

# Palni Hills Conservation Council

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2023-2024

*Kodai Lake in Winter*





◆ PHCC Products: Organic Honey, Smokeless Candles, Cosmetics, Pickles, Organic Turmeric.



◆ PHCC Village Students Workshop - Gardening & Apiary Training Honey Collection

# Palni Hills Conservation Council

## The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2023 - 2024

### Introduction



**“Children of the Planet, Awake!”** Sounds like a “superior being” in some scripture talking. It is not anyone else, though, but environmental biologists and other climate scientists sounding the alarm. And the “Children” they must be addressing are not just the hoi polloi, the Everyman, but Leaders of Commerce and Governance who every single day we wait for to get their heads and hearts around the fact that we are in an emergency if *not end of an era* of normality.

**Today the “new normal”** – in weather patterns and resource management is, by all past standards, abnormal. And it is the *end of an era* due to an overheated engine called civilisation, even what industrialisation and commerce out of technology has wrought; our failure ecologically is in our amazing success at *pushing back* at Nature – at controlling disease and pestilence – and saving ourselves from the labour that so weighed us down in former ages: which freighted those who did the work while the comfortable classes laid back and watched. This has not changed and only upped the ante where the wealth disparity is like no-where in the history of the world: now in these relatively enlightened times, where we are more educated than ever before, and to what end? – Our success is our failure. Already fifty years ago we were reading about the “population bomb”

that concerned those who bother to think about the future of the Planet that we were compared to weevils that take over a sack of flour and eat and eat and evacuate their processes of metabolism until poisoned by? Their own abundance!

**When the world** looks to America for leadership we are entering a period amidst corporate 'green-washing' – where, even worse, a coming administration could be hostile to essential efforts to combat climate change. The responsibility is going to fall to activists and lawyers and local groups. For example, 'EarthJustice' puts together a Rapid Response Legal Fund which we can only hope makes a difference starting from there. EarthJustice has more than 200 of the best environmental lawyers in the US. They have won 1000 + cases and are the legal backbone of the environmental movement. We need this effort in India.

**Positive news is good news.** Rather than burying our head like the ostrich in the sand, we need to ask what else can we do? I) Break free from the "forever plastics" that parallel our dominance on Earth. II) Support positive Solid Waste Management practices. III) Practice water conservation to get ready for a coming crisis over lack of this precious resource. PHCC works with women's empowerment in Farmer and Tribal communities to cultivate conservation sensitivity to "wild water" – supporting rural solid-waste management – while rebuilding and desilting springs, replanting with marsh species from PHCC marsh nurseries and all-in-all protecting local wetlands, precious for the future of the Hills and Plains communities and wildlife.

**IV) Plant a tree.** PHCC sustains not-for-profit native tree nurseries with stock of saplings adequate for distribution to farmers, estate planters and protected lands and funded planting for on average 50,000 native saplings a year in micro-forestry of the Green Belt to conserve precipitation run off and establish climate change mitigating microclimates around the Palani Hills. We are proud to say the latest survival rate of funded planting is 70 - 80%.



**V) Protect the grasslands.** PHCC has made efforts to safeguard existing grasslands and revive those buried under the exogenous (exotic plantation) species of wattle, pine, and eucalyptus spreading out of control. Revive the grasslands. It is up to the Forest Department to execute these plans and/or support NGOs to implement them. The grasslands are a vital habitat for hundreds of species of flora and indigenous mammals, birds, insects, amphibians and lizard species who have been in these hills for many millions of years. IISER in cooperation with PHCC and INTACH documentation shows that in a few short decades (1975 to Present) we have pushed these ancient inhabitants to the literal edge: with the last surviving grasslands struggling to hold on around the periphery of this plateau. Pushing back on the wattle etc., and reviving the grasslands as a foundation for wildlife and human life for the salvation of this vital watershed should be an efforts on a war footing. While grasslands are great absorber of the heat that we are producing in the bioform of carbon dioxide, not only are the grasslands a carbon sink they capture the moisture of the mist in their tubules and channel the mist back to the soil which forms the precipitation sink as a resource for the watershed that feeds the Plains.

