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The plantation targets for the year 2008 are given in **Table-2**.

Plantation Targets for 2008 (Table-2)

Sr. No.	Department/Organisation	Saplings to be planted (in Nos.)
I) 1.	Forest Department, Chandigarh Administration a) Seedsowing in patches b) Stem cuttings c) Saplings	6,00,000 1,50,000 1,50,000
2.	Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh	24,130
3.	Horticulture Division, Engineering Deptt., Chandigarh Administration	50,000
4.	Schools, Colleges, Resident Welfare Associations, Market Associations, NGO's, Rotary Clubs, Lion's Club, Farmers, Individuals and Govt. Organisations.	40,000
	Total:	10,14,130
II)	Free distribution of seedlings of <i>Neem, Jamun, Arjun, Mango, Kusum, Peepal, Kachnar, Amaltas</i> etc. by Forest Department to educational institutions, NGO's, Resident Welfare Associations, Religious Institutions & other organisations	25,000
III)	Distribution of fruit & ornamental trees on subsidized rates by the Horticulture Wing of the Municipal Corporation and the Engineering Deptt.	15,000



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H.E., Gen. (Retd.) S.F. Rodrigues, Governor Punjab & Administrator U.T. Chandigarh planting a sapling on World Environment Day 2007 in Nepli Forests



Participating Students in Poster Making Competition on World Environment Day, 2007



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Sunder Lal Bahuguna interacting with students in Nepli Forests



Overall view of Nepli Forests



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Targets under II & III are included in Table-2

The highlights of 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan' of 2008 are :-

1. Planting of 10.00 lac seed patches / saplings by various Departments over places like Sukhna catchment, Wildlife Sanctuary, Reserve forests, Reserve land and other unutilized and barren land, Parks, green belts, Community land, Government offices, Residential Complexes, Markets etc.
2. Free distribution of 25,000 saplings of trees, shrubs & herbs by Forest Department through its five Nurseries to Educational Institutions, Medical Institutions, Resident Welfare Associations, Non-Government Organisations etc. to be planted on public/ private lands.
3. Distribution/selling of 15,000 saplings of ornamental, flowering and fruit trees by Horticulture Wings of Municipal Corporation and Engineering Department to institutions and individuals for planting on public/private land.
4. Transplantation of more than 250 grown up trees from the project sites.
5. Pruning of 500 Mango trees growing in the Mango belt between Industrial Area Phase-I and Residential area (Sector-28 & 29) for rejuvenation for better growth and Mango production.
6. Organisation of 'Massive Plantation Drive' in Schools,



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Colleges, Residential Colonies, Villages, Hospitals and other public and private lands as a part of 'Van Mahotsava' celebrations during the month of July-August, 2008.

7. Group planting of flowering trees at the entry points of Chandigarh and other vantage points of major roads, Reserve forests, Parks, gardens, green belts etc. This will not only provide a boost to the aesthetics of the area but also break the monotony of greenery. Flowering trees will be in bloom at different periods throughout the year.
8. Planting of hardy, shade giving, long living and pollution abating species in the locations identified for having more pollution, particularly the roads.
9. More emphasis on planting of indigenous fruit trees like Neem, Mango, Peepal, Jamun etc. to increase avian population.
10. Replenishing and conserving the biodiversity of nature spots like Leisure Valley, Reserve forests, Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and Sukhna Lake by removing obnoxious weeds and planting/introduction of indigenous palatable species.
11. Establishment of Herbal Gardens in Schools, Colleges and other Institutions.
12. Construction of two new water bodies in the forests.
13. Ensuring tall planting [3' to 5' tall **saplings**] for better survival.



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14. Post planting care by ensuring proper protection and regular watering.
15. Selection of dwarf species to be planted under the electric lines and telephone lines.
16. Removal of *parthenium/ cuscuta* from the city and forest areas.
17. Protection of existing trees and replacement of dead, dying and diseased trees.
18. Control of pests like Mango mealy bug, termites and stem borer on regular basis.
19. Charging ground water aquifer by minimizing surface run off.