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Forest minister to conduct meet on 'Eco Tourism Park'

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State Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar will conduct a meeting regarding developing an 'Eco Tourism Park' in Dudulgaon, similar to the one at Durga Hill in Nigdi. This will facilitate the development of tourism and for local residents. The road works within the forest department limits will also be discussed in this meeting.

The directive follows a proposal submitted by BJP MLA Mahesh Landge during the monsoon session. Landge suggested the development of the park and related road works within the forest department's purview. In response, Mungantiwar has called for a dedicated meeting with concerned officials to discuss the plan in detail.

Landge said that the Forest Department's Group No. 78 and Group No. 190 in Mauje Dudulgaon cover a total of 66.85 hectares of reserved forest area. This area falls within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) and is classified as an urban forest according to the working plan.

Landge noted that the proposed 'Eco Tourism Park' will be located in a residential corridor with over one lakh flats. The park aims to provide citizens with a recreational escape from work-related stress. Planned features include an entertainment zone, lawn, amphitheatre, palm cart, light and sound show, food court, theme-based games, special play areas for children, and a pool.

Residents face challenges due to forest department restrictions

Annabhau Sathenagar in Dudulgaon, under the Gram Panchayat and within the forest department's jurisdiction, faces significant challenges. Residents are unable to register their homes, and infrastructure facilities are lacking.

Newly established societies adjacent to the forest department's boundary are unable to develop the area along the 18-metre road, and the road leading to Veerdura Society cannot be paved.

Additionally, the 24-metre road from Dudulgaon Phata to Charholi in Dattanagar faces technical difficulties for land transfer due to the forest department's boundary. This affects access to societies such as Jai Hind Society, Aradhyam Society, Deorai Society, and Mauli Nagar.

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