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## **New forest monitoring tool launched**

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PATNA: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and state's department of environment, forest and climate change (DEFCC) on Friday jointly launched a new forest monitoring tool, which will use satellite images and geo-analytics to improve forest monitoring, planning and management.

Addressing the launch event at Aranya Bhawan here, the USAID's India deputy mission director, Karen Klimowski, said, "In India, USAID invests in forest conservation, management and restoration to build a sustainable and climate-resilient future for people and nature. USAID is hopeful that this new tool will increase the accuracy and consistency of forest landscape monitoring in Bihar."

Dipak Kumar Singh, principal secretary, DEFCC, thanked USAID and said, "The department will scale up the use of the monitoring tool, which was tested in Gaya, to other parts of the state."

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