

## Govt sets up forest certification body

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**New Delhi:** To promote responsible trade in forestry sector and ensure better management of forests in India, a national level body was launched on Monday which in the next one year would develop national forest certification system and standards which would also help in combating climate change.

The body, Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF), was launched with stakeholders from all fields including the environment ministry, industry, forest experts, technology experts and others.

Experts say forest resources have been under strain primarily because of commercial use of wood and deforestation due to changes in land use. But forest certification could help in combating climate change by promoting responsible trade in forestry sector which leads to best management of forest resources which are both economically viable and environmentally friendly.

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