



The Trek to Nilgiris

Blistering Nomads

Group 4

Who are the Blistering Nomads?

Blistering as an adjective meaning intense, extreme, ferocious, fierce and strong which we all persevered to be in the face of adversity and trial.

Nomads we were because every night we would stay with the knowledge that we won't be there the next day, so we tried to make the most of what we have.

Defining Us!

Amitha alias Ami Kutti



Signature Dialogue
“Yaar hum Bohut Fun
Karengi”

Role: Group Leader

Manish Tiwari alias The Captain



Signature
Dialogue
“Look at this,
This is Wattle
Weed”

Role: Flora & Fauna Specialist

Karuppasamy alias Guardian Angel

Signature Dialogue
“Don't Worry,
Relax, Nothing will
happen”

Role: Public Relations Head



Ashutosh alias The Commander

Signature
Dialogue “Group
mein toh sab ho
jayega”



Role: The Group Coordinator



Aarathi alias Kerala
Tigress

Signature
Dialogue “We
can do this”

Role: Super Trouper

Sandeep alias Photoman

Signature
Dialogue
“Arre, Wait
wait one
photo”



Role: To capture all moments

Monika alias Iron maiden



Signature Feat “
Cold Water cannot
Deter”

Role: Silent Spectator

Anand as Anand

Signature Feat
“Can smile in all
adversity”



Role: Go-Ahead - Spirit

Rahul alias Anchorman



Signature Feat
"Carries the team"

Role: The Good Samaritan

Sonal alias Chota Packet

Signature Dialogue
“Sammi Sirrrr”



Role: Goodwill Messenger

Amanpreet alias Doctor sahab

Signature Dialogue:

“Chalo Doston, Aaj
Khane mein Thandi
Machli Milegi”



Role: Doctor Doctor help us!

Nayonika Dutta alias Bengal Tigress

Signature Dialogue
“Hahahahah”



Role: The entertainment package

Gangaram alias DI Tractor



Signature Dialogue:
“Hummein toh 30km
,6 ghante mein
karna chahiye”

Role: The pacer

Puneet as Live Harmonica

Signature Feat:
“Keeping
Gangaram in
control”

Role: Chupa Rustam



Shashi Uttam as Shashiji



Signature Dialogue:
“Chalo teen Patti
Khelte hai”