**Caught between fear and trust:** the vulnerability of our ecology ought to be a wake-up call to live our best lives, be kind to those who cannot defend themselves and take care of the fauna and flora, animals and plants that share our earthly home, for our own best interests in the end. – Is it so big we cannot see it?. The weather tells us it is so. Climate deniers with a short term selfish agenda or those bamboozled by propaganda funded by oligarch vested-interests – must bear up to the truth: we are weevils in a bag of flour.

**On a local level.** A star hotel complex in Kodaikanal above the Kodai Lake has camouflaged their sewage pipe by having a false bison board wall in front of the existing compound wall. Hence it is difficult to see the pipe coming out from the upper portion



of the compound wall. The pipe line extends up to the culvert and the sewage water flowed underneath the culvert. Very ingenious. It took PHCC a few hours to work out what how they had done, and had photographed everything pre-COVID. This is in the Bombay Shola watershed where sewage and grey water finally reaches the Lake which is a reservoir for Palani Town. This only compounds the Lake's problems of marshland incursion, eutrophication and pesticide run off. When we were doing a bird survey in that area, almost a year ago, the place smelled of the sewage/dirty water effluents. Much before COVID Lockdowns, we showed photos to the hotel management of the sewage water coming onto the road. Though denying it, they soon took action to halt the flow. It looks like they are at it again. In the 2000s itself when La Providence was being sold to a hotel chain, PHCC objected strongly on these very same grounds that sewage would lead to the Lake and though the sale went through, no hotel came up. In later years, surreptitiously and quietly, the property changed hands to another powerful hotel chain who were obviously able to buy their way to getting all clearances and the hotel became a fait accompli before environmentalists could do anything.

**A “Mass Furore”** will probably get the authorities to act. – Since it's on TV, the hotel owners etc would surely act to remedy this. Before the hotel was built, INTACH spoke with the architects at the UCCK office to ensure they preserved the original building and also not to build their STP near the road but on the top of the hill. This would mean that if they let out raw sewage, it would pass through the hotel before entering Bombay Shola and cause a BIG STINK in their hotel!

One wonders if a way has been found to bypass this. On top of effluent obliviousness bore wells are being sunk indiscriminately around Kodaikanal town and the environs. These are illegal as the water table in the Hills is very vulnerable. Many individuals and groups like PHCC, INTACH and UCCK are doing their utmost



to lobby, report and curb all such anti-ecological and anti-civilisation practices.

**PHCC is investing** in Wild Foods Research and teaming up with the NTFP Collective to increase our knowledge and practical base around **Non-Timber Forest Products** and their preservation. NTFP engagement is one more human-interactive key to paying attention to the forest vitality. **PHCC encourages** more Tree Nurseries to be established and gives training in tree nursery Set-Up & Management to NGOs, public-minded organisations and public institutions. The establishment of native tree nurseries plays a crucial role in environmental conservation and sustainable development and they are important for several reasons.

I) Biodiversity Conservation: They help preserve native plant species, which are essential for maintaining local ecosystems and promoting biodiversity. II) Reforestation Efforts: with deforestation and habitat loss, nurseries provide a reliable source of saplings for reforestation projects, aiding in the recovery of degraded lands. III) Climate Change Mitigation: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and help combat climate change. By growing saplings, nurseries contribute to carbon sequestration efforts. Trees hold the cool of their shade in the soil and contribute to organic life around, no matter the coming conditions. The many-layered aspects of tree-life from shade delivery to soil interaction support wildlife in regulating the ecosystem and its services through rewilding.

We point out that regeneration of above-soil animals and subsoil microbial life links with wild foods and direct engagement by locals to improve the sensitive economy with enhanced forest-based livelihood options. IV) Endangered climbers (long living vines) for vertical fauna corridors and for pharmacological and wild foods research are absent in forestation programs and to be corrected by Climber Nursery. V) Community Engagement: PHCC Tree, Marsh, Climber and Medicinal Plants Nurseries serve



as educational hubs, promoting awareness on environmental conservation involving local communities in planting and climate crisis mitigation initiatives.

