

Forest minister proposes special syllabus on bamboo

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CHANDRAPUR: Forest minister Sudhir Mungantiwar has proposed a special syllabus on bamboo in Gondwana University on the lines of Tripura University. He said it would be a diploma level course and help in creation of good quality artefacts at bamboo training centre in Chichpalli. Mungantiwar claimed that he is going to hold a meeting with vice-chancellor of Gondwana University in this regard.

The minister, who held a review meeting of Chandrapur forest department on Friday, directed forest secretary Vikas Kharge to form a committee for recommending improvements in the bamboo policy of the state. The same committee would study bamboo policies in other parts of country and suggest innovations.

The committee would also finalize functioning and set-up of the bamboo training centre at Chichpalli. The committee would prepare guidelines for seeking market and marketing management for bamboo artefacts and its feasibility as supplementary business for farmers.

Earlier, on the sidelines of the meeting, the minister directed the forest department to explore the possibility of artificial breeding of endangered species of plants and wildlife to save them from getting extinct.

"As many as 163 species of plants in state have become rare and endangered. Similarly, 43 species of avian are facing extinction. Vultures are left only in three districts of the state. The number of GIBs in state can be counted on fingers. I have directed the department to explore the possibility of artificial breeding of some rare species," said Mungantiwar on the sidelines of He claimed that if artificial breeding is found viable, endangered species like vulture and peacocks could be saved.

The forest minister informed that he has given proposal for elevating Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Gorewada Zoo as destination of international status. "Work has already been initiated in this direction. Gorewada in Nagpur will be the first destination in country to have night safari," he told.

The minister reviewed the status of plantation being done on either side of 2,641km long roads through social forestry department. He asked the officers to study the other botanical gardens in the country to build a state-of-the-art botanical garden proposed in Ballarpur. The garden would be a tourist attraction with facilities of entertainment and study centre.

PCCF, BSK Reddy, CCF, Chandrapur, Sanjay Thakre, ZP CEO Mahendra Kalyankar, municipal commissioner Sudhir Shambharkar and others were present in the meeting.

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