

Chandigarh: Sukhna forest aviary to host 1,500 exotic birds

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CHANDIGARH: The upcoming walk-through aviary at the forest adjoining Sukhna Lake will have around 1,500 exotic birds of 46 species. "The forest and wildlife department has planned to open 'Bird Park' housing exotic bird species for general public after the rainy season. The park in the Nagar Van (City Forest), will also have beautiful landscapes," said UT chief conservator of forests Debendra Dalai.

According to the plan, the department has planned the enclosure in such a way that the birds, apart from having a free flight, ability to nest and natural habitat, will stay at the aviary, and visitors will be to walk past them. Spread over 100 hectares in and around the Sukhna Lake reserve forest area, Nagar Van has facilities such as walkways, jogging and nature trails, shallow water bodies, visitors' shed among others. It was opened for the visitors in 2018. Sources said the enclosure will be of very thin layers form of net which will be covering the trees so that the birds may not be able to fly away and remain inside the aviary. The committee constituted for the project had conducted a study about the habitat of the area, flora, and water quality. The 'Bird Park', proposed to be developed on the lines of Jurong Bird Park in Singapore, envisages creating a new tourist spot in Chandigarh and a place for bird lovers and aspiring ornithologists.

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