

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF
FORESTS/DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KAKINADA IN THE PROPOSED AREA AT
DIWANCHERUVU(E) R.F. FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREST ACADEMY TOWARDS
IMPARTING TRAINING AND FOREST MANAGEMENT FOR CONSERVATION OF
FORESTS OF THE FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION OF 39.13 HA. FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTION OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST ACADEMY
INCLUDING CCKCC & IES FOR IMPARTING TRAININGS ON FOREST PROTECTION,
MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION TO DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FIELD OFFICERS
AND THEIR CAPACITY BUILDING IN DIWANCHERUVU EAST RF.

I have inspected the said area on **18-09-2016**. The following are the observations during my inspection.

Status of Flora:

There are 25 no. of research plantations over an area of 35 ha belonging to State Silviculturist Division, Rajamahendravaram are existing in the area proposed for diversion. The Lat-long of the proposed area is N 17.05089 E 81.85925 to N 17.05321 E 81.85991.

The vegetation in the adjoining forests of this proposed area is mainly consists of misc., species. The details are as follows.

S.no.	Telugu Name	Botanical Name
1	Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>
2	Nallajeedi	<i>Semecarpus anacardium</i>
3	Pala	<i>Mimosops hexandra</i>
4	Regu	<i>zygiphus sp.</i>
5	Rela	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
6	Kasinth	<i>Cassia occidentalis</i>
7	Jilledu	<i>Calotropis gigantia</i>
8	Korinth	<i>Acacia caesia</i>
9	Bamboo	<i>Dendro calamus strictus</i>

Shrubs
Climber

The Academy is essentially required due to Andhra Pradesh Reorganization during 2014 and the Forest Academy established in combined AP state is now under control of Telangana State and there is no such academy available in AP state. Hence, it is proposed to establish the Forest Academy for imparting Trainings on Forest Protection, Management and Conservation to different levels of field officers and their capacity building in Diwancheruvu East Reserve Forest in compt.nos.450 over an area of 39.13 ha. The proposal does not effect any monument of historical, religious, archeological for recreational importance including wildlife sanctuary and national park etc.,

Rajamahendravaram is one of the major cities is located in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh, known as Cultural capital of the state with good economic growth and one of the best developing cities of state of Andhra Pradesh. Rajamahendravaram is well connected to all parts of state with one National Highway (NH-65) and two state high ways. Moreover the city is also well connected by Rail, Air and Water to all parts of the state and country. National waterways

NW-4 has been declared as an Indian National Waterway and is under development. It connects the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. It is being developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

The city is the Forest circle headquarters of Rajamahendravaram circle and comes within jurisdiction of Kakinada Division, which is having largest forest area in the state with 3.337lac ha. The forest areas are covered with the rich forests of the Eastern ghats with semi moist mixed deciduous forests. The forest areas of East Godavari are attracting the trainees of Forest Academy of Dulapally, Hyderabad in erstwhile state of Andhra Pradesh for their regular educational tours and exercises. East Godavari District is also successful in promoting Community Based Ecotourism at Maredumilli involving people participation. The center is being run by the Vana samrakashna Samithis (VSSs) of Valamuru, Somireddy palem and Addaraveedhi hamlets of Rampachodavaram Range. The Departmental extraction of *Tectona grandis* is in progress in Kakinada Division giving best Revenue to the Govt. and to VSSs. The city of Rajamahendravaram is also well equipped with Research center to cater the needs of R&D activities of Forest Department. The circle office is also having the facilities of GIS cell for better monitoring of Forest Areas. The circle office at Rajamahendravaram and its headquarters have every facility to cater to the needs of training academy.

Therefore, the city of Rajamahendravaram can be a better choice for setting up of Andhra Pradesh Forest Academy.


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