

# THE VIRGIN VALLEY OF INDIA-SILENT VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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*The Silent valley National park* in Kerala is one of the last virgin tracts of tropical rain forests in India where human settlements are rare .It is situated in westernghats ,one of the biodiversity hot spots in India.Western Ghats is also one of the ten hot biodiversity spots of the world.



The Miniature sheet released on 25 th anniversary (Nov 15,2009)of the silent Valley dedicated to nation(INDIA) on Nov 14,1984.

It is believed that that the name silent valley came from the relative **absence of cicadas** in the forest which normally provide a distinctive sound in forest environment.

This is a cliff forest cut off with steep edge and escarpments on all sides which prevent human from entering the forest easily and hence the virginity remains.

The Silent valley is home to many mammalian species especially **LION TAILED MACAQUE (Macaca silensis)**



The stamp released on oct 1 st 1983 during wildlife week celebrations.