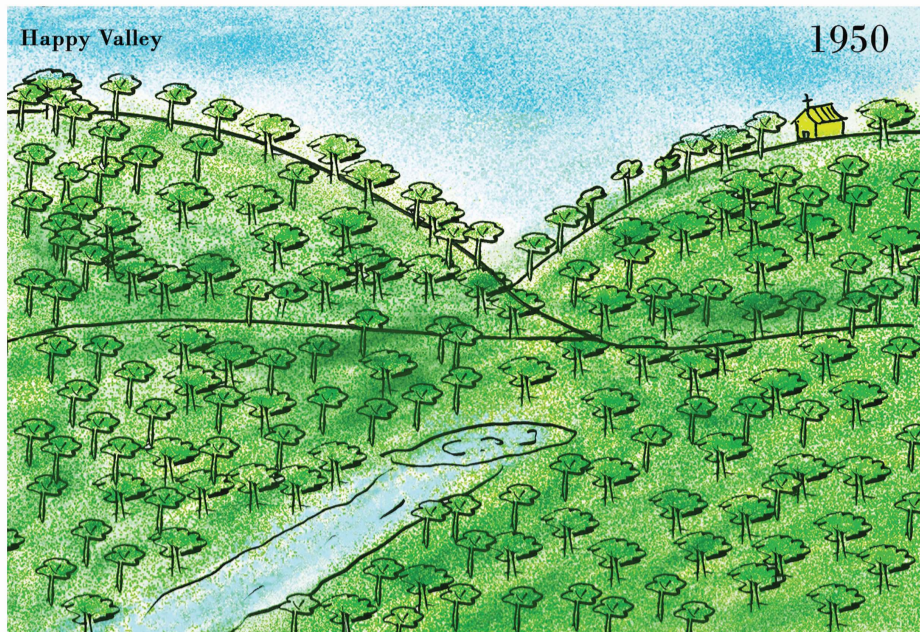
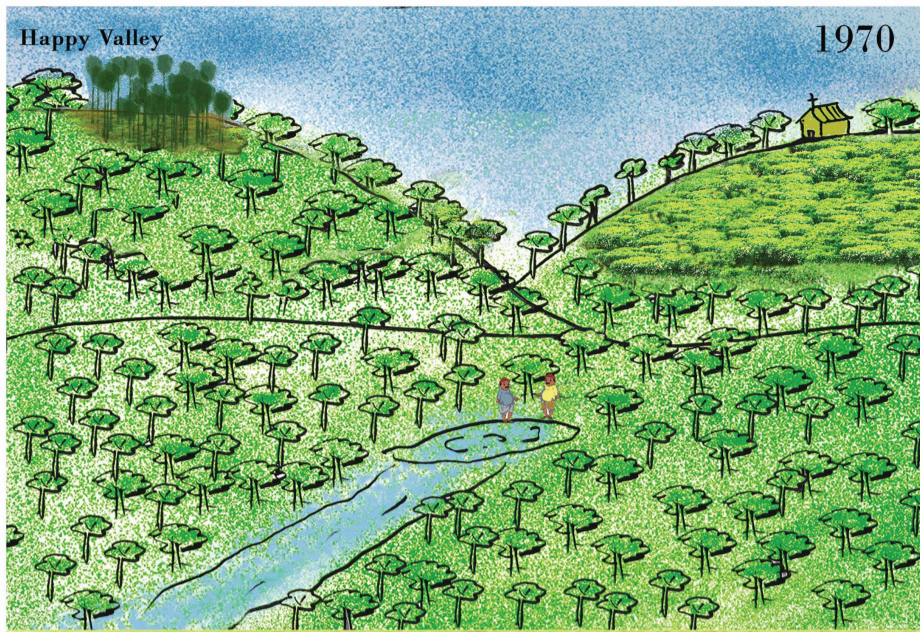


