

Ancient sacred groves in forests need to be protected, says expert

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Coimbatore: The Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding on Friday conducted a webinar on smarter strategies for biodiversity conservation to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Attended by students and nature lovers from across the country, the online event featured a presentation on sacred groves in Indian forests and their incomparable values. The session was engaged by senior principal scientist Dr Kannan C S Warriar.

He said the ancient sacred groves in forests should be protected in the same way as national monuments like Taj Mahal and the national ani-

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