City of Palaces adds another 'Green' shop to its kitty

GO 'GREEN' Varieties of honey, bee wax, balms, soaps and spices grown by tribals in Nilgiris are right here in Mysore. Popularising these is a holistic approach towards conservation of natural products and providing livelihood to indigenous communities, writes Preethi Nagaraj

Green Hotel, which is located on Hanur road in the City is adding another jewel to its crown. After being identified as 'eco-friendly hotel' in the international arena, the hotel is adding 'Green Shop' to its kitty.

The shop, which will be inaugurated on Saturday, September 5, will showcase natural and organic products from Nilgiris, produced by tribes belonging to Kurumba and Irula communities among others. Varieties of honey, bee wax products such as balms and soaps, along with a range of spices such as cardamom, pepper, clove along with coffee and tea powders will be on sale along with items such as potteries, garments and products made using bamboo by the tribes.

The shop, which is being set up by Keystone Foundation in Tamil Nadu, will operate at Green Hotel between 9.30 am and 7 pm. Except for Friday, which is the weekly holiday.

Speaking to City Herald, Director of the Foundation Matthew said this was an effort to bring the products made by tribals to the mainstream, and ensure they get the space they deserve. Elaborating on the activities of Keystone Foundation, Matthew said Keystone has been working in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve over the last 15 years with indigenous communities on eco-development initiatives.

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