



Anamudi Shola National Park

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A road project through the **Anamudi Shola National Park** in **Kerala's Idukki** district has been stalled, impacting access to tribal settlements.

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- **Location & Geography:** It is a biodiversity hotspot in the southern [Western Ghats](#) designated as a [National Park](#) in 2003, and forms part of the Anamalai sub-cluster, a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#).
 - It is surrounded by key **protected areas** such as:
 - Eravikulam National Park
 - Mathikettan Shola
 - Pampadum Shola
 - Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
 - Kuringimala Sanctuary
 - **It is home to Anamudi (2,695 m) peak**, (highest in South India), and is **crucial for watershed conservation**, forming the catchment area for rivers like the **Pambar** and **Chinnar**.
- **Biodiversity:** It supports **rich biodiversity** with high **endemism**.
 - The park is home to diverse forest types, including:
 - Southern Subtropical Hill Forests
 - Southern Montane Wet Temperate Forests
 - Moist Deciduous Forests
 - A unique feature of the park is its **dense shola forests**, characterized by **stunted trees and an abundant growth of lichens, mosses, and climbers**.
 - **Fauna species:** Leopard, Tiger, Indian Bison (Gaur), Nilgiri Tahr, Lion-tailed Macaque, Nilgiri Marten, Sloth Bear, Giant Grizzled Squirrel, and Hanuman Langur.
- **Other National Parks in Kerala:**
 - [Eravikulam National Park](#)
 - [Mathikettan Shola National Park](#)
 - **Pampadum Shola National Park**
 - [Periyar National Park](#)
 - [Silent Valley National Park](#)

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