



# Dandachali will get a New Identity from Eco-Park

## Why In News?

On November 10, 2022, Atul Bhandari, New Tehri District Tourism Officer of Uttarakhand, said that only 15 km from New Tehri. A proposal to develop Dandachali, a major tourist destination located at a distance of 100 km, as an Eco-Park has been sent to the state government by the tourism department. After getting approval, Dandachali will make tourists from India and abroad feel a world-class tourist destination.

## Key Points

- Atul Bhandari told that Dandachali area is five square km. It is surrounded by dense forests of deodar and oak. Wildlife rich in this area, wildlife like Gular, Bear, Sehi, Ghural are in abundance. The forest is also full of different species of birds. The weather of Dandachali makes one feel cool even in the heat of June, whereas in December and January, snow freezes up to four to five feet.
- He said that nature tracks will be built in the pine forest here. Parking, viewpoints and adventure sports facilities will also be available to tourists. Apart from this, Burma Bridge, Wooden and Glass House restaurants and mountain bike tracks will also be built here.
- However, due to lack of arrangements for hotels etc. to stay in Dandachali, tourists have to return to Chamba or New Tehri before dusk. Despite this, the movement of tourists remains constant. A large number of tourists reach Dandachali every year to celebrate the New Year, but due to Dandachali not being on the tourism map, no account is kept of the tourists coming here.
- With the creation of Eco Park in Dandachali, local youth will also get employment and due to the increase in the influx of tourists, shops and homestays will open here, other means of employment will also be developed.

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