGLE MEMORIES.”

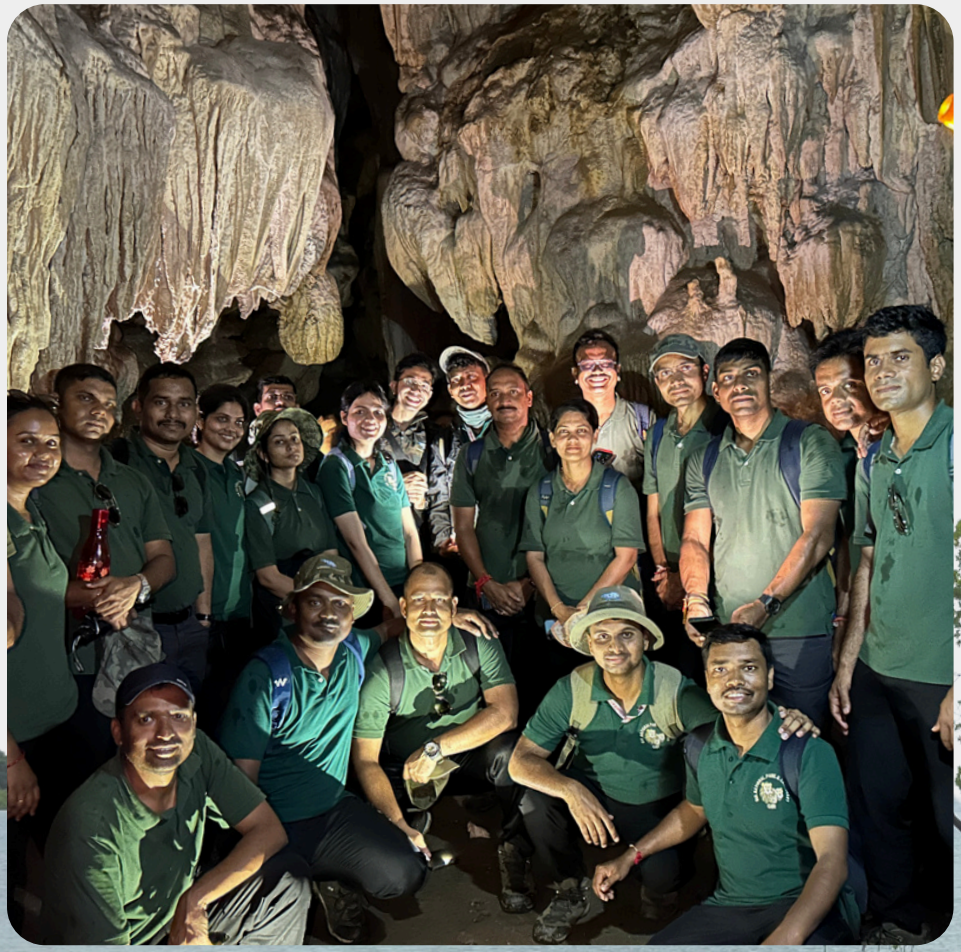


KALA PANI' TO A NATIONAL MEMORIAL – A JOURNEY OF PAIN TO PRIDE, WHERE EVERY CELL TELLS A STORY OF COURAGE AND SACRIFICE."

