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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
CIVIL SECRET: FOREST DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION
Srinagar, the 22nd July, 1936.

SRO: 472 Whereas, it appears to the Government that the area specified in Annexure 'A' to this Notification, by reason of its ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological association needed to be constituted as a National Park for purposes of protecting, propagating and developing Wildlife therein and its environment;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35 of the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1934 the Government hereby declare its intention to constitute the area as a National Park.

By order of the Governor.

sd/- (Aga Syed Altaf)
Commissioner/Secretary to
Forest Department.

No: FST-21/36(WL)

Dated 22-7-1936.

Copy to the:-

1. All Commissioners/Secretaries to Government.
2. All Heads of Departments.
3. Director, Information Department, Srinagar.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Srinagar.
5. Chief Engineer, Projects, Srinagar.
6. Director, Tourism Department, Srinagar.
7. Chief Wild Life Warden, Srinagar.
8. Director, Soil Conservation Department, Srinagar.
9. Director, Parks and Gardens, Srinagar.
10. Divisional Town Planner, Srinagar.
11. Private Secretary to Governor.
12. Private Secys. to Advisors to the Governor.
13. P.A. to Chief Secretary for information of the latter.
14. Coordination Section (W.J.A.C.).
15. File.

(Haid Ullah)
22/7/36
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Forest Department.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir,
Forest Department.

Subject:- Declaration of City Forest Srinagar National Park.

Government Order No:-FST-214/WL of 1987.
D a t e d :- 4 - 2 - 1987

Whereas the Government vide Notification SRO No. 472 dated 22-7-1986 in exercise of the Powers conferred by section 35 of the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife(Protection) Act 1987 declared its intention to constitute the area specified by annexure A to the said Notification as a National Park by reason of its Ecological faunal, floral, geomorphological association for purposes of Protecting propagating and developing Wildlife therein and its environment.

Whereas the Deputy Commissioner/Collector Srinagar notified the intention of the Government vide his notification No:-2369-75 dated 14-8-1986 read with corrigendum to the said notification issued by him vide No. 3591-98/SQ dated 5-11-1986 and in exercise of the Powers vested in him under section 18 and 22 of the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife in him under section 18 and declared the States(Area) mentioned therein as City Forest possession of the land etc. from the interested person within a cation in the Government Gazette.

Whereas the Deputy Commissioner(Collector) Srinagar in continuation of previous notifications aforementioned issued under section 35(4) (a) and (b) the final notification No:- 2 dated 21-1-87 declaring the area aforementioned as a National Park in pursuance of Sub-section(4) of Section 35 of the Jammu & Kashmir Wildlife Protection Act 1987 is hereby confirmed.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-
Secretary to Government,
Forest Department.

No: FST-21/86(WL)
Dated:- 4-2-1987.

APPENDIX - I

Check list of Principal species of trees and shrubs of
"City Forest"

No.	Name of the family/specie	Vernacular name,	Tree/ Shrub.
<u>(I) ROSEACEAE</u>			
	<i>Ceanothus monogyna</i>	Rhing	Tree
	<i>Padus Cornuta</i>	Zomb/Wat'i	Tree
	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	Tser	Tree
	<i>P. Cerasifera</i>	Gurdol	Tree
	<i>P. dulcis</i>	Badam	Tree
	<i>P. domestica</i>	Aur	Tree
	<i>P. avium</i>	Glass	Tree
	<i>P. Cerasus</i>	Alchi	Tree
	<i>Pyrus Cornunis</i>	Tang	Tree
	<i>Pyrus milus</i>	Choonth	Tree
	<i>Rosa brunonii</i>	Krichi	Climber
	<i>R. moschata</i>	Krich	-do-
	<i>R. macrophylla</i>	-	Shrub
	<i>R. webbiana</i>	Arwal	Shrub
	<i>Rubus niveus</i>	Chhanchh	Shrub
	<i>R. ulmifolius</i>	Chhanchh	Shrub
	<i>Spiraea canescens</i>	-	Shrub
<u>(II) Papilionaceae</u>			
	<i>Indigofera heterantha</i>	Kotz	Shrub
	<i>Roubinia pseudoacacia</i>	Kikur	Tree
<u>(III) Malvaceae</u>			
	<i>Hedera nepalensis</i>	Palwalnu	Climber
<u>(IV) Geraniaceae</u>			
	<i>Lonicera quinquelocularis</i>	Pakhur	Shrub
<u>(V) Platanaceae</u>			
	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Boin	Tree
<u>(VI) Salicaceae</u>			
	<i>Populus alba</i>	Fras	Tree
	<i>Populus ciliata</i>	Fras	Tree
	<i>P. nigra</i>	Fras	Tree
	<i>Salix alba</i>	Botvir	Tree
	<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Koshir vir	Tree
	<i>S. aegyptica</i>	Bred Mashk	Tree
<u>(VII) Fagaceae</u>			
	<i>Castanea Sativa</i>	-	-
	<i>Quercus robur</i>	Hum	Tree

51 Wilderness Zone:

The mountain slopes encompassing an area of about 722 Hactres has been named as Wilderness zone which harbours the sizeable population of various wildlife species therein.