Role: Teen Patti Maestro

Guardians

Azhakuraja



Prabhu



Shiv Ganesh



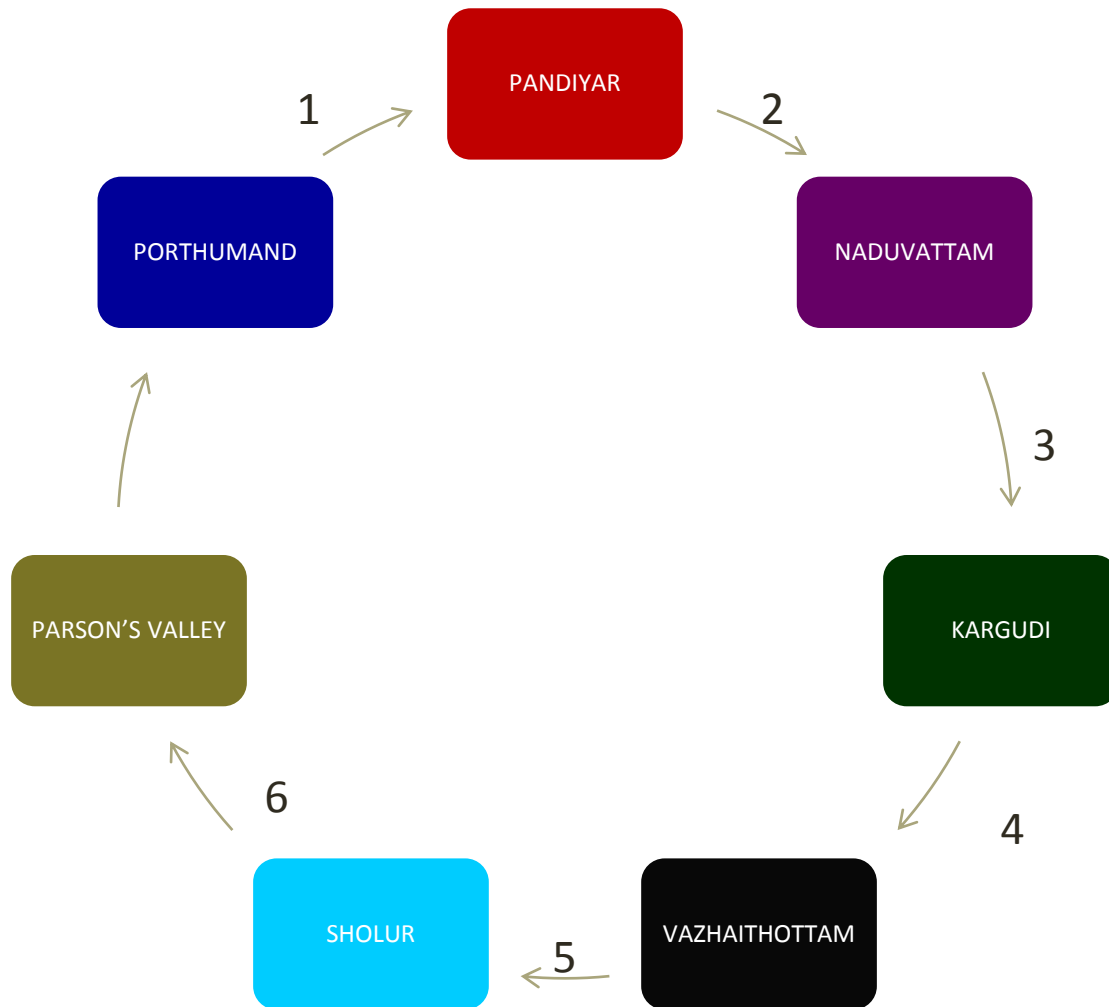
Pattu



Arul



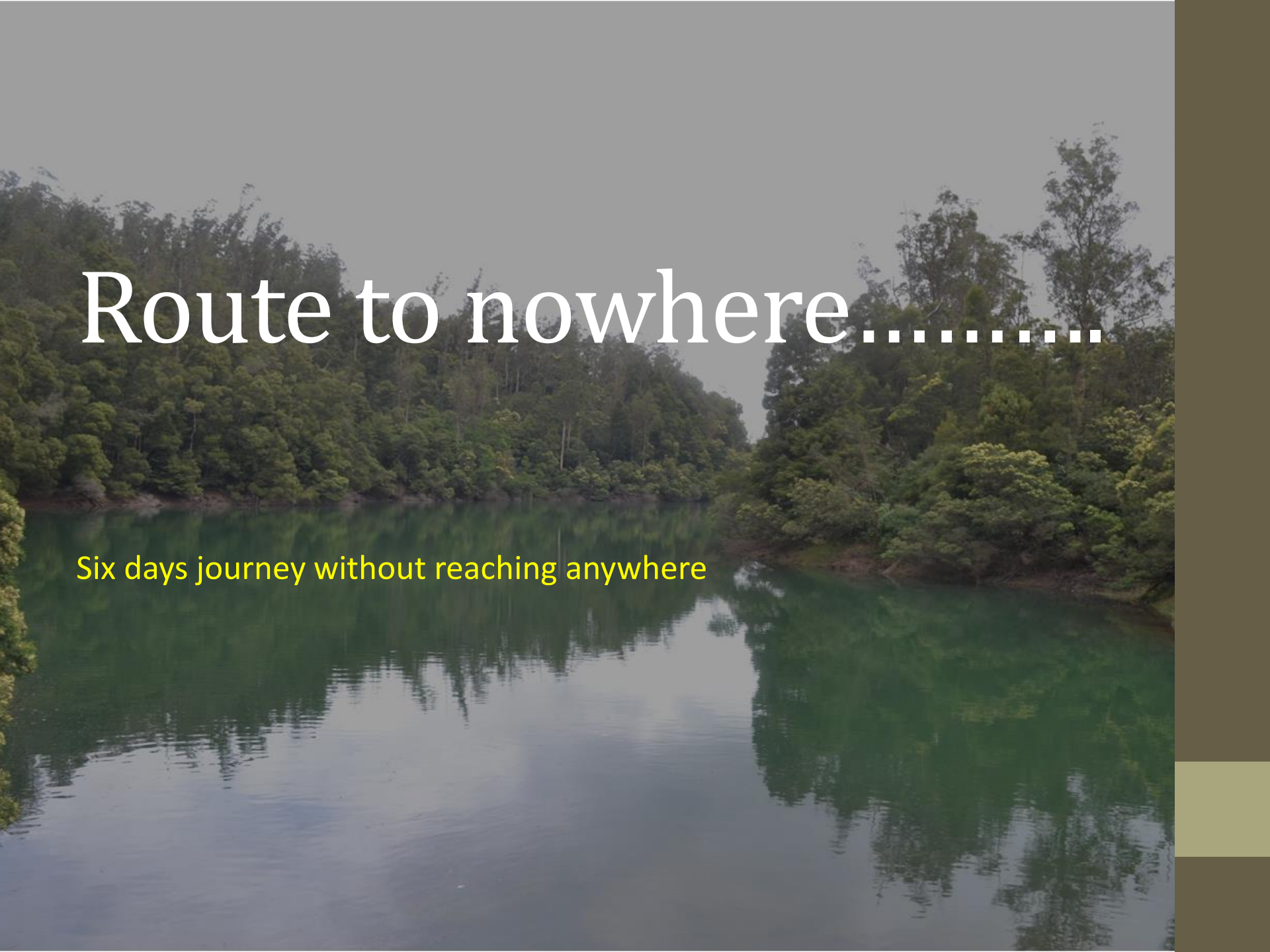
Trek Highlights



STARTING STATION	ENDING STATION	TIME	DISTANCE (MANUAL)	TREK DISTANCE