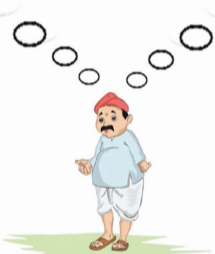
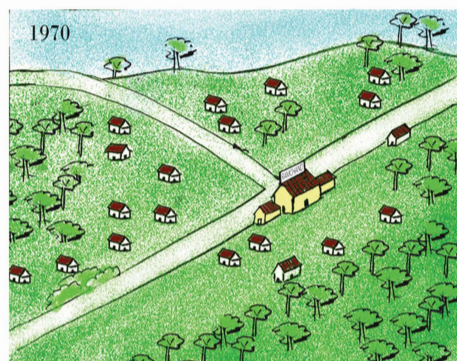
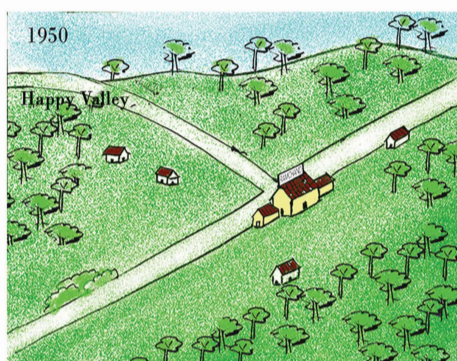
A TALE OF HAPPY VALLEY



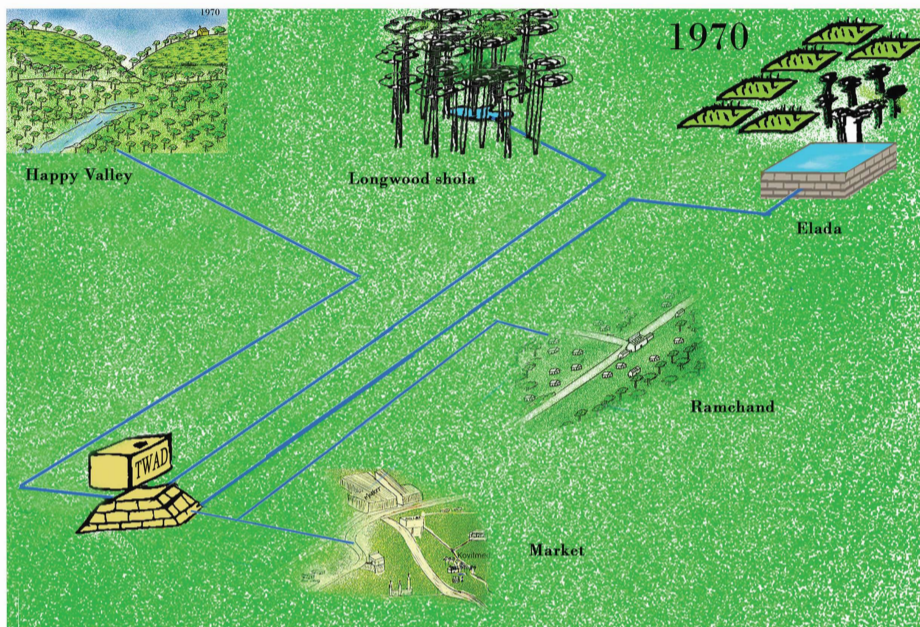
Hi, my name is Happy Valley. I was a shola with a large perennial stream. That was when I was truly at peace



