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### **NANDITHA KRISHNA**

#### **HISTORIAN, ENVIRONMENTALIST AND WRITER**

In 1981, Dr. Nanditha Krishna started nature education programmes for teachers and students in the C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation. In 1981, she became the Chairperson for Tamilnadu of WWF India, a position she held till 1996.

“One of the first successes I had was having the Adyar Estuary declared as a protected area about 40 years ago. This was followed by the declaration of the Gulf of Mannar as a protected area. One of my articles on the use of animals in research brought an end to the export and smuggling of monkeys from India. Setting up the environmental education centre and concentrating on sensitising youngsters has been a feat in itself. More recently, the ban on bull fighting is an achievement that I count as important. I am especially proud of my involvement in restoring over 50 sacred groves in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. These groves have now been declared as protected sites. A new grove was also created in Nenmeli village, Kanchipuram District, Tamilnadu.”