**Report for the 39th year** of functioning of the Palni Hills Conservation Council. The Executive Committee met twelve

<b>Emeritus President</b>	Mr M S Viraraghavan
<b>President</b>	Mr Mark Antrobus
<b>Vice President</b>	Mr Madhu Ramnath (Projects)
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr Ramji Srinivasan
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr Sankar Chatterjee
<b>Executive Committee Members</b>	Ms Pippa Mukherjee   Mr George Roshan   Mr G Bala   Ms Iiti Maloney   Mr Aftab Ahmed   Ms Krishna Bauer   Ms Elly Ramnath   Ms Ameetha Chatterjee

PHCC mourns the Passing on December 20th 2023, of tireless Environmentalist, Rose Specialist and Founder - Member of PHCC: M. S. Viraraghavan IAS. - "Veeru" will be sorely missed.

<b>Membership details</b>	Life and Annual: 151
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# Upper Hill PHCC Activities

2000 m / 6000 ft

**PHCC KODAIKANAL LAKE.** A UK volunteer on a study tour performed a full water testing in selected areas during the Summer Monsoon (July-August) of 2023. Based on PHCC archives dating back to the 1980s she found increased pollution potential. This would have originated from none other than human land use patterns, like domestic and commercial uncontrolled sewage, grey (phosphates) water and pesticide use in small holdings. Kodaikanal has enjoyed yet another reprieve with strong late rains and the Lake quite full. PHCC and engaged citizens are working with authorities on solutions to protect this tourist attraction that doubles as a reservoir to Palani Taluka. **Kodaikanal waters** feed the Plains. PHCC supports tests on the outflow at lower elevations in addition to high-elevation Lake and Gymkhana marsh vulnerable to commercial establishments and residences in the micro-watershed to the West.

## Report of PHCC Centres Upper Hills Nurseries

2000 m / 6000 ft

**PHCC Upper Hills Nursery** during the 39th year at Pallangi raised and distributed saplings of **3230** numbers of thirty (30) varieties in sholai indigenous, avian and insect pollinator support, ornamental, and orchard fruit species to local villagers, farmers, residents and institutions. During 2023-2024 the Upper Hills Nursery maintained a stock of more than **9325** saplings. PHCC thanks as always members and well-wishers who volunteer or support by direct funding this vital ongoing project of native tree propagation in tune with Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change of greening up the country.

**The Tamil Nadu Forest Department** Kodaikanal District Forest Officer received PHCCs Grassland Restoration Proposal with thanks and we hope to see its implementation in the not-too distant



future. As always, the Department expressed its appreciation for our contribution of support in its wattle replacement / grasslands restoration program.

**PHCC Project Team** around rare and endangered flora conducted a Research Survey in 2022-23 using GPS marking with monthly monitoring of each stage of tree and shrub flowering, seed production, leaf shooting etc. We identified the “rarest tree in the world” *Elaeocarpus blascoi*, along with *Elaeocarpus munronii* as the most endangered flora in the Palni Hills and in particular at the Kodaikanal Shola Region. In 2023 we collected around 200g tree seed. From 2022 to 2024 out of around 500 of such rare seeds cultivated in our tree nursery only 20 or so were viable showing what a struggle it is for these unique species in the wild. To effectuate *E. blascoi* and *E. munronii* seed germination takes great care and these efforts are continuing into the future. One such rare sapling of *E. blascoi* was carried on a hike by PHCC members and planted at the temple in the remote mountain village of Vellaigavi in memory of our late Emeritus President M. S. Viraraghavan. Other varieties of Rare-Endangered-Threatened (RET) flora are sought out through the Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) Net-work.

**Pallangi Tree Centre** supported by PHCC Founding Member Ms Pippa Mukherjee maintains three colonies of *Apis cerana indica* in Newton hives for demonstration and observation of conditions in bee life. The area is a high pesticide agricultural community, and the heavy rains meant the bees stayed close to the hive. It is up to the consumer to demand organic produce. Pallangi Nursery remains a useful and productive tree base for locals living in the villages around constantly stocked with plant cuttings of shrubs and trees grown in Ms Pippa Mukherjee’s Garden.

