

AP official impressed by Telangana forest protection initiatives

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Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board Chairman BMK Reddy met top officials of Telangana Forest Department here on Monday to learn about the State's initiatives in protecting and increasing forest cover.

Telangana Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) R Shobha explained the importance of programmes such as 'Telangana Ku Haritha Haram' and the targets achieved under the flagship programme. They also talked about the 'Jungle Bachao, Jungle Bhadao' initiative of the Telangana government.

The PCCF explained about the afforestation efforts, protection of forests, and establishment of urban forests by the department. She listed out the various initiatives taken up under the Compensatory Afforestation Funding Management and Planning Authority (CAMPFA) programme. Giving the example of 'Pattana Pragathi', she said 10 per cent of funds of the local bodies would have to be spent on improving green cover.

The AP officer while appreciating the efforts of Telangana said that he was keen on understanding the successful initiatives of Telangana Forest Department and implement them in AP. Additional PCCFs Lokesh Jaiswal, MC Pargaiein, Sidhanand Kukrety, Deputy Conservator Ramamurthy also explained different programme being implemented in the State to the AP officer.

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