

Kerala Forest Department
Wildlife Week Celebrations 2024
Wildlife Travelogue Writing Contest 2024

Terms and Conditions

By participating in the Wildlife Travelogue Writing Contest 2024, the contestants agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by these terms and conditions may render a contestant ineligible for the competition.

1. **Eligibility:** This Contest is open to any Indian citizen irrespective of their age. Employees and associates of Kerala Forest Department (KFD) which includes the staff of KFD and its subsidiaries and affiliates and their immediate family members (spouse, parents, children, siblings, and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) are not eligible to participate in the Contest.
2. **Agreement to Rules:** By participating, the contestant agrees to be fully unconditionally bound by these terms and conditions, and contestant represents and warrants that contestant meets the eligibility requirements. In addition, contestant agree to accept the decisions of KFD represented by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala as final and binding as it relates to the content of this Contest.
3. **Contest Period:** Entries for the Wildlife Travelogue Writing Contest 2024 will be accepted from **September 20, 2024**, at 10:00 a.m. IST to **September 30, 2024**, at 5:00 p.m. IST. Late entries will be summarily rejected.
4. **How to participate:** There is no entry fee for the contest. The contestant shall participate by registering in the prescribed Registration Form duly filled along with the entry and sent to the email ID **wlwtravelogue2024@gmail.com** during the Contest Period. The prescribed format of the Registration Form can be downloaded from the website of the KFD **www.forest.kerala.gov.in**. A copy of the identity card of the contestant can also be attached along with the Registration Form. The entry should meet all the specifications as mentioned in Clause 7 (Sl.No. 7) below. Entries not in prescribed Registration Form and not in accordance to the prescribed specifications will be summarily rejected. If a contestant use any fraudulent method or otherwise attempt to circumvent any of the terms and conditions, the entry shall be disqualified. Decision of the KFD shall be final in this regard.

5. **Theme of the Contest:** The travelogue should be based on travel to any forest or wildlife area inside the State of Kerala.
6. **Entry limits:** Each participant will be allowed to submit only one entry in this contest. In case, the contestants choose to participate both in Malayalam and English, he can submit two entries, one for each language.
7. **Specifications of the Wildlife Travelogue Writing entry:**
 - The travelogue shall be written either in English or Malayalam.
 - All entries shall be typed in font size 12 or more.
 - Hand written entries will not be selected for the contest.
 - The travelogue should have a minimum of 750 words and a maximum of 3000 words.
 - Plagiarism of any sort will be summarily disqualified.
 - The Travelogue can be submitted with or without photographs.
 - Travelogue should not be co-authored.
 - Entries which do not mention the source of pictures included in this travelogue and the exact destination of travel will be considered ineligible.
 - Unpublished entries only are accepted.
 - Entries shall be submitted only as e-mail attachments (PDF/Word format)
8. **Scrutiny of Travelogue Writing Entries:** The travelogue writing received during the Contest Period (from September 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m IST to September 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. IST) and found otherwise in order will be scrutinized on October 1st 2024, by the Divisional Forest Officer (South Wayanad) for the Travelogue Writing Entry Contest 2024. The entries submitted after 5:00 pm on 30th September 2024 will not be accepted and will be rejected without providing any reason whatsoever.
9. **Winner Selection and Notification:** The entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges (Jury). The Judges will be eminent personalities with rich experience in the field of literature. The Jury's decisions are final and binding and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the judging process or any outcomes reached. Winners will be notified by email and/or telephone on **the 4th of October 2024**. The Kerala Forest Department shall have no liability for the Winner's failure to receive notices due to spam, junk e-mail or other security settings or for Winner's provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information.

10. **Prizes:** The First, Second and Third prize winners will be awarded a Cash Prize of Rs.7500, Rs.4500 and Rs.2500 respectively (*subject to pending Govt. Orders*) along with a Certificate of Recognition. In addition Certificates of Merit will be awarded to 3 entries as consolation prizes. No cash or other prize substitution shall be permitted. The prize is nontransferable. Any and all prize-related expenses, including without limitation any and all Central, State, and/or local taxes, shall be the sole responsibility of Winner. No substitution of prize or transfer/assignment of prize to others or request for the cash equivalent by Winner is permitted. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for the KFD to use winner's name, and entry for purposes of advertising without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.
11. **Rights Granted by Contestant:** By participating in the Contest, contestant understand and agree that KFD or anyone acting on behalf of the KFD, shall have the right, where permitted by law, to publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity, without limitation, the entry, name, video, information for advertising, public relations, and promotional purposes without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. By participating in the Contest, contestants represent and warrant that the entry is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If the entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, contestant will be disqualified at the sole discretion of KFD. If the content of the entry is claimed to constitute an infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of any third party, contestants shall, at their sole expense, defend or settle against such claims. Contestant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless KFD from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense, which KFD may incur, suffer, or be required to pay to arise out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.
12. **Other Terms & Conditions:** The entries should not contain any writings, signature or marks which may help to identify the author. KFD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. The KFD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or violates these Terms & Conditions.
13. **Disputes:** The decision of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala will be final.



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