

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
(WILD LIFE) & CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA.**

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Sub: Forest Department – Constitution of special team for ‘Kurinji’ flowering season 2018 in Munnar Wildlife Division and surrounds- Orders issued.

Read:

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The unique and spectacular flowering of Neelakurinji in the Munnar hills is expected to be in full blossom during August-October. Neelakurinji Bloom begins in Munnar, ending a 12 year's wait. It occurs in areas falling especially in Eravikulam National Park, Munnar Forest Division and also in some areas outside forests in Munnar mainly revenue purampoke. Lakhs of visitors are expected to visit Eravikulam National Park during the August to October period .When the flow of visitors increases, crowd management itself becomes a herculean task and the regular staff of the Eravikulam National Park will not be able attend to their regular duties. In order to coordinate and professionally manage activities for facilitating smooth visitation, service of a Special Team is necessary. Hence a Special Team headed by Working Plan Officer, Munnar is constituted for the above purpose and detailed as follows;

Deployment	Range Forest Officer	Section Forest Officers	Beat Forest Officers
15-08-2018 to 03-09-2018 & 24-10-2018 to 03-11-2018	Range Forest Officer-1 Working Plan, Munnar	Social Forestry, Idukki -1 Flying Squad, Idukki -1 Periyar East Division -1 Periyar West Division -1 Flying Squad, Kothamangalam-1	5 each from Periyar East, Periyar West and Kottayam Divisions

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04-09-2018 to 23-09-2018	Range Forest Officer, Mankulam	Idukki Wildlife Division-1 Social Forestry, Idukki -1 Kottayam Division-1 Periyar East Division-1 Periyar West Division -1	-Do-
24-09-2018 to 13-10-2018	Range Forest Officer, Flying Squad, Idukki	Flying Squad, Idukki-1 Flying Squad, Kothamangalam-1 Idukki Wildlife Division-1 Social Forestry, Idukki -1 Kottayam Division-1	
14-10-2018 to 23-10-2018	Social Forestry Range, Munnar	Social Forestry, Idukki -1 Flying Squad, Idukki-1 Periyar East Division-1 Periyar West Division-1 Flying Squad, Kothamangalam-1	

(Suitable officials under the categories of Section Forest officers and Beat Forest Officers shall be deputed by Chief Conservator of Forests (HRC), Kottayam)

The Special Team is in charge of the management of the visitors from the Park gate till they complete the visit and move out of the Park. They will also assist the regular staff in coordinating and supervising the following activities during the said period.

1. With the help of the Park staff deployed for this purpose, manage the visitors to Eravikulam National Park tourism zone and surrounds as required.
2. Enforcement against the illegal handling of Kurinji plant parts such as twigs/ plant /flowers etc.
3. Prevention of possible attempts of illegal trekking, entry of tourist into inviolate areas including reserve, sanctuary, and revenue land in and around Munnar.
4. Patrolling and protecting the stretches along the Munnar-Marayoor road , Meesapulimala and Kolukkumala roads and other vulnerable areas.
5. Facilitate and coordinate awareness about visitor management to staff and watchers who are deployed in the tourism zones.

6. Ensure coordinated action for removal of garbage and disposal of solid wastes in Protected Areas.
7. Ensure ban, sale and use of plastic carry bags and dumping plastics in and around forest.
8. Ensure the quality of food supplied through the eateries run by EDC/VSS and also ensure reasonable approved rates.
9. Prevent illicit brewing and cooking of food within the Protected Area/Forest area.
10. Preparedness for disaster management exigency by coordinating with staff and EDC/VSS members.
11. Support regular deployment of staffs for their assigned duties
12. Keep regular communication with the controlling officials and also record all important daily occurrences.

All officials who are deputed for the special duty in connection with the Kurinji season shall report before Wildlife Warden, Munnar and take orders for deployment and discharging the said duties as per dates indicated in the above deployment schedule.

Necessary conveyance along with drivers, communication facilities and office stationeries, accommodation etc for the Special Team shall be ensured by Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam through Wildlife Warden, Munnar and Divisional Forest Officer, Munnar. The leader of the Special team will report the events of the day to the Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam on every evening as soon as the Park is closed.

All officials must use the official mobile phones allotted to them.

The above orders are issued for strict compliance by all concerned.



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- 1 Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Animal Husbandry and Zoo for information
- 2 All Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests for favour of information.
- 3 Divisional Forest Officer, Munnar/Kottayam, Deputy Director ,Periyar East/West, Wildlife Warden, Munnar/ Idukki, Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad, Idukki/ Kothamangalam/ Divisional Forest Officer, Marayur/ Mankulam, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry, Idukki, Working Plan Officer, Munnar
- 4 Assistant Conservator of Forests (FMIS), Thiruvananthapuram for publication in the departmental website.
- 5 Stock File