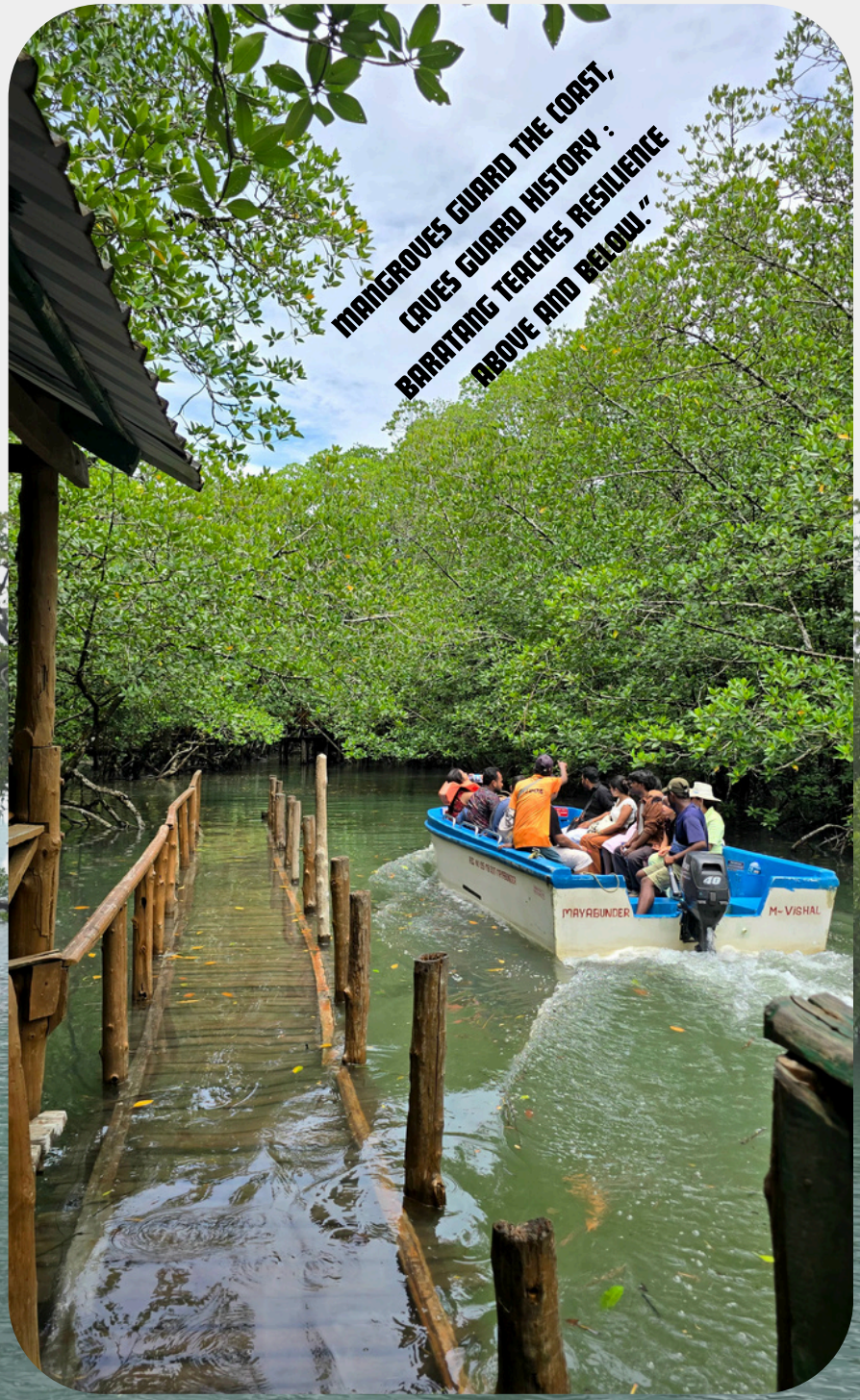


MUNDA PAHAD: CLIMBED THROUGH EMERALD FORESTS TO WHERE THE OCEAN MEETSTHE HORIZON






M.V.FRADAMTALA
KOLKATA


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CAVES GUARD HISTORY :
BARATANG TEACHES RESILIENCE
ABOVE AND BELOW."
MAYABUNDER
M- VISHAL



KALAPATHAR BEACH – BLACK ROCKS, BLUE WAVES
— A LIVING LESSON IN
CONTRASTS AND COASTAL BEAUTY



WHERE TURQUOISE WATER MEETS GOLDEN SAND – NATURE'S OWN MASTERPIECE




LEARNING SHORELINE DYNAMICS FROM NATURE AND
LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS FROM DR SARATH BABU




FROM VIBRANT CORAL GARDENS TO EARTH'S BUBBLING
MUD POTS — TWO FACES OF NATURE'S POWER




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A JOURNEY THROUGH SCIENCE, LEADERSHIP, HERITAGE AND WILDLIFE – ZSI, PCCF, CHATHAM MILL AND CHIDIYA TAPU BIOLOGICAL PARK





