

ROLL-OUT OF A.P. e-GREEN WATCH & APFMIS PORTALS

The Honorable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri N. Kiran Kumar Reddy is rolling out the “**Andhra Pradesh e-Green Watch**” and “**Andhra Pradesh Forest Management Information System**” (APFMIS) today, i.e., 3rd of October 2012 in the presence of Dr. P.J. Dilip Kumar, IFS, Director General of Forests, MOEF New Delhi, Sri S.V. Kumar, IFS, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and Sri Rajesh Pathak, Project Leader from National Informatics Centre (NIC), New Delhi.

Brief notes on these 2 portals are as follows:

1. E-Green Watch:

The Honorable Supreme Court of India While reviewing the Compensatory Afforestation activities directed the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) GOI in July 2009 to evolve an independent system for concurrent monitoring and evaluation of the works carried out in the States with Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and Net Present Value (NPV) funds. Pursuant to this order, the MoEF entrusted this task to National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Forest Survey of India, Dehradun. They took up development of a web enabled application by involving 4 Pilot States, viz., Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim and Tripura. After working for over a year duly testing various applications with data from the 4 Pilot States the online application **E-Green Watch** is finally ready for roll out in the country. Its objective is to facilitate all the States in capturing data on various facets of CAMPA & NPV activities through its various modules so as to present data in real time and at the same time make it accessible to all stake holders and public with an objective of monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities. Besides details of all the diverted and acquired land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 will also be registered through this portal. It is hoped that this will improve efficiency and ensure transparency and bring in an element of greater accountability among the State Forest Departments w.r.t. utilization of CAMPA & NPV Funds.

2.APFMIS:

Andhra Pradesh Forest Management Information System is an online MIS & GIS integrated system developed in-house by Andhra Pradesh Forest Department between 2010 & 2012 with a view to capture most of the data on various aspects of forest management & administration and generate required reports online. This is intended to away with paper work to a large extent, improve efficiency of the administration, make it more accountable & bring in transparency and awareness among the people in general. It is proposed to develop about 15 modules. As of now about 10 modules are fully developed and ready for launch. The Operational modules are The Vana-mahotsavam MIS, Forest

Protection MIS, Saw mills MIS, CAMPA MIS, Beedi leaf MIS, Plantation MIS, Forest Cover Change MIS, IT Infrastructure MIS, Forest Buildings MIS and Nursery MIS. Few more Modules are under development. The Purpose is to capture all required information online in real time and with specific goal of getting rid of paper reporting hitherto and create a robust Decision Support System (DSS) for scientific and effective Planning and monitoring. With infrastructure like Computers, Printers, Broad band and trained manpower availability in all locations up to Range level, the APFMIS is successful in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The online reporting shall result in better utility of time by field and Head Quarters Officers of the Department and improve the overall efficiency.

From A.P. Forest Department