

# Isha selected for Best Eco Award

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'BEYOND Sports', an UK organisation functioning under the chairmanship of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, has chosen the Isha Foundation for the conferment of 'Best Environmental Award' for the current year. This was disclosed by Thillai, Co-ordinator for East Zone, Isha Yoga Programme.

Speaking to media persons here on Wednesday, Thillai said the Foundation had been chosen as the best from among 348 entries. The Foundation had also won the Indira Gandhi Pariyaran Puraskar Award in September 2008. Isha Foundation, Tamil Nadu, had been conducting Waves of Bliss (Ananda Alai) programme from Sept 26 and the programme would be held

here on Oct 22 and 23. Isha founder and spiritual guru Sathguru would participate in the satsangh, scheduled at the P.V.Selvaraj Girls High School grounds, opposite the Annai Sathya Playground. On Oct 22 the Foundation would distribute 10,000 free saplings to be planted here under the Greenary Thanjai Movement. The Sathguru would plant the first sapling.

The Foundation had planned to plant 11 crore saplings to increase the green cover from the current 17 per cent to 33 per cent. The Foundation had created awareness by planting seven lakh saplings on a single day in 2006. As many as one lakh saplings were planted in Tamil Nadu alone.

Minister of State for Finance S S Palanimanickam would preside over the function. Commercial Taxes Minister S N M Ubayadullah, District Col-

lector M S Shanmugam, Palace Devasthanam Hereditary Trustee Babaji Rajaram Bhonsle, Poondi Krishnasami Vandayar, S.Balasubramanian, MD and CEO, City Union Bank, Kumbakonam and Kalaimamani Muthiah would participate in the function.

At 4 pm on Friday a procession would be organised from Rayiladi in which more than 1000 volunteers and students would participate.

The Sathguru would deliver the valedictory address on Saturday and answer public questions. Common prayers and concerts would be held.

Similar afforestation and discourse programme by the Sathguru would also be organised in Chidambaram, Pollachi, Coimbatore, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Pondicherry, Erode, Salem, Tuticorin, Rajapalayam, Nagercoil and Chennai, Thillai added.