



## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2019



**LEFT: Surfing lessons on Kovalam Beach**

**RIGHT: With Park Rangers in Gavi eco zone Periyar**

It has been a racy and exhilarating period, frenetic with activity from the start of the new year until the Indian spring leading upto Holi, the festival of colors which is upon us at the time of writing.

October saw Lord and Lady Baldry visit from the UK, travelling to Kerala, Gods Own Country as the Keralites are fond of saying.

This was followed a number of other couples variously from the US, UK also visit India, variously on tours of India's Golden Triangle and the tropical delights of southern India.

Early this month, two key American Institutions, both longstanding patrons of ours, travelled with us once again.

The American Embassy School New Delhi, went on one of their annual minicourses, this time to Kerala, and the first time they ever forayed so far from home base. The trip was uniquely constructed to begin with surfing lessons at Kovalam, a tropical mountain journey into the highlands to Thekkady, then even higher to the hill tea estates of Munnar which is also home to the Nilgiri Tahr a unique mountain goat, and then back down to the coast through most scenic landscape, upto Cochin.





## VIGNETTES:



Driving into Gavi



Boating on Gavi lake



On Gavi Lake



The forests hold medicinal and spice trees and plants of numerous types



From Thekkady ascend to the heights of Munnar (ABOVE LEFT), before descending towards the coast again via lush forest (ABOVE RIGHT)





## VIGNETTES:

...verger enter for the grant of the property called Kanan Thev  
 payment and obtains from the Raja the first Pooniat Concession

- > **Year 1878:** Intensive exploration of the land acquired by Munro in the guidance of H. Gribble Turner of the Madras Civil Service and A. W. Turner. Lands are offered for cultivation and a nucleus laid from the plains of Tamil Nadu to start a cinchona plantation at the Devikulam Estate.
- > **Year 1879:** Munro obtains the second Pooniat Concession. The Land Planting and Agricultural Society are founded to which lands are conveyed.
- > **Soon...**tracts are opened in the Hills in Cinchona and Sisal.
- > **Year 1880:** The first tea is planted in Parvathi Estate (a part of the Devikulam Estate) by A.H. Sharp.
- > **Year 1886:** An expedition in 1886 to the foothills by a new route from Top Station in Chittavurral to Korangani is made in search of a connection is forged with the famous Suppan Chetty to send up head-loads of cinchona bark. Thus a new chapter in trade opens and the path serves as the path for a ropeway.
- > **Soon...**bridle paths spread in various directions are made. Paddy fields and bullocks carrying up rice and taking the hill produce down become common in the Hills.
- > **Year 1888:** The Kanan Devan Planters Association is formed.



ABOVE: The Tea Museum in Munnar depicts a unique history



Enroute from Munnar to Cochin we saw a textile showroom with this spindle machine. (LEFT)  
 And also this beautiful waterfall (CENTER)



## VIGNETTES:



**LEFT:** The Church where Portuguese explorer Vasco Da Gama's body was brought for burial from Goa, before being exhumed and taken back to Lison by his son 14 years later.



The trip was a great success and we look forward to a repeat next year.



## CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE GROUP

Concurrent to the above trip, Champlain College, Vermont came on a history and cultural insight study tour. Two years ago, Dr Gary Scudder the inspiration behind this, asked us to develop a Ramayana Tour.

This year the theme was Dar E Salaam. India's iconic muslim holy sites as well as seats of learning and architectural sites were the highlight. In between the sophomores learnt about India's craze for cricket!

The trip began with a trip to the unique Jamia Millia University which has ancient texts from the 12th century belonging to not only Islam, but also Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism.

The trip concluded with a visit to the burial site of the Sufi Saint of Ajmer Sharif and the large gathering of the faithful did not put off our visitors who were enthralled by it all.



The Champlain Group at Jamia Millia University

We look forward once again to a repeat of a related theme in 2020. Other couples visited Kerala, the Spashram Retreat and other venues in northern India.

For the summer TigerPaws is conducting Himalayan treks in Himachal Pradesh, as well as overlanders once again in India's north east.



In February, we participated in the Pacific Area Travel Agents Association International meet which had the Responsible Tourism Theme. Our credentials in this sphere were visible for all to see.

TigerPaws was presented a certificate of recognition by the local press (see below) . It has also recently launched an online travel skills portal (AEII-SEAT) with emphasis on its unique skills.



InderJit Singh with President of PATA Mr. Mario Hardy (CENTER)

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Satyendra Kumar Tiwari is Tiger Paw's guide at Bandhavgarh National Park. Not only is Satyendra one of India's most reputed wildlife naturalist guides but he is also a specialist photographer. **Satyendra** is an authority on tiger to the degree that he is on the Government board of the National Tiger Conservation Project and needs to be mandatorily present for any translocations, radio collaring, post mortems and such.

Satyendra runs, along with his wife Kay Hassall, a modest but perfectly functional guest lodge.

### YOUR GUIDE IN KANHA:

**Mr. Jeswin Kingsly D is your guide in Kanha, he is the head naturalist at Kipling Camp.**

Jeswin worked with WWF India as field assistant in Tiger project and in Elephant conflict mitigation project | Tiger trapping operation in Enbagur, Karnataka in the year 2014 on field placing trapping cage in which tiger got caught the next day | Man eater monitoring operation in Dhotabetta, Ooty in theyear2014 | Rescue of 40 wild boars from well in Karamadai in 2015 | 40 days of elephant drive operation along with forest department during elephant Refreshment camp 2016 | Participated in wildlife census 2016 NES thengumarada and also animal, bird census Mettupalayam 2016

### CURRENT TIGER POPULATION

Wildlife Parks	Tiger Population
Tadoba	88 - 95
Pench	86 - 90
Kanha	118-125
Bandhavgarh	95 - 105
Ranthambore	70-75



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