

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

PRESENT: GANGA SINGH IFS

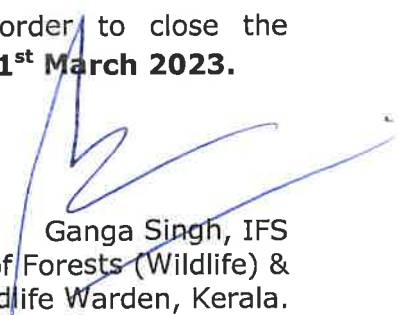
Sub: KF&WLD - Calving Season of Nilgiri Tahr – Closure of Eravikulam National Park – Orders issued.

Read : Letter No. KFWFDK/44/2023-CCFWL and FDPTR/A1 dated 24.01.2023 of CCF (WL) & FD, Kottayam.

Order No.WL4-547/23 Dated 25.01.2023

As per reference cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Field Director, 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 7 -Visitor Management-Para 7.3), it is prescribed to close the Park for a period of two months in February and March depending on the beginning of the calving with a prior intimation. The newly born Tahr kids are highly vulnerable to the disturbances and the kind of human presence experienced at Rajamala, Eravikulam National Park would even affect their chances of survival.

In these circumstances, I, Ganga Singh, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby order to close the Eravikulam National Park for visitors from **1st February to 31st March 2023.**


Ganga Singh, IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala.

Copy to:

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.