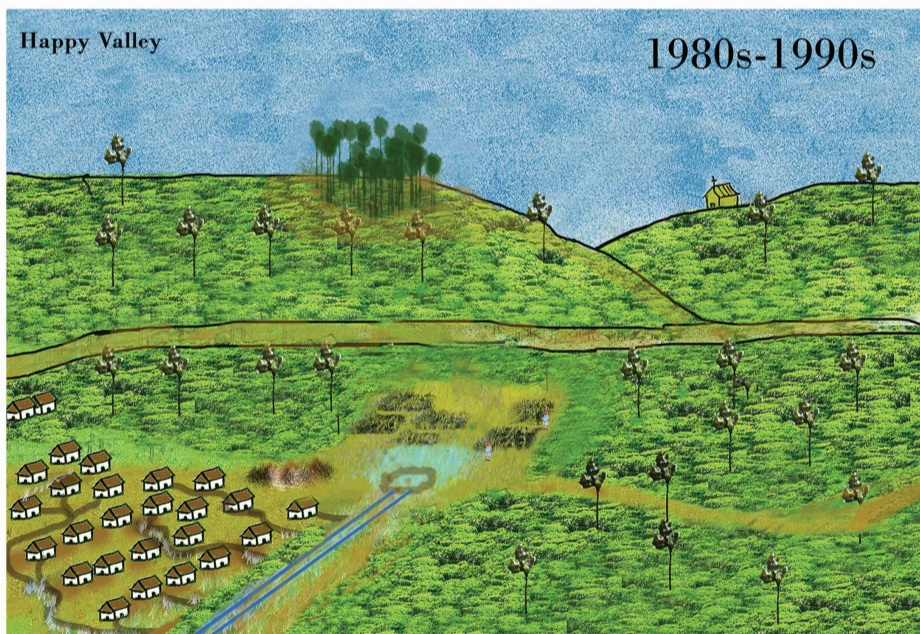
As time went by, humans moved closer to me because I was the origin of a clean stream.



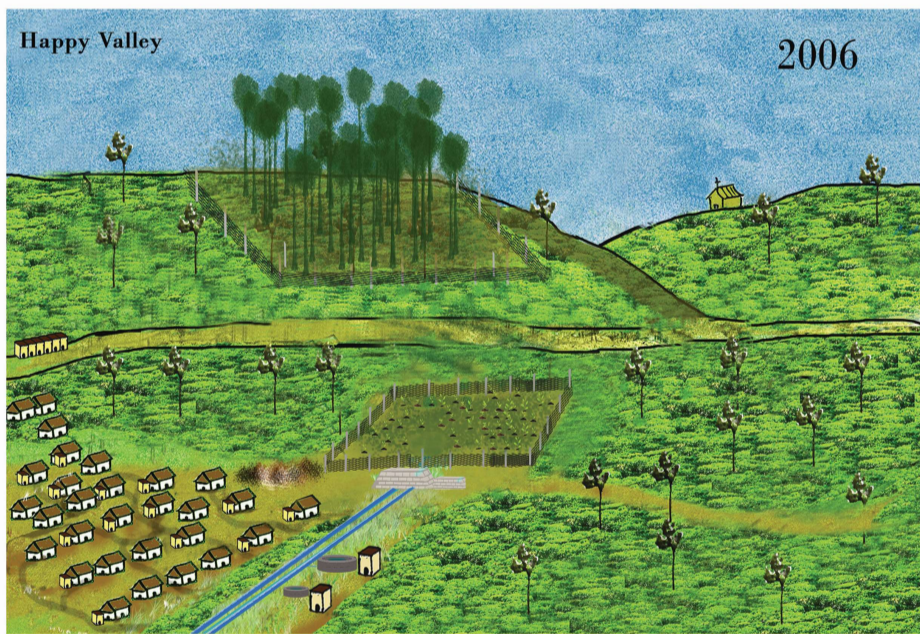
OH! exclaimed the Kotagiri Panchayat head, "As urbanisation is looming, water availability is decreasing".



