



## **PCCF visits Kondagattu after CM announces its development**

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The Forest department is readying to fulfil the mandate of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to develop the famous shrine of Kondagattu and the surrounding areas, in Jagtial district. Mr. Rao had announced sanction of ₹600 crore for the project.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of the Forest Force R.M. Dobriyal, upon instructions from Minister for Environment & Forests A. Indrakaran Reddy, visited the Kondagattu area on Monday and issued necessary instructions to the staff for development and rejuvenation of the forest around the temple.

Soon after the Chief Minister's announcement about development and renovation of the temple, Member of Rajya Sabha J. Santosh Kumar announced that he would adopt the Kodimyal forest area abutting Kondagattu under his 'Green India Challenge'. The rejuvenation works will be taken up by the Forest department jointly with the Green India Challenge, a statement informed.

During his visit, Mr. Dobriyal made necessary proposals and suggestions for revival and development of the forest, and issued directions to the staff for development of two forest blocks close by.

In the first phase, the blocks are proposed to be enclosed with a fencing, after which a five-kilometre walking track will be laid inside. Aromatic and medicinal plants are to be grown in 1,000 acres, and nurseries for the same will be established. Also proposed are a watch tower and construction of a gazebo as resting place for devotees visiting the temple.

The forest blocks are proposed to be planted with fruit-bearing trees in order to provide food for the monkeys which are found in huge numbers around the temple. The works will be started soon, Mr. Dobriyal informed.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Basara Circle, Saravanan; DFO, Jagtial, Venkateshwar Rao; and other forest officials accompanied the PCCF on his tour, the statement informed.

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