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Five states prepare forest action plan

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Hyderabad: The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education organised a Regional Research Conference with principal chief conservator of forests (PCCFs) of Telangana, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal in the city on Wednesday.

Four brainstorming sessions were held under the theme 'Assessment of Phytodiversity and Their Sustainable Utilization' through a virtual conference at Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad.

Speaking on the occasion, Telangana PCCF RM Dobriyal gave a presentation on the state's afforestation drive under Telanganaku Haritha Haram and pointed out that there has been a 6.8% increase in forest cover in the state. ICFRE offered to conduct research on the drive to strengthen afforestation measures.