## Soon, plan to promote UP's eco-tourism

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Lucknow: The UP Eco Tourism Development Board (UPETDB) will roll out a detailed action plan to boost ecotourism sites in the state.

To implement the plan, the board will appoint 18 ecotourism fellows who will be led by a programme coordinator.

Sharing details on Thursday, officials said that the selected fellows and the coordinator will take on several key responsibilities. These include the implementation of ecotourism projects, conducting training and awareness programmes for local communities and stakeholders, and promoting eco-tourism destinations across the state.

They will also collaborate with govt and non-government bodies, manage tourism-related data, monitor ongoing projects, identify gaps in infrastructure at tourism sites, and support environmentally friendly tourism practices.

Citing experts, an official spokesperson said: "This new program aims to promote environmental protection, create local job opportunities, and boost economic growth. It will help preserve the state's natural resources and give tourists a chance to explore UP's rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.