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■ **Two-day meet on conservation of 2.5 lakh km hill range concludes**

## State urged to conserve Eastern Ghats

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Environmentalists, scientists, academicians, students and various stakeholders urged the Central and state governments to get down to serious measures aimed at preserving the invaluable biodiversity of the Eastern Ghats during the valedictory session of the 2-day national conference on Conservation of Eastern Ghats at Sri Venkateswara University on Friday.

The conference was

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organised by Sri Venkateswara University in collaboration with Greens Alliance for Conservation of Eastern Ghats (GrACE) which concluded on Friday involved a number of presentations by young scientists, noted researchers and academicians with

focus on the thrust areas including biological environment of the Eastern Ghats and associated plains (biodiversity, ecology, conservation, climate change & carbon sequestration), information systems (remote sensing, GIS techniques & monitoring), phy-

sical environment, socio-economic environment and programmes and policies.

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To conserve the Eastern

Ghats for the future generations intact, GrACE is on a mission for a concerted, inclusive, macro-level conservation movement involving all the stakeholders to prepare a charter of demands to be made legislations by the policy makers, he added.

Meanwhile, young scientists' awards were presented to research scholars, PG and UG students who excelled in their presentations during the competitive sessions held during the two-day national conference.