

Rane: May get external agencies to manage forest dept properties

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PANAJI: Forest minister Vishwajit Rane on Monday said that the government is exploring the possibility of external agencies managing forest department properties like the Mollem wildlife sanctuary.

"We explored the possibility of involving external agencies in managing properties under the forest department, such as the Mollem sanctuary, Bondla Zoo, and bird sanctuaries. This approach will facilitate proper management and enable us to deliver high-quality services," said Rane, speaking about the outcome of a review meeting he held recently with the forest department officials "to assess the progress across various

verticals".

He said he has directed forest officials to expedite work on the wildlife management plan for Goa.

"We are committed to ensuring that each of our departments operates at full capacity to deliver optimal results and services. During the discussions, the wildlife management plan was a key focus, considering its significance for Goa," the forest minister said.