

Save Trees Grow Trees Organisation

1, Professors' Colony, East Tambaram,
Madras-600 059.

Date 8-4-85

Dear Sir,

Let me introduce myself first. I am a student of Madras ~~Chris~~ Christian College, doing my B.Sc. (200). I am interested in Conservation. A few days back I had written to Mr. Sunderlal Bahuguna. He has given me valuable advice. In his letter he has mentioned about you and your work in the Western Ghats. Presently I wish to start a campaign to save the Eastern Ghats. I very well know that these forests are not as rich as the forests of Western Ghats, anyhow a forest is a forest and it ought to be saved for the future. If every man has a right to live, so has every plant and animal. The following people are the patrons of the Campaign:

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| (1) Mr. Sunderlal Bahuguna,
Leader, Chipko Movement. | (2) Mr. Rom Whitaker,
Director, Madras Snake Park. |
| (3) Dr. Mitra Augustini,
Principal, Madras Christian College. | (4) Dr. P. J. Sanjewa Raj
Head, Dept. of 200, Madras
Christian College. |

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Advisory Board:

(1) Dr. P. Dayanandan,
Warden, St. Thomas's Hall,
Madras Christian College.

(2) Dr. Ashok Tujumwallah
IIT., Madras.

(3) Mr. K. Venkatachalam,
Editor, Kannan Nadu,
Chengam (N.A. Dist).

(4) Mr. Perumal swamy,
Teacher, ~~the~~ Govt. High School,
Chengam (N. Arcot Dist).

I have divided the campaign into two phases.

Stage I: To go round the Tavadi-Yelagiri Ranges in North Arcot by a tractor and tell to the people the necessity of saving these forests. Since I am a native of Chengam (North Arcot Dist), it is not very difficult for me to go & round. My father is giving his tractor, my mother is giving food (for 6 days) and my brother Peruvalluthi is driving the tractor. We think that this will end in 4 or 5 days time. (May 20-24)

Stage II: To trek regions of Kalrayan Hills, Shevroy Hills, Kolli Hills and Pachamalai Hills. My cousin Nalla thambi, by name ~~is~~ is willing to trek with me.

When we return I wish to prepare a report

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on the Eastern Ghats. Please give me your valuable advice regarding the campaign. I need your blessings and good wishes. If it is possible for you to furnish me some more details regarding the Eastern Ghats, it will be very useful.

I am enclosing a map of the proposed route and a newsletter of our organisation, with this letter.

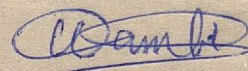
Please send your reply to the following address:

V. Arivudai Nambi,
60, St. Thomas Hall,
Madras Christian College,
~~Chengam~~ Tambaram,
Madras - 59.

My Permanent address:
V. Arivudai Nambi
C/o - K. Venkatachalam,
1109, Raja Street,
Valaigambattu Village,
Chengam (N. Arcot Dist)
606 701.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,



(V. ARIVUDAI NAMBI)

P.S: Please reply to my permanent address,

109, Raja Street,
Valaiyambattu Village,
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14-5-85

Dear Mr. Hegde,

I was very happy to see your letter. Thank you.

I hope you have seen my pamphlet entitled 'Save The Eastern Ghats'.
Read and ~~comment~~ comment on it. If possible send me ~~at~~ the
addresses of various people, who would be interested in this.
This pamphlet is supposed to be the second issue of our
organisation's newsletter 'Green-Gold'. (This is a title of
a book, which was written by someone who went on a
Botanical expedition in the South. The original source was
Canarese). I wish to bring out the third issue of
'Green-Gold' in print, the same number of pages and the
same size. Please send something for it. I am including
your name in the advisory board of the magazine.

A few days back I came across your article
"Three Years of Environmental Activism." It inspired me
greatly. Before reading that article I used to think
that 'it was impossible for one man to do anything'.
After reading my outlook towards everything has
changed. I was discouraged by some people in college.
This article brought my mind under control. I
thank you for that. I wish to condense this
article and print it in 'Green-Gold'.

I am conducting a nature camp between 11^m - 13^m of this month, sponsored by the World Federalist Youth, Madras. I am taking 8 of its members to the forests of Jawadi Hills for 2 days. I have been to the forests of Jawadi hills, more than 30 times. Each village (there are about 300) is very far from the foot hills. After visiting many of these villages, I came to the conclusion that it is not the forest dweller, who destroys forests but it is we the city ~~people~~ folk who are the destroyers. Therefore awareness should be made in the plains or places where forests are close by. That is why I wanted to travel by tractor round the Jawadi Hills and create public awareness. Some of my friends who wanted to come with me for the campaign refused. I am unable to do anything. Therefore I have postponed it for a few days. If no one is coming I shall take up, possibly on June 5^m.

I was deeply hurt to read an article entitled "Is environment movement turning anti-science?" by Varant Kelkar in Science Today (May '85).

Have you read an article by Dr. Norman Meyers by name 'Genetic Resources for Future', in Science Age, (March '85). It is wonderful.

I wish to have the address of Mr. Chandu Prasad Butti.

Thanking You,
Yours sincerely,

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24-4-86

Dear Mr Hegde,

Thank you for your letter dated 28-2-86.

I am sending along with this letter the following:-

- (1) Ecological state of the Eastern Ghats in Tamilnadu - Some ^{observations}
- (2) A report on the launching of the Chipko-Ulagam University Movement in the Eastern Ghats, Tamilnadu.
- (3) An invitation to a "workshop on the Natural History of the Jawadi Hills" (held at my college on 22-4-86)

I am yet to visit some of the hill ranges of the Ghats in Tamilnadu. Thus my report is yet to be complete.

I organised the workshop under great difficulty. The professors in the college gave me a lot of trouble. Anyhow the workshop was a success. About 25 interested people came and discussed various issues. We have come to a start.

I shall write to you of its developments later. I shall also send you a copy of the proceedings, when it is ready.

I met Dr. Anil Agarwal last month at Madras IIT. I spent a day with him. He has promised to get funds for my projects. I am planning to jump into eco-development

Last night I was watching the programme 'Roaring Eye' relayed by Delhi Doordashan. They showed the drought situation in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. There was an interview with Dr. Anil Agarwal. He spoke about his man caused drought. When I was listening to his speech, the words of Bittu Sahgal, Editor of Sanctuary Magazine from Bombay struck my mind. His words were:

We have a dream.

~~Safe~~ Safe chemical plants. Capable straight politicians. Accountable bureaucrats. Undisturbed forests. Clean water and pure air. Fertile land, free from man-caused floods and draughts.

We have a dream.



I am pained to see that very few people realize the magnitude of an environmental destruction. Your attack on NGO's is right. There are exceptions, but very few of them are taking ecology and environment to the masses.

I am getting ready for my exams ~~next~~ next month (from 9th - 19th). Shall write to you

whenever I find time.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,

Nambi

P.S. : Mr. Sunderlal Bahuguna's report on Himalayas is shocking. Some thing must be done immediately.