**Nursery Staff:** Supervisor, Mr S Antony. Ms Pothumponnu.



# Middle Hills Centres

1000 m / 3000 ft

## Adukkam Resource Centre Native Trees & Marshland Nursery

**PHCC Adukkam Centre** is located in Adukkam village of the Palani Hills 25km from Kodaikanal at an altitude of 900-1100 m in a coffee estate with subtropical vegetation. The Centre hosts a nursery of useful native plants and native trees including rare and endangered (RET) arboreal species for canopy bridging and climber access in the vital middle altitude propagation set in a sur-rounding forest wild-food and marshland species nursery.

### WATER TESTING AND RESULTS PUBLICITY

**The PHCC Spring Conservation** Project conducts monthly water testing across fourteen parameters at thirteen major springs. PHCC posts these results nearby the springs in order to engage the public and to deepen community engagement in preserving these vital natural resources. What emerges based on testing results is lowering of pollution in rainy months and higher pollution in summer months due to agricultural pesticide residue and open defecation near springs. PHCC Spring Conservation team's efforts at publicising results raised awareness for activists about herbicides, pesticides and farm waste and has increasingly discouraged their sullyng by tourists and communities.

### MARSH AND TREE NURSERIES

**PHCC Spring Conservation** Project maintains an inventory of around eight thousand (8000) plants in tree and marshland nurseries with twelve (12) species of aquatic flora. Main activities include general spring restoration, village meetings, and water resource discussions between farmer and planter communities. Other activities include health and hygiene awareness promotion, gender equality advancement, and children's value-education promotion. Outreach species for spring and marsh replanting comprise *Acorus sp.*, Marsh mint, Wild ginger, *Vetiver*, *Galangal*,



*Juncus sp., Cana*, etc. Plans are afoot to create an RET Forest Climber Nursery.

**Nursery Staff:** Mr M. Sheriff, Mr S. Antony, Ms. Geetha



## **Patlankadu - Thandikudi Resource Centre & Marshland Nursery**

**PHCC recognized** the need for a sustainable approach to environmental conservation in the village of Patlankadu. To address this need, PHCC selected a suitable site for a new nursery and the Patlankadu Spring Restoration Project was established with water testing awareness and other conservation meetings ongoing with the community.

Careful consideration was given to environmental conditions, accessibility and the potential for community involvement. We chose a variety of native seeds to ensure that saplings produced would thrive in the local ecosystem and support biodiversity. PHCC implemented sustainable cultivation practices, focusing on organic methods to promote healthy growth and minimize environmental impact. The PHCC Nursery is to engage local residents by offering educational workshops on tree planting and care in order to foster a sense of stewardship for the environment. The nursery encourages more people to participate in tree planting, enhancing the community's role in conservation efforts. Through these initiatives, the nursery established by PHCC through the kind support of an individual donor not only aims to enhance the local environment but also to empower the community to take an active role in preserving their natural heritage.

**PHCC regularly** conducts training programs for government school students and adults focusing on the maintenance of water springs and the importance of sustainable gardening. This initiative is aimed to empower students and residents with practical knowledge and skills to promote environmental management in the community. One training takes place at the





◆ PHCC Women and Water Community meeting Adukkam



◆ PHCC Water Testing Internship



◆ Tribal Community Tuber & Bulbs Meeting



◆ Rare-Endangered -  
*Eleocharis munronii*



◆ *Viburnum cylindricum*  
Germination



PHCC Beekeepers Collection Tour



Wild Bee Hive formation



PHCC Green Belt Tree planting



PHCC Green Belt Planting



Green Belt Native Tree - Nine Months.



📍 Adukkam Native Tree Nursery



📍 PHCC Internship - Fr Matthew Centre



◆ PHCC planted (1990) Endangered *Ratufa macroura* Grizzled Giant Squirrel habitat. Kuthiraiyar Nursery.



◆ Kuthiraiyar Nursery Office



◆ Local Students at Restored Spring



◆ Broken Spring



◆ Restored Spring w Testing Results



◆ Patlankadu Project Donor Meeting



◆ Cinereous Tit



◆ Vernal Hanging Parrot  
with *Gmelina* sp

Bhoothapandi Temple Water Spring where participants learn about the role of water springs in local ecosystems. As part of the program, various spring water samples are collected and tested in the presence of the students, providing them with hands-on experience in water quality assessment. In addition to the training, PHCC distributes saplings to each student. With increasing deforestation and habitat loss, nurseries provide a reliable source of saplings for reforestation projects, aiding in the recovery of degraded lands. Again, trees absorb carbon dioxide and help combat climate change. By growing saplings, nurseries contribute to carbon sequestration efforts.

