

Committed to increasing forest cover: Pawan

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Rajahmundry: Forest minister Pawan Kalyan emphasized the state govt's commitment to increasing forest cover and providing a pollution-free environment for future generations. The minister stated that efforts are underway to increase the state's forest cover from 33% to 50%.

Pawan Kalyan laid the foundation stone for the permanent buildings of the AP forest academy, which will be constructed at a cost of ₹18 crore near Rajahmundry. The academy will provide training to frontline forest personnel in forest conservation and scientific forest development, enriching them with knowledge on environmental protection, forest education, research, and

enhancing forest cover.

The minister also inaugurated a science museum in Rajahmundry, developed at a cost of ₹15.20 crore, in the presence of Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and cultural minister Kandula Durgesh. The museum, designed by the Visweswarayya Industrial and Technology Museum in collaboration with the National Council of Science Museum, is expected to become a landmark in the state, particularly in the Godavari district. Pawan thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union minister Shekhawat, and chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

The dignitaries visited various exhibits at the museum, including the water resources gallery, fun science gallery, planetarium, innovation hub, activity hall, and India's development demo in science and technology over the past 75 years.