PORTHUMAND	PANDIYAR	15	14	21
PANDIYAR	NADUVATTAM	7	13	14
NADUVATTAM	KARGUDI	10	14	29.6
KARGUDI	VAZAITHOTTAM	7	18	20.5
VAZAITHOTTAM	SHOLUR	8	18	28
SHOLUR	PARSON VALLEY	5	14	20.6

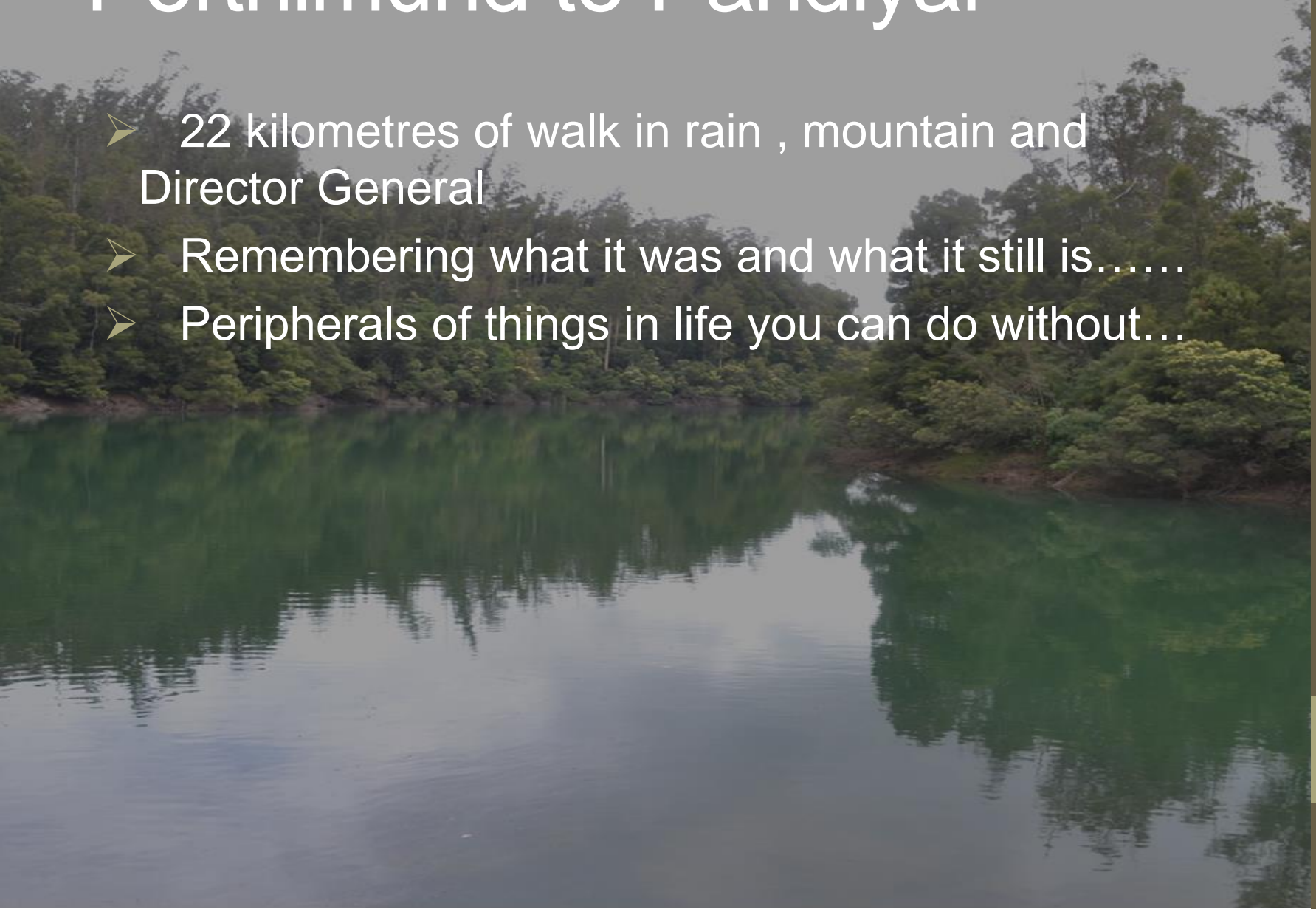
Route to nowhere.....

