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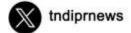
To conserve and protect the State animal of Tamil Nadu "Nilgiri Tahr (Varaiyadu)", the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had launched "Project Nilgiri Tahr" on October 12, 2023. One of the main objectives in this iconic project is Population estimation of Nilgiri Tahr. A "Pilot study" is being undertaken now in consultation with the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation, Tamil Nadu and WWF-India, the pilot study is being conducted at, Valparai, Anamalai Tiger Reserve home to Nilgiri Tahr.

Project Director, Thiru M.G. Ganesan will lead a team of 25 research personnel and field staffs to implement 3 days protocol. Based on the data and results obtained from five different methods, the best suitable method will be followed in upcoming synchronized census during March-April, 2024 in Tahr habitats in Tamil Nadu. First time, Drones have been used for population estimation in Nilgiri Tahr.

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