MANAGEMENT PLAN EXERCISE









CENTRAL INDIA Tour











LOHGARH FORT



SAHYADRI HILLS







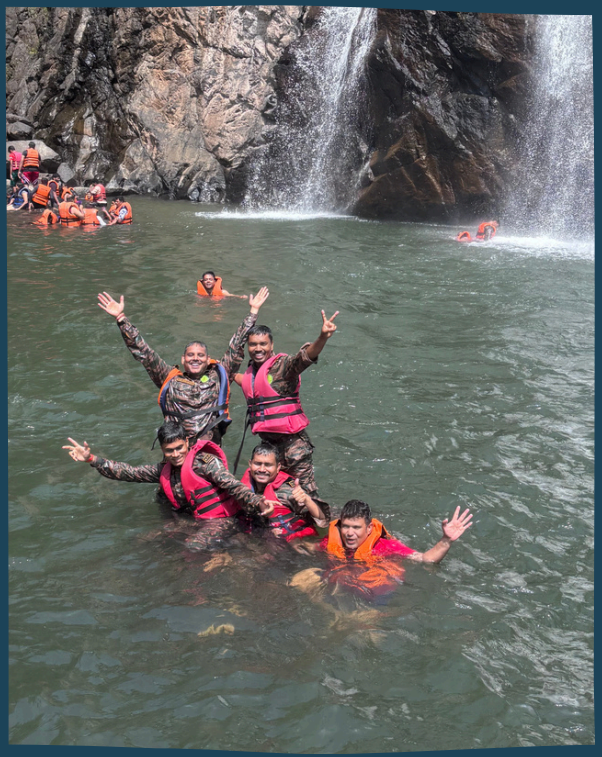
Did You Know? 🤔

Lohagarh Fort once stored the treasure Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj seized during his famous Surat campaign! 💰

From cinematic fame to natural grandeur – Dudhsagar Waterfalls, where Chennai Express met the wild beauty of Mollem!"













A remarkable journey blending learning, wildlife, and spirituality — from academic insights at IIFM Bhopal, to witnessing the majestic cheetah at Kuno National Park, and concluding with divine blessings at Mahakal Mandir, Ujjain."





WORKING PLAN EXERCISE



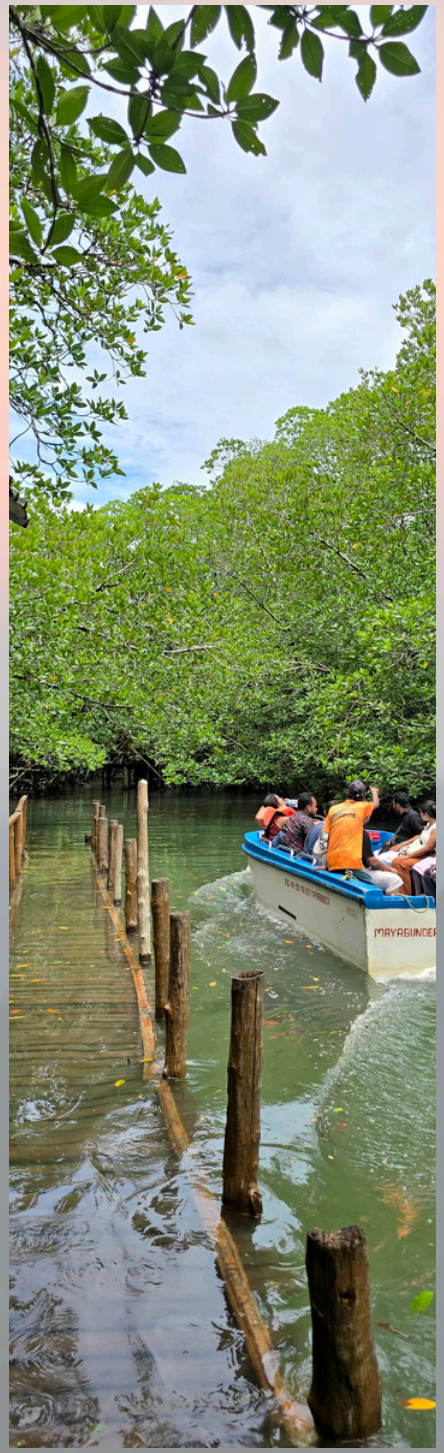






Learning the science of sustainable forest management through the Working Plan module – the 'Bible for Foresters' – and refreshing the spirit with adventurous river rafting session in the Kali River, Dharwad."















Collaborators



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KUBER CHARAN BARIHA – THE DESIGN WIZARD! WITH A SHARP EYE FOR DETAIL AND CREATIVITY THAT SHINES THROUGH, KUBER TRANSFORMS ORDINARY PAGES INTO VISUAL MASTERPIECES USING HIS SKILLS IN PHOTOSHOP AND LAYOUT DESIGN.





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