

# Western Ghats symbol of bio-diversity: Nilekani

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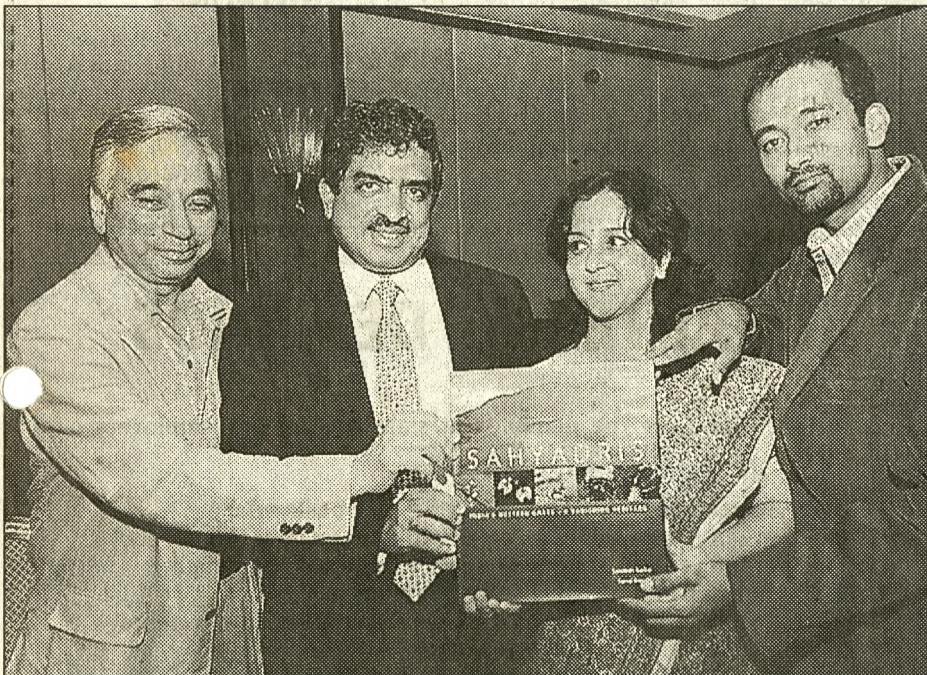
**Bangalore, Sept 28:** The Western Ghats is a symbol of unique bio-diversity, said Nandan Nilekani, CEO of Infosys, at the release of 'Sahyadris: India's Western Ghats - A Vanishing Tradition' authored by Sandesh Kadur here on Wednesday.

"We need to conserve this rich stretch of wildlife. This book is a tribute to every conservationist in the country," he added. The book is a collection of images and text by Sandesh Kadur, wildlife photographer and film-maker from the University of Texas at Brownsville, on the green cover and animal life in the Western Ghats.

The book was supported and produced by Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and Kamaljit Bawa, professor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and founder of ATREE.

"This book poses complex challenges and brings together various segments of society for conservation of the environment. This book with its magnificent pictures, will generate new knowledge and create awareness," said Kamaljit Bawa.

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Infosys CEO Nandan Nilekani releasing the book, 'Sahyadris, India's Western Ghats - A Vanishing Heritage', in Bangalore on Wednesday. Kamaljit Bawa, Rohini Nilekani and Sandesh Kadur look on. — Express photo