Six days journey without reaching anywhere



Porthimund to Pandiyar

- 22 kilometres of walk in rain , mountain and Director General
- Remembering what it was and what it still is.....
- Peripherals of things in life you can do without...



Pandiyar to Naduvattam

- Possibly a tiger, probably a leopard...
- Leeches and other unwarranted fear and missing threats which were told in classroom briefing
- Place to play and get back to yourself.
- Very spicy chicken in cold rain

Naduvattam to Kargudi

- Trek on road became a route march and it remained for most of the trek ...it might as well have been conducted in Hyderabad...
- ADG's panicky phone call to group leader about non-existent mortal threats of leeches...
- Mudumalai tiger reserve, winding modern road and fauna marked by its absence
- Mudumalai watch tower and 1912 forest guest house.

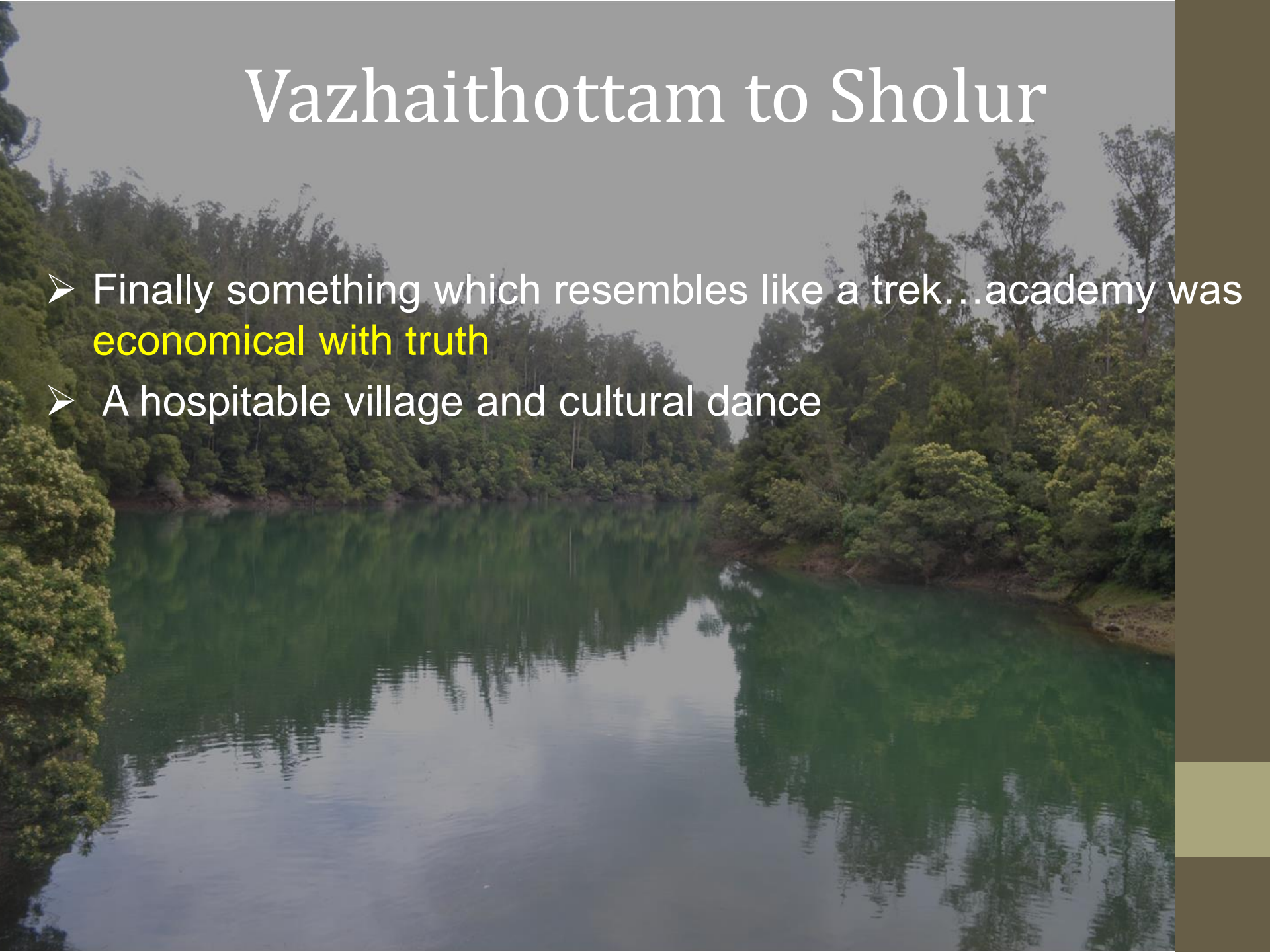
Kargudi to Vazhathottam

- Modernity in tiger habitat.....
- MK Stalin on a support campaign trail and devout followers wanting his one glimpse, blocking national highway in the middle of tiger reserve...
- Eyes searching for what was told in the classroom to cherish and enjoy ...



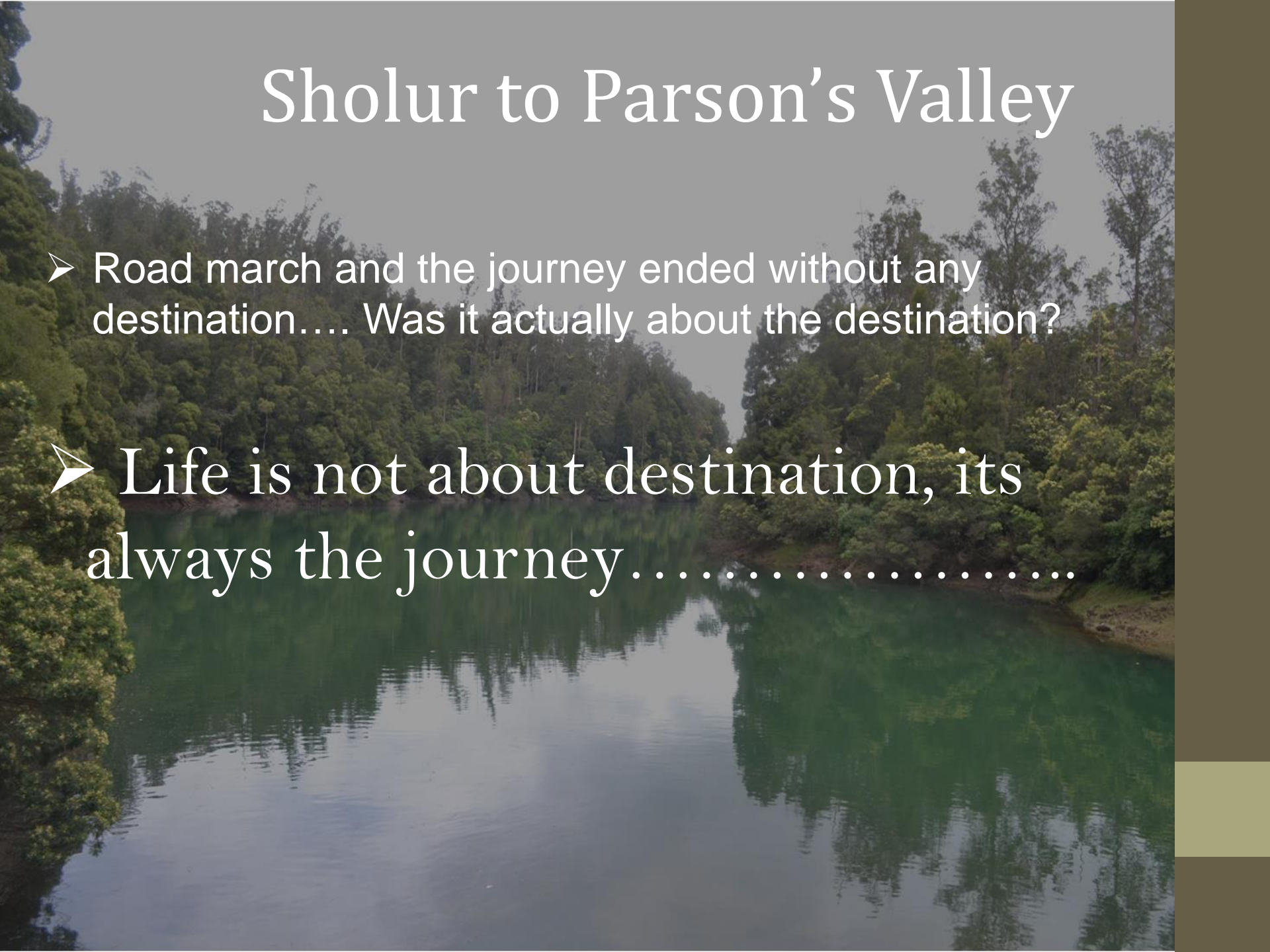
Vazhaithottam to Sholur

- Finally something which resembles like a trek...academy was **economical with truth**
- A hospitable village and cultural dance



Sholur to Parson's Valley

- Road march and the journey ended without any destination.... Was it actually about the destination?
- Life is not about destination, its always the journey.....

