

## Book on Eastern Ghats unveiled

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‘It brings the region’s geological, economic importance into focus’ Chairman of Parliament’s Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests, Jairam Ramesh released a book on ‘Eastern Ghats Environment Outlook’ here on Saturday.

“We all know about Western Ghats, Himalayas and the Sundarbans but the Eastern Ghats has not been documented at all. This book changes that reality and brings to focus the geological and economic importance of the region,” said Mr. Ramesh.

Recalling his association with the Araku Valley and the Sri sailam Tiger reserve, Mr. Ramesh said state governments have to play an important role in preserving flora and fauna as there is pressure from the builders’ lobby, mining lobby, industrialists lobby as well as demographic pressure. “This report will do for Eastern Ghats what the Gadgil Committee report did for the Western Ghats. It should lead to intensive study and we are planning concrete action to save the Eastern Ghats,” said Mr. Ramesh.

The book produced by Greens’ Alliance for Conservation of Eastern Ghats and Council for Green Revolution, is co-authored by K. Thulsi Rao, Sai Bhasker Reddy and C. Uma maheshwar Reddy.

The book has a charter of demands, including setting up of a National Trusteeship Council on the lines of UN Trusteeship Council for protection and restoration of common property resources like forests, grasslands, wilderness, mountains and rivers etc.

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