Another wildfire devours over 150 ha forest at Ambazari Biodiversity Park

Mar 14, 2024, 05.06 AM IST

Nagpur: A day after a forest fire burnt down 13 hectare of leaf litter, bushes, and grassland beneath the transmission line on the Hingna side of Ambazari Biodiversity Park, a major fire completely devoured over 150 ha of the reserve forest on Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday, small fires were noticed near the same area and were brought under control by afternoon. "However, even as our staff was on their way out after extinguishing the fire, the high velocity, swirling winds spread towards the water filtration plant and everything went out of control," said Bharat Singh Hada, deputy conservator of forests (DyCF), Nagpur.

Eyewitnesses said the fire was so huge that billowing smoke could be seen 5km away from the Ambazari forest.

We also published the following articles recently

As summer heat sets in, forest fire alerts on the riseForest fires are raging in Maharashtra, with a significant increase in fire alerts. Man-made fires pose a threat to the forest ecosystem, and the tendu leaves and mahua flower collection season is expected to worsen the situation. Wildlife experts warn of increased man-animal conflict and its impact on tigers and wildlife corridors.108312846

Meghalaya chief conservator of forest found dead at homeMeghalaya's Chief Conservator of Forest N Luikham, a 50-year-old India Forest Service (IFS) officer, allegedly died by suicide at his official residence in the East Khasi Hills district. His family members found him hanging and took him to the Shillong Civil Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead. The police team is investigating the incident. 108461964

Opium plants worth Rs 10 crore destroyed in Odisha forestPolice destroyed 5.25 lakh opium plants worth Rs 10.66 crore illegally cultivated in Mayurbhanj. Investigation is underway regarding the origin and end use. Previously, a

special task force busted an opium smuggling racket in Rourkela.108373481