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PRESS NOTE

There have been recent false and baseless reports in the Mathrubhomi daily, that 800 hectares of forest land in Gavi are being handed over to a foreign organization. A false and wild allegation that an office is going to be opened by a foreign organization in Gavi, with the possibility of research and exploitation of biodiversity is being alleged by the newspaper.

It is brought to the attention of the public at large that Gavi is a notified Reserved Forest with the Kerala Forest Act 1961, Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Forest Conservation Act 1980, and all other forest and applicable laws governing the management of these forests. Further, the land in Gavi with KFDC is leased from Kerala Forest Department and the Corporation is bound by the lease conditions.

Gavi and all other lands with Kerala Forest Development Corporation are being managed and will continue to be managed scrupulously as per all applicable laws and rules with all efforts being taken to support its communities. All activities and proposed initiatives are being done with the full consent of Board members of KFDC and knowledge of Government and any report contradicting this are malicious and vitiated so as to cast aspersions on KFDC, derail its smooth functioning and hinder its steep upward growth trajectory.

Appropriate legal actions has been initiated against those publishers publishing false and malicious content about the Corporation

For Kerala Forest Development Corporation

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