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Admn plans second nature centre at Kansal forest

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Chandigarh: The UT administration has planned to set up a "nature interpretation centre" at Kansal forest of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, the second after one at the lake's regulatory end.

The idea is to educate and spread awareness about wildlife, birds, forest and environment to tourists and children, sources said, adding the plan is to complete the project by this year-end. The forest and wildlife department will execute it.

A senior official said the project will be set up between Kansal forest main entry gate and log hut. "There are already some rooms adjoining a track, which will be used for this purpose. The UT forest and wildlife department officials are already on the job," he added.

Visitors, who will obtain permission from forest and wildlife department for visiting Kansal forest, can also visit this centre with the same permission, official added.

The first centre at Sukhna Lake's regulatory end has pictorial display panel of migratory and resident birds and other rare species with the highlights of their habitat. To sensitise the visitors about the necessity to conserve nature, interactive voice modules of birds, touch screen kiosks, murals, indoor and outdoor signages have been developed. The centre also has an audio-video media birds interactive display.