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Develop betta lands, says Western Ghats Task Force

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: The Western Ghats Task Force has recommended a model scheme to develop 50,000 acres of betta lands in Uttara Kannada district with the participation of farmers, according to a report submitted on Thursday.

Afforestation

The WGTF has already implemented the model scheme in 15 villages of the district under the guidance of the Forest Department. Betta land- holders have already taken up afforestation on 1,000 acres and the government had promised more facilities for development works.

Implementation appreciated

The report also mentioned that even the United Nations Organisation had appreciated the implementation of National Forest Policy, action taken to check forest encroachments and, farmers' participation in developing forest cover on betta lands.

A memorandum has been submitted to the Chief Minister, said WGTF chairman Anant Ashisar according to the report.

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