

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-5 : Glimpses of India

Part – 3

Coorg

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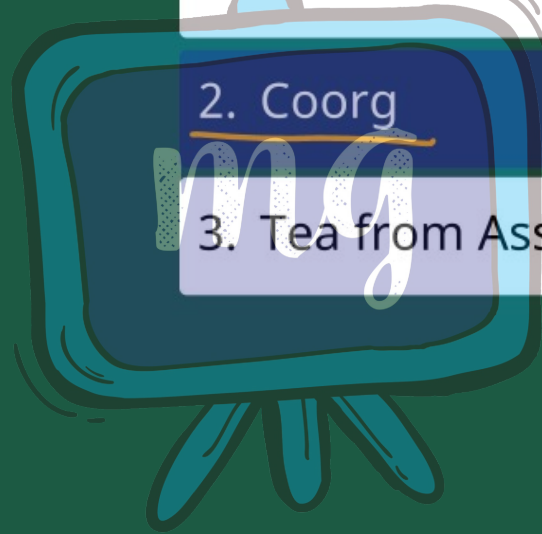


OVERVIEW

1. A Baker from Goa

2. Coorg

3. Tea from Assam



COMPETENCY BASED LEARNING



Geography and Culture

People and Adventure



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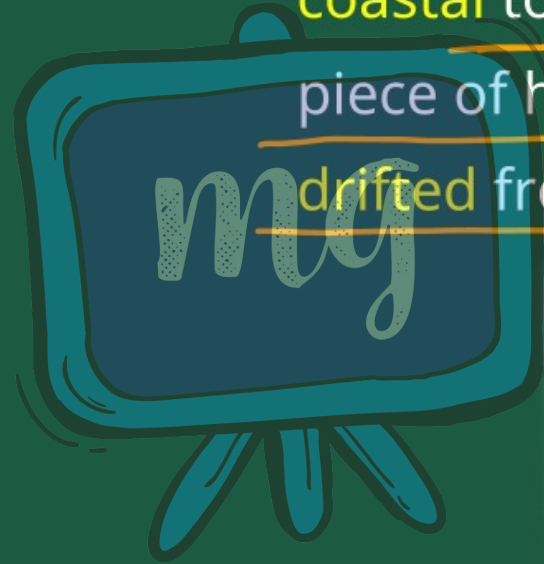
It is a story about Coorg's (a place in Karnataka) weather, environment, people, wildlife and the landscape.

II. Coorg

Coorg is coffee country. Famous for its rainforests and spices.



MIDWAY between Mysore and the
coastal town of Mangalore sits a
piece of heaven that must have
drifted from the kingdom of god.



Coastal	:	तटीय
Drifted	:	वायु के प्रवाह से बह जाना

This land of rolling hills is inhabited
by a proud race of martial men,
beautiful women and wild creatures.
Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest
district of Karnataka, is home to
evergreen rainforests, spices and
coffee plantations. Evergreen
rainforests cover thirty per cent of
this district. During the monsoons,

✓ **Martial** : युद्ध से सम्बंधित

it pours enough to keep many
visitors away. The season of joy
commences from September and
continues till March. The weather
is perfect, with some showers
thrown in for good measure. The
air breathes of invigorating coffee.

- ✓ Commences : प्रारंभ होना
- ✓ Invigorating : स्वास्थ्यकारी

Coffee estates and colonial bungalows
stand tucked under tree canopies in
prime corners.



Canopies : छाया
Prime : सबसे अच्छा

The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. As one story goes, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here when return became impractical.

<u>Fiercely</u>	:	शक्तिशाली
<u>Descent</u>	:	वंशक्रम
<u>Impractical</u>	:	अवास्तविक/अव्यावहारिक