Objectives:-

1. Conservation by establishment of City Forest and Wilderness zones:
2. Recreation.
3. Education and Research.

It is aimed to establish a Nature Interpretation Centre, a multi-faceted education programme for visitors with a particular focus on children and students. Besides the usual visitor orientation other programmes envisaged include park interpretation, nature trails, nature camps etc.

Recommendations:-

The project area is located in the close proximity of Srinagar city and bear distinction in holding a sizeable population of rare and unique Hangul in the Wilderness zone. The area also constitutes a part of the Dal catchment. Thus to protect, propagate and perpetuate the ecological, faunal, floral and geomorphological association and to monitor the area for recreational purposes for the tourists in general and that of the ecologists, Naturalists, Ornithologists, Biologists, Scientists in particular, the area is recommended to be declared as city Forest National Park under section 35 of Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife (Protection) Act of -1978-

Agreed by
C. S.

Fauna:- The mountain slopes designated as wilderness zone is met with a sizeable population of, the porcupine, the small Indian mongoose, the Jackal, the Red Fox, the Black Bear, the Himalayan yellow throated Martin, the Hangul, the Musk Deer etc

Avd- Fauna:

The check list of birds of the area reads some 34 species of birds belonging to nineteen different families as appended in Appendix - II.

The said list is incomplete as the birds of a wilderness zone have not been so far listed, besides, the bird migrants of winter/spring have not been accounted. It is as such presumed that the bird life of the area may reach to over 60 species.

The area offers suitable breeding ground to the summer migrants and resident birds of the tract.

Area Zonation:

The projected area has been divided into following five zones.

1. City Forest Zone:

The city forest zone which includes about 25 Hactres is located towards the south of the area near the Gate No. 2, where afforestation operations shall be introduced.

2. Bird Sanctuary Zone:

This zone is spreaded over an area of about 25 Hactres to wards the west. It is a swamp and low-lying land which includes a large water body where water fowl species shall be introduced.

3. Deer Park Zone:

An area of about 26 Hactres has been demarcated as Deer Park zone, which is mostly covered by the artificially raised plantation. The area has been selected in such a place that it constitutes about 50% grass land and woody vegetation, where various species of the State shall be introduced initially.

4. Recreation Zone:

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" CITY FOREST - NATIONAL PARK "

Nomenclature:

The area is in the close proximity of Srinagar city, located on its north-east at a distance of 5 kms near Cheshmashahi, therefore it has been named as " City Forest" Cheshmashahi.

Situation:

The " City Forest" occupies eastern bank of the famous Dal Lake and falls between Hotel Oberoi and Brain village.

Boundaries:-

- North _____ Brain Village
- North-west _____ Boulevard Road.
- West _____ Boulevard Road,
- South -west _____ Shankaracharya hills and Hotel Oberoi.
- South _____ Badami Bagh (Cantonment area)
- East _____ Zowera Forest.
- South-East _____ (Gopbal N. (Gopbal Forest)

Area:

The projected area encompasses an area of 941 Sq Kms. and includes three major catchments. i.e. Forest area with ~~Subul~~ ~~Forest~~ ~~area~~ ~~the~~ ~~main~~ ~~line~~. The area is located on G.T. No. 43 J/16. The tract extends between 34 - 01' to 34 - 5' north latitude and 74 - 50' to 74 - 55' east longitude and covers an altitudinal range from 1612 m. to 2815 m. The map of the area is enclosed for ready reference.

Rights:

The neighbouring village of Brain do indulge in collection of grass cutting in the area. such operations will continue without conflicting with the norms of preserve.

Flora:-

The area is richly wooded, the mountain slopes sustain almost the natural vegetation dotted with artificially raised plantation, when the lower slopes support mostly the artificially raised plantation scattered with some natural vegetal matter.

The check list of Principal woody vegetation of the area is appended in Appendix - I.