

KCT joins Project Green Hands

Staff Reporter

COIMBATORE: Showing solidarity with 'Project Green Hands', the plantation drive of Isha Foundation, Kumaraguru College of Technology organised a sapling plantation drive on Tuesday.

A release said that about 200 students from the NSS unit of the institution planted nearly 750 saplings throughout the campus.

The Correspondent of the institution, K. Arumugam, inaugurated the drive by planting the first sapling.

Different areas of the 150-acre campus were earmarked for planting various varieties of herbal, decorative, hedge and other kinds of plants.

Isha's plantation drive



GREEN FORCE: Narain Karthikeyan (third right), Formula One driver, showing his solidarity for 'Project Green Hands' of Isha Foundation in the city.

Staff Reporter

COIMBATORE: "Project Green Hands", the plantation drive of Isha Foundation, a Coimbatore-based NGO will cover 28 districts including Chennai, Coimbatore, Salem and Cuddalore. School children and people from rural areas are expected to participate.

Nearly 50,000 saplings will be planted in Coimbatore district at various lo-

cations, rural and urban.

As many as 15,000 saplings would be planted in the city alone. ACC Factory Madukkarai, Everest Industries, Podanur, Kumaruguru College, CMS Institutions, Narayana Guru College, CRPG, NGGO Colony are some of the main locations chosen for the drive.

Public can take part in the planting at any of the venues.

The drive that will be-

gin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday will end in a valedictory function in the evening at Srimathi Velumanlammal Kalyana Mandapam.

Those interested in free saplings for planting at their homes can call Eshana showroom, TV Swamy Road at 4521001, Esha Yoga Centre, Tatabad at 2495453, Shri Gugapriya Clinic, Sathy Road at 532555 and Ananda Hotels, Sundarapuram at 98947-87369.

25 crore saplings will be planted next year, says Jaggi Vasudev

Express News Service

Chennai, October 17

AS many as 25 crore saplings will be planted next year to commemorate the 25th year of Isha Foundation, said its founder Jaggi Vasudev at the completion ceremony of Project Green Hands. This year, as many as 8,13,226 saplings were planted across 30 districts in Tamil Nadu. Governor Surjit Singh Barnala planted the last of the saplings at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Jaggi Vasudev said that no one had such a good knowledge of the land as the South Indian farmer. According to him, the planting of trees was not about setting a record but was to make something fundamental to happen. If 30 percent of Tamil Nadu was to be brought under green cover, then 15-20 percent of chronic ailments would go, he said.

The mass plantation involved over 2,50,000 volunteers of Isha Foundation. The project was kick-started by Chief Minister M Karunanidhi who planted the first sapling at his residence on October



Governor Surjit Singh Barnala waters the sapling which he planted at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday evening as part of Isha Foundation's Project Green Hands — Express

15. Also present at the completion function were GK Vasan, Minister for State for Statistics and Project

Implementation, Kaviperasu Vairamuthu, Organic Farmer, Nammalvar and actor Parthiban.



FOR A RECORD: Chief minister M Karunanidhi and his wife Dayaluammal inaugurate the planting of 7 lakh samplings all over the state by Isha Foundation aiming to enter the Guinness Book of World records. Also seen is Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, founder of Isha Foundation. A photograph by N Sampath
Deccan Chronicle - 16 Oct 2006

affairs

of state

Saplings to be planted for Guinness record

Coimbatore: In a bid to enter the Guinness Book of World Records, a city-based organisation would plant seven lakh saplings in Tamil Nadu in a day, on October 17.

Tamil Nadu chief minister M. Karunanidhi would, officially inaugurate the mass plantation initiative by the Isha Foundation under the 'Project Green Hands,' on Sunday at Chennai, K. Sekhar, project coordinator, told the reporters here.

The project would cover 2,400 planting locations across 28 districts of the state and the governor, Surjit Singh Barnala, would conclude the drive by planting the last sapling, Mr Sekhar said. (PTI)

CM to inaugurate project of Isha Foundation

Express News Service

Coimbatore, Oct 14: In an attempt to get an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records, the Isha Foundation, Coimbatore, has proposed to plant a whopping seven lakh saplings across Tamil Nadu.

Talking to journalists here on Saturday, K Sekar, Project Coordinator of Green Hands, said that 2.50 lakh volunteers would be enrolled to undertake this Herculean task. "The Isha Foundation will execute this project in association with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations to create a history on October 17," he added. The mass plantation initiative would be officially inaugurated on Sunday by TN Chief Minister M Karunanidhi in Chennai and would be concluded by Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil

Nadu, according to Sekar.

Subsequent to the planting of the saplings on October 17, all the relevant documents would be compiled and sent to the Guinness Book of World

The project will have the backing of the Dept of Public Information of the UN

Records with whom a claim had already been registered, said Sekar.

"The mass plantation drive will seek to increase the green cover of Tamil Nadu from a mere 17 to 33 percent and to maintain the state's delicate ecological balance," said Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, founder of the Isha Foundation.

Isha Foundation's attempt to enter Guinness Book

Staff Reporter

CHENNAI: Isha Foundation, a Coimbatore-based NGO, will attempt to enter the Guinness

Book by planting 700,000 saplings in the State in a day.

Project Green Hands will be inaugurated on Sunday by

Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi.

The event will conclude with Governor Surjit Singh Barnala planting the last sa-

pling. Seven hundred saplings will be planted in the Raj Bhavan in Chennai.

The valedictory function to be held at the Music Acad-

emy will be attended by Jaggi Vasudev, founder of Isha Foundation, and Union Ministers G.K. Vasan and R. Veju, and lyricist Vairamuthu.

- The Hindu

15-10-2006