

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE) AND
CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

PRESENT: Dr. ANIL KUMAR BHARDWAJ, IFS

Sub: KF&WLD - Calving Season of Nilgiri Tahr – Closure of Eravikulam National Park – Orders issued.

Read : Letter No. A1-239/2018 dated 23.01.2018 of Field Director (PT), Kottayam.

Order No.WL4- 4878/2016 Dated 27..01..2018

As per reference cited, the Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam has reported the presence of new born calves in the tourism zone of Eravikulam National Park which indicates the beginning of calving season of Nilgiri Tahr in the Park. The visitation of the tourism zone is extremely high and this may become detrimental to the calving of Nilgiri Tahr and new born calves. As per the approved Management Plan (Chapter VII-Visitor Management-Para 7.3), it is prescribed to close the Park from **29th January to 31st March, 2018** depending on the beginning of calving period. The newly born Tahr kids are highly vulnerable to disturbances and the kind of human presence experienced at Rajamala, Eravikulam National Park would even affect their chances of survival.

In these circumstances, I, Anil Kumar Bhardwaj, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby order to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors from **29th January to 31st March, 2018.**


Dr. ANIL KUMAR BHARDWAJ, IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala.

Copy to:

1. The FD (PT), Kottayam for taking necessary action after giving notice.
2. The Wildlife Warden, Munnar for taking necessary action after giving notice. .
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) for uploading the order in the Website.
4. The Director, FIB for giving publicity through media.