

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

Present : PRAMOD G. KRISHNAN IFS

- Sub:- Calving Season of Nilgiri Tahr – Closure of Eravikulam National Park – Orders issued.
- Ref:-
1. Letter No. KFWFDK/28/2025-CCFWL and FDPTR/A1 16/01/2025 of Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Director, Kottayam.
 2. Letter No. E-176/2025 dated 15/01/2025 of Wildlife Munnar.

ORDER NO: WL4-981/2025 **Dated 25-01-2025**

As per the reference cited 2nd above, the Wildlife Warden, Munnar has reported the first sighting of a newly born Nilgiri Tahr calf during the current year at Naikollimala slope above the tourism zone of Eravikulam National Park. The presence of new born calves in the tourism zone of Eravikulam National Park indicates the beginning of calving season of Nilgiri Tahr in the Park.

The newly born Tahr calves are highly vulnerable to disturbance and human presence experienced at Rajamala through tourism may even affect their chances of survival. As per the approved Management Plan (Visitor Management-Para 7.4), it is prescribed to close the Park for a period of two months in February and March depending on the beginning of the calving season with prior intimation. Hence the Wildlife Warden, Munnar and the Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Field Director, Kottayam has recommended to close the National Park for visitors for two months (1st February 2025 to 31st March 2025) as stipulated in the approved Management Plan.

In these circumstances, I, Pramod G. Krishnan IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby order to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors from **1st February 2025 to 31st March 2025.**

Signed by

Pramod G Krishnan

Date: 25-01-2025 17:16:02

ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala



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1. The CCF (WL) & FD, Kottayam for taking necessary action after giving notice.
2. The Wildlife Warden, Munnar, for taking necessary action after giving notice.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (IT) for uploading the order in the website.
4. The Director, FIB for giving publicity through media.