

Narlikar, Gadgil to protest against changes in BDPs

Pune: Noted scientist Jayant Narlikar, environmentalist Madhav Gadgil and urban planner Anita Benninger Gokhale will be among the environmental activists who will form a human chain on Sunday to protest against the proposed changes in bio-diversity parks (BDPs).

About 100 citizens, activists and environmentalists will gather on Sunday at 8 am to form a human chain around the Panchavati Hills in Pashan.

The protest has been organised by Gift to Save, a non-governmental organisation, along with Green Panch, a local citizens' group.

Arvind Bijwe of Gift to Save said, "There cannot be construction on the hill slopes. The changes in the proposed BDPs say that 4 per cent construction can be done here, but we are against this clause. Hence, a number of activists and eminent personalities in the city have come together to protest against these changes."

Bhanu Mulay of Green Panch said, "We are trying to spread awareness about what the state is doing. We do not approve of the proposed revisions."

A signature campaign will also be launched by the activists soon. TNN