



IFGTB submits project report on rejuvenation of River Cauvery

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Coimbatore: Scientists at the city-based Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) have prepared a detailed project report (DPR) on restoration of River Cauvery.

Giving a speech on the World Environment Day on Saturday, IFGTB director C Kunhikannan said the Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education is preparing DPRs for rejuvenation of 13 rivers across the count-

ry. "Of this, IFGTB prepared a DPR on Cauvery and submitted it a month ago," he said. "Execution will have to be approved by the central government, after which it will

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be handed over to departments involved like forest and revenue in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for implementation."

Other rivers marked for rejuvenation include Godavari, Krishna, Narmada and Brahmaputra.

This year, the theme of World Environment Day is 'Ecosystem Restoration', said Kunhikannan. "Restoration activities may be designed to replicate a pre-disturbance ecosystem or create a new ecosystem. The practice of ecological restoration includes soil control, reforestation, removal of non-native species and weeds, revegetate disturbed areas, daylighting streams, reintroduction of native species as well as habitat and range improvement for targeted species," he added.