Army

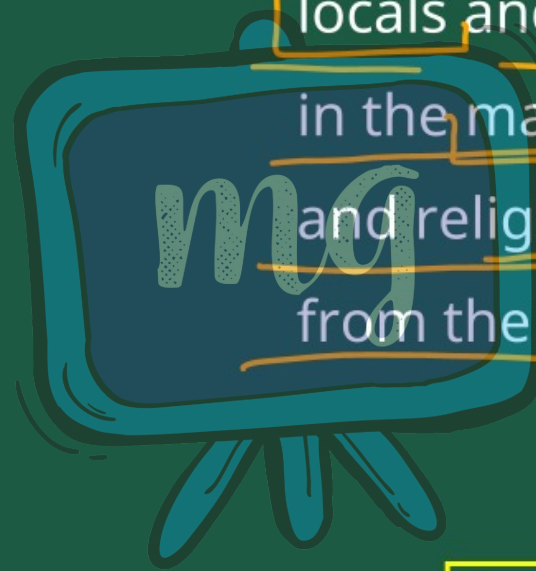
These people married amongst the

locals and their culture is **apparent**

in the martial traditions, marriage

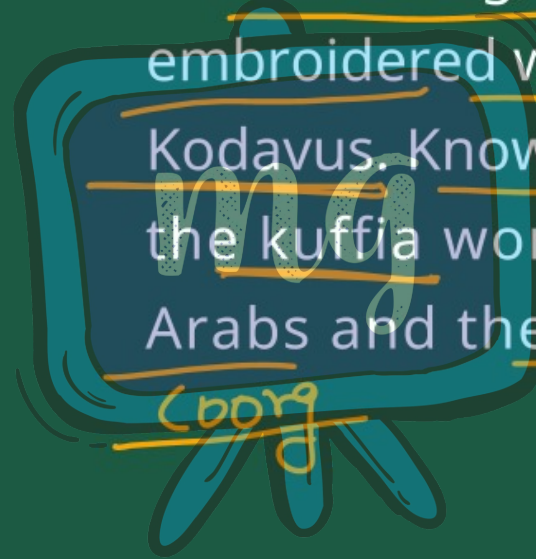
and religious rites, which are distinct

from the Hindu **mainstream.**



Apparent	:	स्पष्ट
Mainstream	:	मुख्यधारा

The theory of Arab origin draws support from the long, black coat with an embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus. Known as kuppia, it resembles the kuffia worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.



Coorgi homes have a tradition of **hospitality**, and they are more than willing to **recount** numerous **tales** of **valour** related to their sons and fathers. The **Coorg Regiment** is one of the **most decorated** in the Indian

Hospitality	:	मेहमान-नवाजी
Recount	:	विवरण देना
Valour	:	साहस
Most Decorated	:	बहादुरी से सज्जित

Army, and the first Chief of the
Indian Army, General Cariappa, was
a Coorgi.

Even now, Kodavus are the only
people in India permitted to carry
firearms without a licence.

* The river, Kaveri, obtains its water
from the hills and forests of Coorg.

Firearms : राइफल, पिस्टल आदि

Mahaseer — a large freshwater fish
— **abound** in these waters.

Kingfishers dive for their catch, while
squirrels and langurs drop **partially**
eaten fruit for the **mischief** of
enjoying the splash and the **ripple**
effect in the clear water. Elephants

Abound	:	प्रचुर मात्रा में होना
Partially	:	आंशिक
Ripple	:	लहर

enjoy being bathed and **scrubbed** in the river by their **mahouts**.

The most **laidback** individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure with river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking.

- Scrubbed** : रगड़ना
- Mahouts** : हाथियों की देखभाल करने वाला
- Laidback** : आराम पसंद व्यक्ति



Numerous walking trails in this region are a favourite with trekkers.

Birds, bees and butterflies are there to give you company. Macaques, Malabar squirrels, langurs and slender loris keep a watchful eye from the tree canopy. I do, however,

Trails : रास्ता



Macaques



Malabar squirrels



Langurs



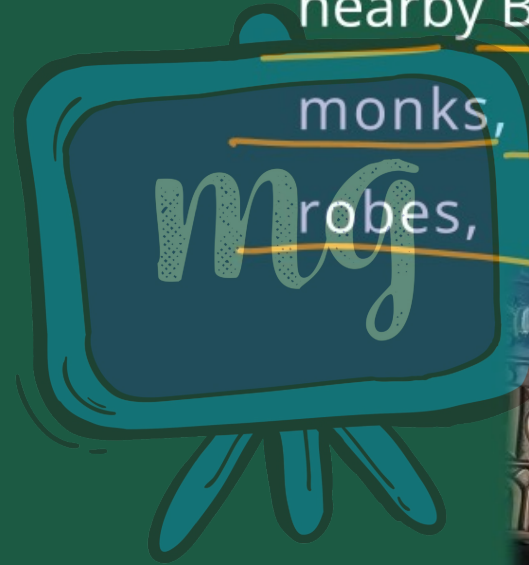
Slender loris

prefer to step aside for wild elephants.
The climb to the Brahmagiri hills brings you into
a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape
of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to
the sixty-four-acre island of Nisargadhama.
Running into Buddhist monks from India's



Panoramic : विस्तृत

largest Tibetan settlement, at
nearby Bylakuppe, is a **bonus**. The
monks, in red, **ochre** and yellow
robes,



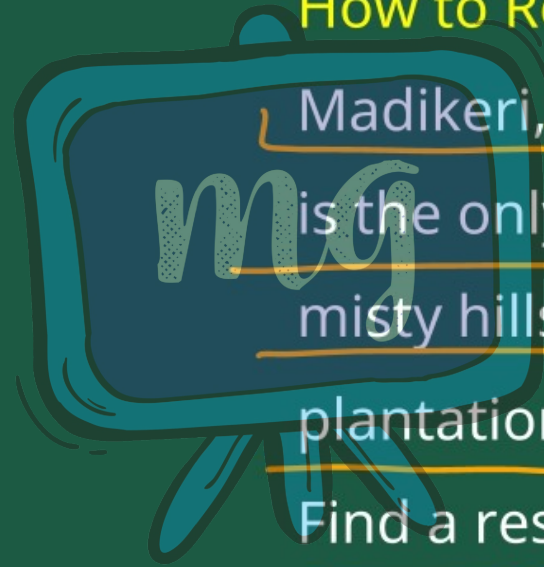
Bonus	:	अतिरिक्त भाग
Ochre	:	गेरुआ

are amongst the many surprises
that wait to be discovered by
visitors searching for the and soul
of India right here in Coorg.



