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**Review meeting of Wildlife Board**  
**Chief Minister emphasizes the importance of  
protecting forest resources and endangered wildlife**

We have to give special emphasis on the forest and wildlife of Tripura for the development of tourism industry. Innovative thinking should be applied in this context. This was stated by Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha at the review meeting of the State Wildlife Board organized by the Forest Department at the conference hall of the Secretariat yesterday. Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister said that the stakeholders need to play a responsible role in protecting the forest and wildlife to make tourism sector of the state more attractive to the tourists. On the occasion, the Chief Minister directed the officials to give special importance to the protection of forest resources and endangered wildlife in the state. He said that new initiatives need to be taken to increase the tourist attraction for the national parks and sanctuaries located in the state. In this regard, the Chief Minister laid emphasis on starting an elephant safari in the state for tourists. He said such initiatives would not only provide employment to the citizens, especially those living in tribal areas but will also lead to their socio-economic development. The Chief Minister also said that people from all parts of the state should come forward to achieve this objective. In such a situation, tourism destination in the State must be promoted widely among the people of the country and abroad. He said alternative measures should be taken to prevent wild elephant infestation in different inhabited areas and to avoid conflict between wild animals and people. He also stressed the need to provide adequate food to the elephants. The Chief Minister advised the concerned officials to conduct a detailed study to find out the reasons for extinction of the endangered vultures in the state.

During the meeting, Forest Minister Animesh Debbarma laid emphasis on taking innovative ideas from different sanctuaries of the country and abroad to apply in the sanctuaries of the state. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests RK Samal presented a detailed report on various initiatives and programs taken by the Forest Department. The meeting was also attended by MLA Mailafu Mog, MLA Pramod Reang, MLA Manab Debbarma, Chief Secretary JK Sinha, senior officers of the Forest Department, and other members of the State Wildlife Board.

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