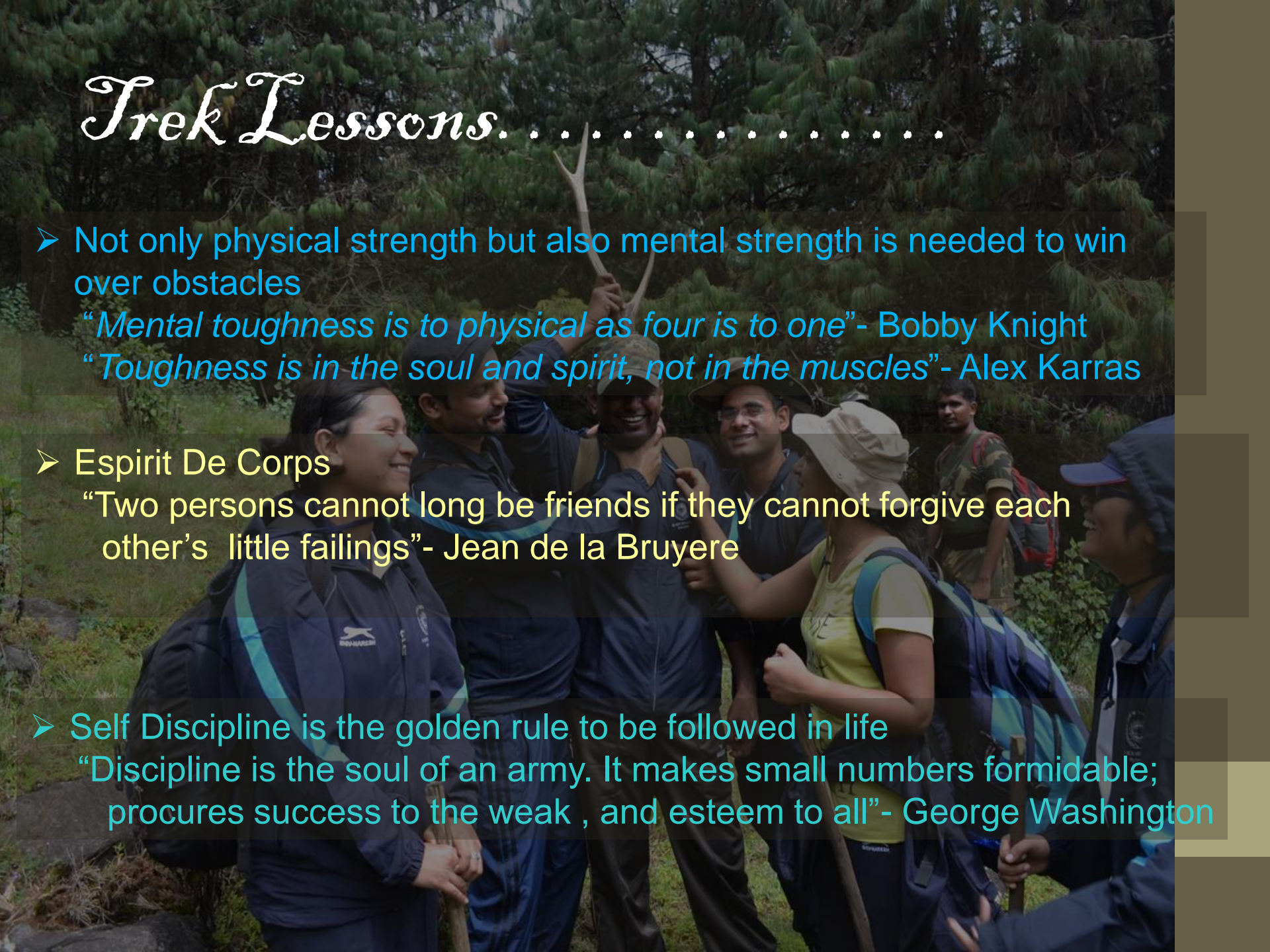


Trek Lessons.

- We can actually survive with a lot less than what we ordinarily think we can
*“ All I need is the air I breathe, and a place to rest my head”-
One Republic*
- When you work as a team , your efficiency increases by manifold.
If you want to go fast go alone. If you want to go far, go together.
“ Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”- Helen Keller
- Nature can nurture our body, mind and soul.
“ Look deep into the nature, and then you will understand everything better”- Albert Einstein

Trek Lessons.

