



SAVE WESTERN GHATS

CONVERGING RESPONSES FOR MEETING COMMON CHALLENGES

January 28-30, 2011, Alva's Health Center, Mijar, Moodabidri, Karnataka

December 12, 2010

Dear Member,

We extend to you a warm welcome. Joining us in extending an invitation to you is the organizing team of Save Western Ghats Movement. The meeting will be held under the aegis Alva Group of Institutions at Moodbidri, Dr Mohan Alva being our generous hosts at this amazing location in the Western Ghats. Surrounded by undulating terrain of forested hills, the location is most suited for taking forward the ongoing deliberations.

Where?

We are meeting for a third time, next month at picturesque Moodbidri in southern Karnataka. If you have missed out on the previous annual gatherings at Goa and at Kotagiri, you need to catch up on the developments at Moodbidri.

Why?

You must also be aware that on behest of the movement, of which you have been an integral part, the Ministry of Environment & Forests had set-up a Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel to pave way for setting up the Western Ghats Environment Authority. The panel has been engaged in public consultations over past couple of months giving us a chance to collectively review its functioning as well.

We are putting together a meaningful agenda for engaging you during three days including a visit to Kudremukh region. It will be appreciated if you ***firm your travel plans and communicate*** to us at your earliest.

Mangalore is the nearest place to the venue, about 30-odd kilometers of road journey. Mangalore is connected by express trains from most major cities in the country; Mangalore is connected by air too.

Amongst other noted speakers we will have the company of **Ms. Medha Patkar** to guide us through. Environment Ambassadors of the Country and State will also be joining us.

We look forward to your solidarity and presence at this meeting.

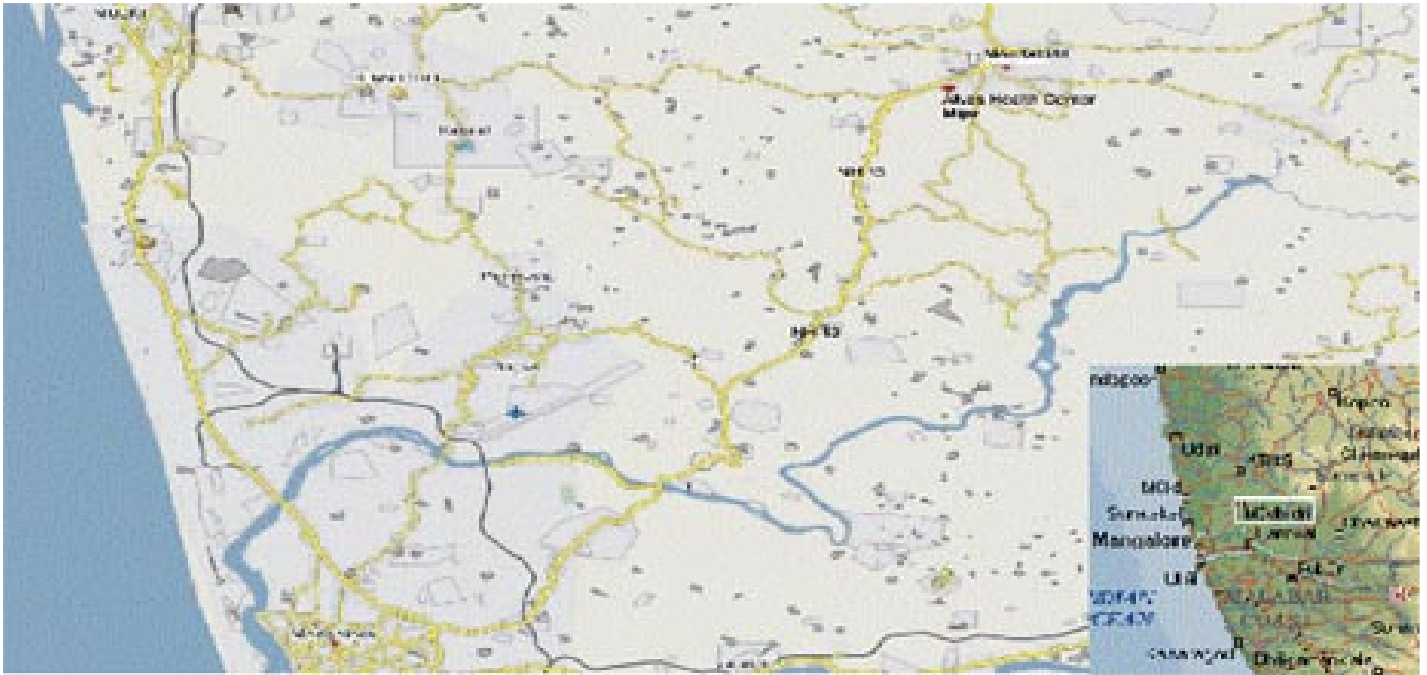
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Night busses ply from Bangalore, Hubli and Shimoga to Moodabidri, on all days, but reservations are essential, you are requested to book Return tickets (please retain your tickets if you want to avail travel expenses).

Mangalore is nearest Rail station and all important cities are connected to it from – North, South & East . Organizers will make arrangements to pick you up from the Station so please keep us informed well in advance.

Mangalore is also connected by Air, and your prior intimation will help us to arrange for transport.

Simple moderate accommodation will be provided to participants. But we need advance confirmation intimating the days you want to stay.

Participants who wish to stay at Hotels /Air Conditioned rooms will have to intimate to us in advance. Charges will be in the range of Rs 450 to 1000 per day.

Only vegetarian food I will be served during the meet.

You are requested to reach the venue preferably on **27 Jan, 2011**.

The detail program will be sent in due course.

TRAVEL PLANS

Salutation	First Name	Surname	
Full address			
Email			
Contact Numbers	Land Line		
	Mobile		
Organization / Affiliation			
Travel Plans	Date & Time	Arrival (Name of place)	Departure
	Train		
	Bus		
	Air		
	Car/Van		
Any other Information you wish to share			

Please ensure that the your Travel plan reaches the following before
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