**As a gesture of support** for the Government School, PHCC removed the damaged drinking water tank, facilitating the installation of a new one. This improvement ensures that students have access to clean drinking water. Through this training program, PHCC is enhancing the knowledge of students and strengthening community commitment to sustainable practices and environmental conservation.

**Nursery Staff:** M. Kariyamal, Ms. Rasathi, Ms. Vijaya Shanthi



## Plains Centres Activities

Sea Level

### **Father K M Mathew Environment Centre Genguvarpatti / Kamakapatti Law's Ghat Road**

**In our 39th year PHCC** has made significant achievements in biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods, and environmental awareness in the Palani Hills and no less in the foothills at Father K M Mathew Environment Centre and Nursery. Key initiatives include Tribal Community workshops, training programs, internships, and community engagement to promote leadership in ecological sustainability and all-around empowerment of the community.



**PHCC Capacity-Building Programs:** NTFP-EP Program in July 2023 PHCC trained thirty (30) participants from Odisha, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Tamil Nadu in a three-day program around Wild seed collection, Seedbed preparation, transplanting, grafting and Plantation techniques. This program promoted cross-state knowledge sharing and collaboration.

**PHCC Community Workshops:** A Wild-food workshop for the local Tribal Community in May 2023 engaged forty (40) participants from PHCC's operational areas, emphasizing livelihood improvements, dietary habits, and sustainable agricultural practices. A local Farmer Community workshop on wild food, held in December 2023, brought together thirty (30) participants from farming villages of Dindigul Dt. Discussions focused on Wild foods, and indigenous Yam cultivation techniques including Nutritional and Sustainable Benefits of Native Yam preservation and cultivation.

**PHCC Internships:** Students from Krishna College of Agriculture and Technology, Usilampatti; Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam; and IFIM College, Bangalore participated in hands-on internships. They gained insights into Tree Nursery and Arboretum management, Beekeeping apiary practices, Biodiversity conservation, and Environmental issues in South India.

**PHCC Environmental Awareness and Education:** A one-day training session for 60 MSW students from PMP College, Usilampatti, emphasized Nursery techniques and Environmental protection.

**PHCC Micro-Forestry** and Green Belt afforestation: has distributed 50,000 saplings from its nurseries (incl. Father Matthew) to date under the **One Tree Planted Program**, achieving an 80% survival rate. PHCC continues to lead efforts in biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods, and environmental education. Through active engagement with communities, educational institutions, and stakeholders, PHCC remains committed to harmonious coexistence between humans and Nature. The milestones



achieved during 2023-2024 underscore PHCC's dedication to creating a sustainable and resilient environment for future generations.

**Nursery Staff:** Mr R.Jeyaram Ms Selviswari.



## **Viruveedu Tree and Beekeeping Centre Viruveedu, Vaigai Basin, Batlagundu**

**PHCC Viruveedu Tree and Beekeeping Centre** was reopened last year with top bar hives for bee propagation to increase colonies and vitalise pollination in the area. The groundwater situation is good and the well serves a thriving micro-forest at Viruveedu. The micro-forest is looking healthy with extra precautions put on around fencing and watering. Of the tree sapling stocks a total of **13000** native (hardwood) and fruiting trees was planted by PHCC in protected farming areas in Anaipatti, Semmedupatti, Valayapatti, and surrounding Viruveedu. The micro-forest trees have a high survival rate, are well tended to, and looking great.

Honey collection and processing from the surrounding area is ongoing with on average two to three hundred kilos purchased for sales at Fr Matthew Centre. **The micro-forest saplings** are of good size due to strict protection from browsers and water availability. Again, these mini-forests are cooling microclimates; stimulate soil percolation, to support bird and insect life in their neighbourhoods and serve as encouragement of the community to follow suit with more forestation. We are projecting for after March with saplings being raised for the ongoing micro-forest tree-planting project.

