

## **J&K records increasing trend of forest carbon: DG FSI**

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Jammu and Kashmir has shown an increasing trend of Forest Carbon during the last decade, according to Director General of Forest Survey of India.

The DG FSI, Dr Subash Ashutosh was addressing officers of the state's forest department here at a one-day workshop on E-Greenwatch portal for digital monitoring of plantation works at the Forest Information Centre.

Elaborating on the subject, Dr Ashutosh said that Udhampur of the state has the unique distinction of having the varied number of forest types in the country, indicating high biodiversity in a single district.

He highlighted the ongoing cooperation between FSI and J&K Forest Department for preparation of National Forest Inventory and said that the data generated during the exercise will be used to estimate availability of wood for Wood Based Industries of the state, besides utilisation in estimating Intended Nationally Determined Contribution.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Suresh Chugh emphasised on the need of adopting digital approach to concurrent monitoring of field works to bring transparency and help better decision making.

The workshop was attended by senior officers of forest department including P K Singh, Director Soil Conservation, Sameer Bharti, CCF Jammu, B. Mohandass, CF, East, Dr. Jitinder Kumar Singh CF, West, M.K. Kumar, Regional Director, Social Forestry Department Jammu, Harmohinder Singh, CF, Working Plan and DFOs of various forest divisions and technicians.

Sarvesh Rai, Addl. PCCF and Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA organized the event.

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