- Not only physical strength but also mental strength is needed to win over obstacles
 - “Mental toughness is to physical as four is to one”- Bobby Knight
 - “Toughness is in the soul and spirit, not in the muscles”- Alex Karras
- Espirit De Corps
 - “Two persons cannot long be friends if they cannot forgive each other’s little failings”- Jean de la Bruyere
- Self Discipline is the golden rule to be followed in life
 - “Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak , and esteem to all”- George Washington



Trek Lessons.

- Patience and an ear to lend are always needed to work as a team
“Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet”- Aristotle

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years”-Abraham Lincoln

*Vegetations and
Wildlife*

FLORA



Salvia Coccinea



calceolariagracilis



Blue Oxalis



clitorea sp



Nilgiris wildflower -
meadow daisy



Nilgiris wildflower -
meadow daisy seedhead



Nilgiris - wild fuschia



wildflower - daisy



Rhododendron PongalPuh



naturalised wildflower- Eupatorium sp.



Gnaphalium - Nilgiris grasslands flora



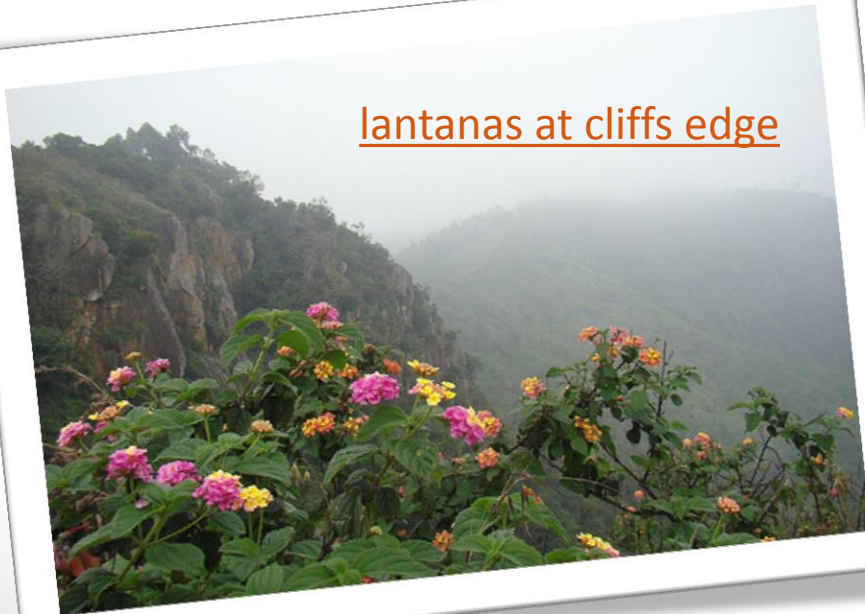
wild raspberries - Rubus sp.



