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## People Against Elevated Roads Inside Bandipur

A campaign to save Bandipur, to protect and preserve our flora and fauna has been initiated. The move to lift the ban on night traffic on Bandipur highway (NH 212) and to construct an elevated highway to facilitate traffic will be detrimental to our forests and wildlife.

There were innumerable deaths of wild animals owing to traffic related accidents. The numbers saw considerable reduction after the night traffic ban was initiated. To lift the ban will pose grave danger and increase the possibility of accident related deaths of wild animals, especially the endangered tiger.

In Karnataka we have only 6% of its land mass under wildlife habitats. If caution is not exercised to preserve them, soon we will be left with no wildlife in our forests. Without wildlife species our forests will disappear. If the forests are eroded, our rivers will be filled with silt. Without water we will die.

Already we have been impacted by global warming. The recent catastrophe in Kerala and Kodagu still haunts us. If we don't save our forests, these natural devastation will be frequent happenings. Are we prepared for it?

In our effort to save Bandipur we are organising a **silent protest** at Bandipur on **Saturday 27th, October 2018** between **11 am and 4 pm**. Protest will be at **Maddur Range check post, Bandipur Tiger Reserve**.

We have received considerable support from wildlife enthusiasts, environmentalists, professionals, students and people from all walks of life.

We request your channel/publication to kindly give wide publicity to this critical environmental cause and help preserve our rich forest reserves and dwindling wildlife.

With hope and determination,

Night Traffic Beda @Bandipur & Team