**Nursery Staff:** Mr Vairan, Ms Rasatthi, Ms Sumathi.



# Kuthiraiyar Tree Growing Centre

## Next to Kuthiraiyar Dam, Cauvery Basin

### Kookal Forest nr Palani

**PHCC Kuthiraiyar Centre** is part of an elephant corridor and future plans are afoot to raise living fodder for elephants like bamboo, jack, fig, fishtail palm (*Caryota sp.*) and other varieties.

**PHCC supports** Tribal Development with fifty (50) Tribal Community families supported in PHCC nursery raising and planting programs. This year the Tribal Community planted around six thousand (6000) native trees from the PHCC nursery in Andipatti and Papampatti at schools and community and government lands. The present stock of native trees stands at around seven thousand (7000) saplings of twenty-five (25) varieties of native trees. Local villages of Andipatti and environs need more trees for shade and microclimate support. Many fine trees are safe from depredation and have been maintained to the point of coming up in height from the Autumn of 2022.

**The full-grown trees** and shrubs planted thirty years ago within the PHCC Centre provide a welcome habitat for avian life. The undisturbed nursery forest (*see photo*) hosts endangered grizzled giant squirrels (*Ratufa macroura*) and has received admiration from birders who visit Kuthiraiyar: “a great birder area in the foothills.” At the nearby Kuthiraiyar Dam waders like Red Wattle Lapwing congregate while across the way in the mini-forest one can view the White-bellied Drongo, Black-hooded Oriole with varieties like the Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Tickell’s Blue Flycatcher, Brown Breasted Flycatcher, Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher, Asian Brown Flycatcher and the Taiga Flycatcher so rarely recorded in the Palani Hills. These beautiful birds migrate from East Asia to South India during the winter and PHCC is proud to have cultivated a mini-forest for them to extend their range.

**Nursery Staff:** Ms G Mariammal. Mr Kuppi.



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*“Stay Safe! Eat Healthy! Give back to Nature!”*

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Kodaikanal, December 10, 2024



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PALANI HILLS CONSERVATION COUNCIL, KODAIKANAL.

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Opening balance	4088144	LC Project exp	1550101
F C received	1074388	F C Project exp`	3036979
Donation	456000	Closing balance	1537154
Bank interest	81392		
Income from main objects	424310		
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CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
LC Project exp	1550101	F C received	1074388
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		Income from main objects	424310
		Donation	456000
		Deficit	2550990
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For Madhavan & Elango  
Chartered Accountants (F.R.N.:005448S)

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PALNI HILLS CONSERVATION COUNCIL, KODAIKANAL.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2024

LIABILITIES		ASSETS		
Capital fund		Land & building	3129164	
Opening bal	8020841	Tools & equipments	849147	
Less: Deficit	-2550990	Furniture	237789	
	-----	Debtors	26448	
Life Membership fee		111851	Closing balance	1537154
Advance from members		198000		
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**CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN BY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

We have audited the accounts of

accounts of

**PALNI HILLS CONSERVATION COUNCIL, ENDHAWIN, LOWER SHOLA  
ROAD, KODAIKANAL Reg No 88/1985**

for the period ending 31.03.2024 and examined all relevant books and vouchers and certify that according to the audited accounts:-

(i) The brought forward Foreign contribution at the beginning of the year 01.04.2023 was Rs. **2951246/-**.

(ii) Foreign contributions of worth **Rs.1074388/-** were received by the Association during the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024.

iii) Interest accrued on foreign contribution and other income derived from foreign contribution or interest thereon of worth **Rs.71490/-** was received by the association at the end of the year.


(iv) The balance of unutilised Foreign Contribution with the Association at the end of the period 31.03.2024 was **Rs. 1060145/-**.

(v) Certified that the Association has maintained the accounts of Foreign Contribution and records relating thereto in the manner specified in section 19 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 read with rule 16 of the foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011.

(vi) The information furnished above and in the Balance Sheet and statement of Receipt and Payment is correct as checked by us.

(vii) The association has utilized the foreign contribution received for the purpose(s) it is registered/granted prior permission under foreign contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010

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◆ Sacred Grove Viruveedu



◆ *Apis dorsata* Cliffside Colony - Kodaikanal



**Threatened species :**

***Panthera pardus fusca* sighted alongside Palani Ghat Rd**



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**Kookal-Watershed:  
Kuthirayar Dam view**