Nature education centre at Mhadei sanctuary soon

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Panaji: Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa's second largest protected area at 208 sqkm, will soon get a nature education centre. To be constructed at the cost of around Rs 35 lakh, the centre will help educate visitors about the unique and endemic flora and fauna inside the Mhadei's forest, which is also home to the tiger.
Besides this, the extension of the floating jetty inside the Salim Ali Wildlife sanctuary is also planned.

"This will be the first nature education centre inside Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary. It will inform and educate visitors about the various life inside the sanctuary, without having to enter the forest," said deputy conservator of forests, North Goa, (wildlife division), Arulraj Jabestin.

He said at Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, a floating jetty was added for the first time last year. This is being extended further to be able to park the three boats of the forest department, which are used for patrolling the sanctuary as well as to take visitors on bird watching trips.

The existing education centre at Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is also being expanded, Jabestin said.

Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary is home to the largest number of sacred groves in Goa, which are preserved patches of forests lying untouched for centuries due to the sacred status allotted to them by locals. The sanctuary also has limestone caves and rock art at Brahmakarmali, besides Myristica swamp forests. Visitors will be able to learn about all these unique features of the sanctuary at the nature education centre being set up at Maloli in the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary.

Expansion of nature education centres at Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary and at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary are also planned. Netravali sanctuary is Goa's biggest with an area of 211 sqkm. Cotigao sanctuary, with an area of 80 sqkm, is home to a butterfly park, Goa's only such state-run park.

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