Helichrysum sp. - straw flowers - paper daisies



nilgiris shola tree - Mahonia Leschenaultii



lantanas at cliffs edge



Nilgiris - tea flowers

FAUNA

NILGIRI LANGUR



WILD BOAR



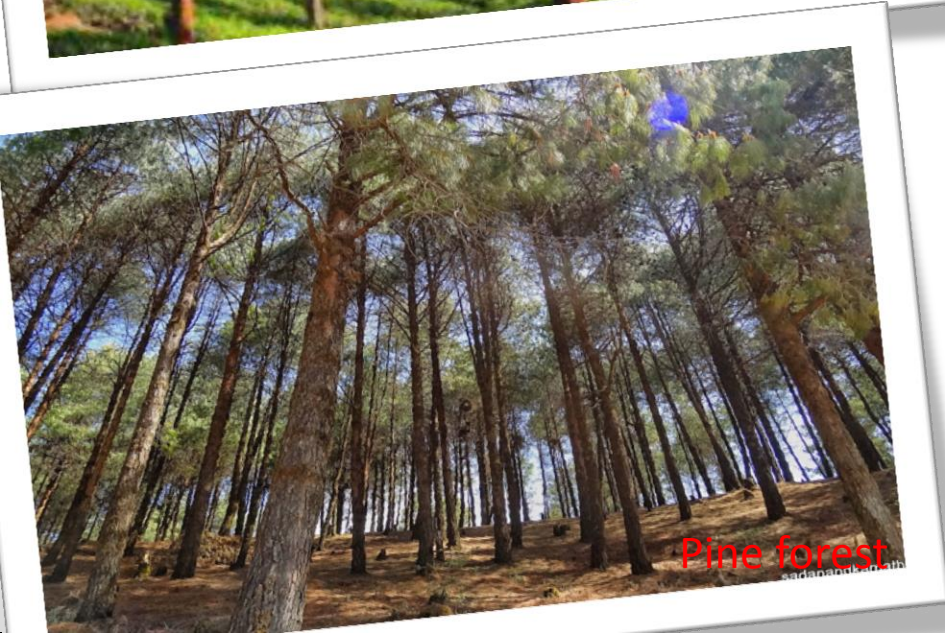
ELEPHANT



DEER

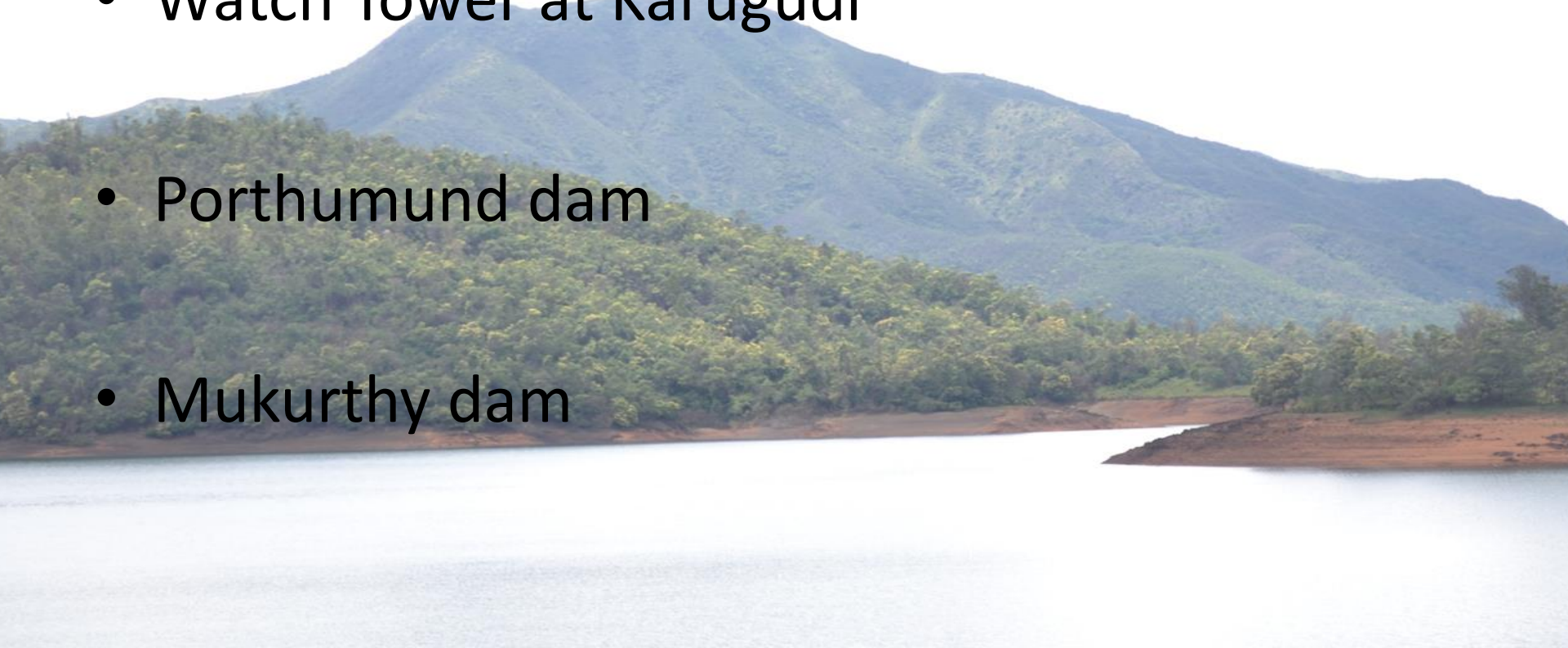


HARDWOOD SPECIES



Best Moments

- Baduga Dance
- Watch Tower at Karugudi
- Porthumund dam
- Mukurthy dam



Best Moments

- Volley Ball
- Campfires
- 20-20 match @ Naduvattam and Sholur Grasslands



Suggestions

- Bag Quality should be Good
- Road March Should be avoided
- Stay at Some Place Can be Improved – Especially after completion of trek
- Briefing can be reduced with minimum required information
- Sports Kit can be arranged at Halting points
- Long Hour Train Journey should be avoided

Last Reflection: The journey of each

Sometimes you are
ahead,
Sometimes You are
behind,
The race is long ,
But in the end
Its only with
yourself
--- Baz Lauherman

Ending Movie...