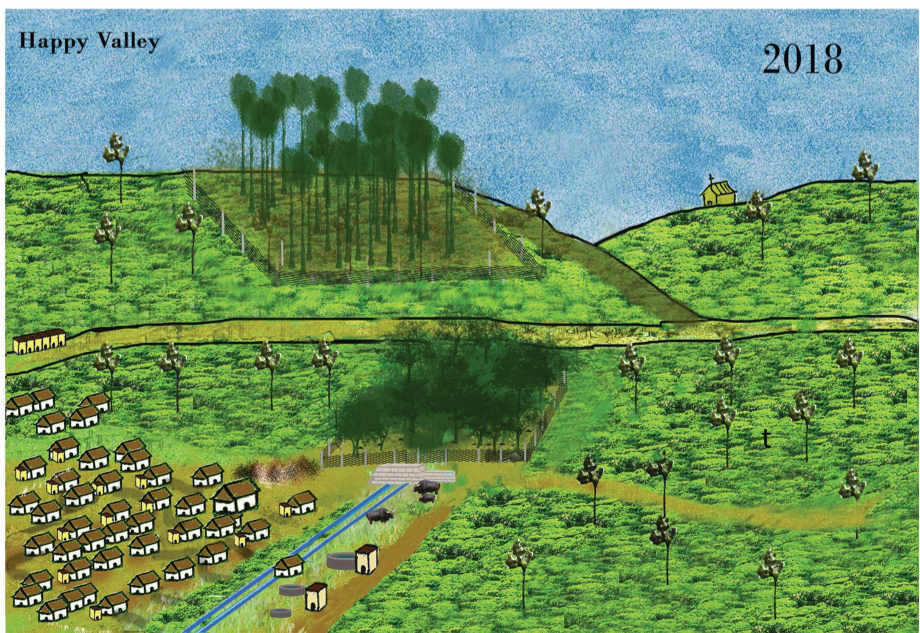
They decided to tap me along with my friends Longwood Shola and Elada, to supply water to the Kotagiri town.



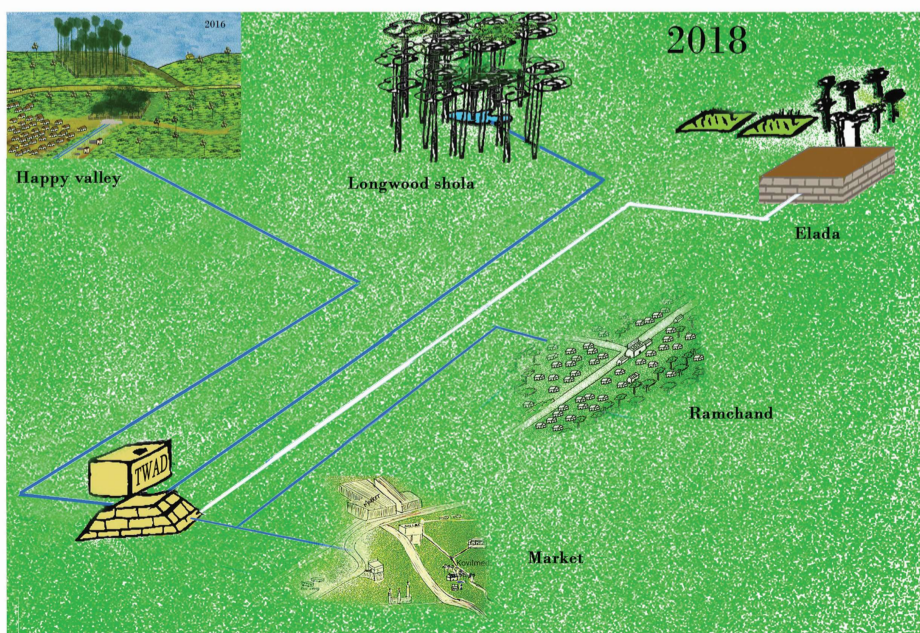
I was saddened when they cut down the forest that once surrounded me. They grew acres of tea instead for monetary gain.



Then Keystone along with support from Panchayat and community became my friends. They planted native saplings and protected me to bring a part of me closer to my natural state.



Now, I am happy to say that "I have the capacity to supply water to more than 200 households, even when there is a drought I can uphold".



I am getting back my Shola. I am happier now to be a home to birds, other wildlife and supply water with ease.