

A forest in just 5 cents! Kerala plans to grow urban jungles

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Concerned about the reducing green cover in the state and increasing urbanisation leading to a spike in pollution, the Kerala government is chalking out a plan to adopt the Miyawaki method of afforestation to grow miniature forests in urban areas. The method, named after Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, is aimed at creating indigenous forests in very little space, extending to less than five cents in urban areas. To begin with, the initiative will be implemented on government land. All department secretaries have been asked to locate land up to five cents under their department for launching the project. "The idea is under active consideration and ground work is being done by the state biodiversity board. We hope that the project would find place in next year's plan," additional chief secretary (revenue and environment) P H Kurien said.



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