

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

PRESENT: SURENDRA KUMAR IFS

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

Read: Letter No.E-10/2019 dated 07.01.2019 of Wildlife Warden, Munnar Wildlife Division.

ORDER NO. WL 4 – 4878/2016 Dated:16.01.2019

As per the letter read above, the Wildlife Warden (Munnar Wildlife Division) 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 for two months between January and March 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, Surendra Kumar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby order to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors from 21st January, 2019 to 21st March, 2019.

Sd/-

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)
& Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala**

Approved for Issue



Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)

Copy to:

1. Field Director (Project Tiger), Kottayam for taking necessary action after giving notice.
2. Wildlife Warden, Munnar for taking necessary action after giving notice.
- ✓ 3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FMIS) for uploading the order in the website.
4. The Director, FIB for giving publicity through media.