

{ **FORESTRY NEW YEAR BEGINS** }

Each district in state must have eco-tourism sites, says minister

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LUCKNOW: Foundation stone for night safari would soon be laid in Kukrail, said forest minister Arun K Saxena on Tuesday at a function while inaugurating forestry new year.

“Eco tourism sites should be developed at each district in the state to generate more jobs,” said the minister while emphasizing that UP has worked successfully in plantation drives and also increased number of wild animals in state with better forest planning.

During the event, several forest staff were felicitated for their outstanding work in different sections, including Dr

Durgesh Nandan, scientific officer of the Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre in Gorakhpur Division, Ajai Kumar at headquarter, Raghav Duggal, Shankar Singh Rawat, Sanjeev Sinha, and a dozen others.

Senior officials, including head of forest force SK Sharma, principal chief conservator of forest (PCCF) Sanjay Srivastava, PCCF Sunil Chaudhary, APCCF PP Singh, and PCCF Anuradha Vemuri, were present in the event that marks beginning of a new year for the department and start of annual programme afresh. During the event, baton of annual plantation drive was handed over to new team of mission plantation.

SARUS AUDITORIUM UNVEILED AT LUCKNOW ZOO

LUCKNOW: The newly renovated Sarus Auditorium at the Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden was inaugurated on Tuesday by Arun K Saxena the minister of forest, environment, and climate change. The auditorium's inauguration comes just ahead of National Wildlife Week, which runs from October 2 to 8, allowing it to host related events.