FACT FILE

How to Reach



Madikeri, the district headquarters, is the only gateway to Coorg. The misty hills, lush forests and coffee plantations will cast a spell on you.

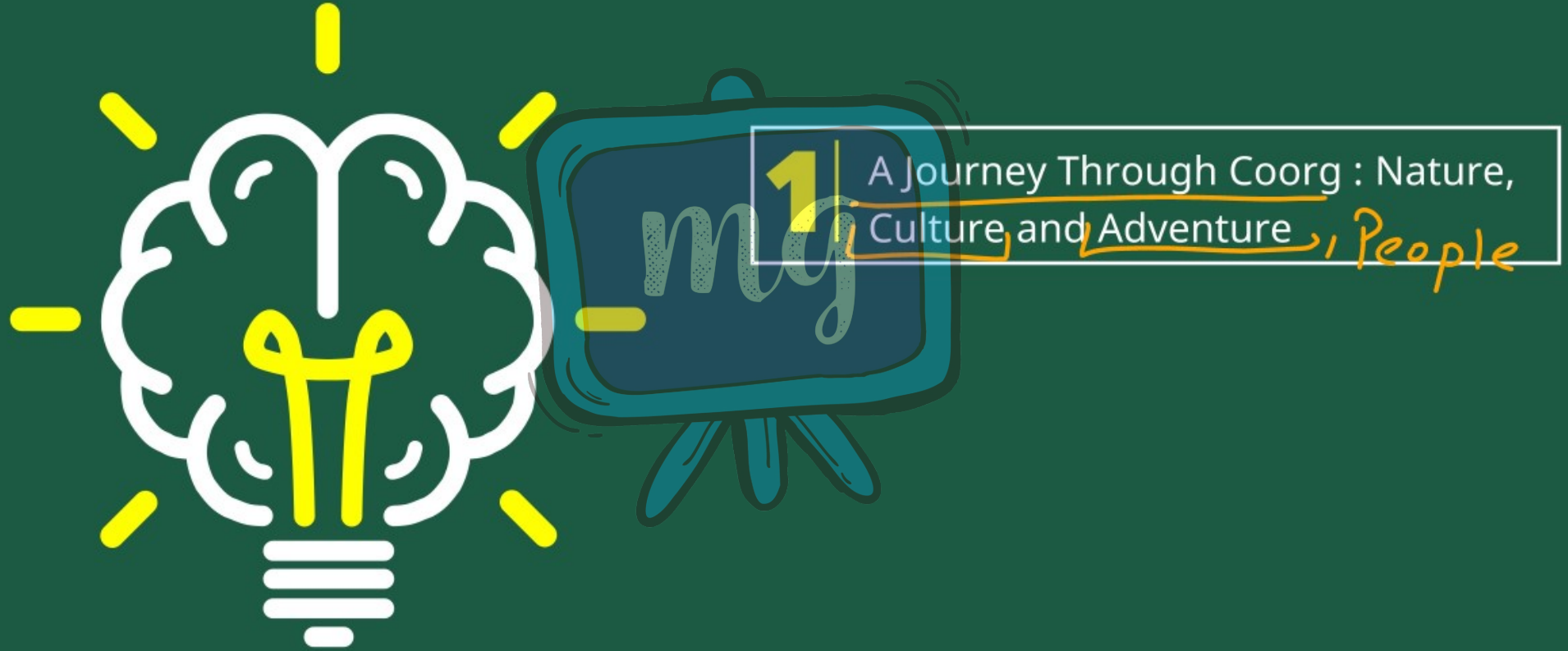
Find a resort, coffee estate or stay in a home for a truly Coorgi experience.

By Air: The nearest airports are Mangalore (135 km) and Bangalore (260 km). There are flights to Mangalore from Mumbai, and to Bangalore from Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune.

By Rail: The nearest railheads are at Mysore, Mangalore and Hassan.

By Road: There are two routes to Coorg from Bangalore. Both are almost the same distance (around 250-260 km). The route via Mysore is the most frequented one. The other route is via Neelamangal, Kunigal, Chanrayanapatna.

LEARNING OUTCOMES



1 Coorg is famous for its:

A Tea plantations

B Coffee plantations

C Rubber plantations

D Spice plantations

ASSESSMENT

2

The people of Coorg are known for their:

A

Cowardice

B

Martial spirit

C

Love for peace

D

Artistic skills

3

The river that originates in Coorg is:

A

Ganga

B

Yamuna

C

Kaveri

D

Krishna