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Eco tourism is being given boost in Himachal: Forest Minister Dharamshala Oct 12 (UNI) The state government is making all efforts to promote eco-tourism so that untouched areas of this hill state can be developed and given a new identity on the tourism map. Revenue can be further generated in the state by promoting eco-tourism and tourism activities in forest areas.

Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania said this while addressing a press conference on Monday after laying the foundation stone of various projects of Rs. 1.66 crore of Forest Department at Kala Pul of Dharamshala Assembly constituency.

Rakesh Pathania said that to promote eco-tourism in the state, new tourism destinations and eco-tourism are being promoted. He informed that the survey report has been sent to the Government of India after completing the survey and other formalities of Parashar Lake Mandi and Chamba, two places of eco-tourism. He said that he himself is making efforts to mark new sites of eco-tourism by migrating to other places in Himachal and soon the survey of 7 more sites will be completed and the matter for the approval will be sent to the Central Government. Rakesh Pathania laid the foundation stone of Tree Top Hut, Sweats Cottage costing Rs 46 lakh, to be built at a cost of Rs 53 lakh in Kalapul of Dharamshala Assembly constituency. He laid foundation stones of Forest Cottage to be built at a cost of Rs 20 lakh, Eco Tourism Complex for Rs 15 lakh, Tree Top Hut to be built at a cost of Rs 14.50 lakh at Satovari and Forest Block Officer Office to be built at Ghurkdi at a cost of Rs 17.50 lakh.

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