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MESSAGE

Trees are the 'Green Lungs' of Mother Earth. They are nature's factories for the production of life giving oxygen. They are not just another form of 'life' on earth but the very 'life of all lives' on earth and they play a vital role in maintaining the delicate ecological balance in nature. For the continued survival of mankind, it is essential that we propagate, protect and preserve our forest resources.

I am happy to note that Chandigarh Administration has formulated the 'Greening Action Plan' for the year 2008, for planting one million trees. Its implementation will be a major step forward in the efforts of all greening Departments/Organisations, Non-Government Organisations, Educational Institutions, Resident Welfare Associations etc. to make the city greener. Post plantation care, including the protection and watering of plants, should be ensured by all concerned for the better survival of saplings.

I take great pleasure in releasing 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan-2008' and launching a massive plantation drive. It is my earnest appeal to all 'greening' agencies and the citizens of Chandigarh to actively participate in our efforts to make this city greener and cleaner.

I extend my best wishes and heartiest congratulations to all the participants in the 'Greening Chandigarh Campaign' and wish them success in their endeavour.

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Forests are vital for sustaining the life support system of this planet. They are not only the store house of biodiversity but also play a significant role in the protection & improvement of the environment. We need to protect & preserve them at all costs so that the forests remain the Repositories of Biological Diversity and conservation of flora and fauna.

Though Chandigarh is a green city, there is still immense scope to increase its green cover. This can be done by undertaking massive plantation on unutilized and left out patches, undeveloped and under-developed parks, green belts and also by enrichment of plantations in forest areas. Keeping this objective in view, the administration has planned the 'one million trees programme' in Chandigarh during the current year.

I am happy to note that the 'Greening Chandigarh Task Group' has formulated a detailed 'Greening Action Plan' for the year 2008. Concerted and coordinated efforts of all agencies and departments along with the active involvement of students, non-government organizations and citizens of Chandigarh will help to make the 'City Beautiful' greener, cleaner & more serene.

On the occasion of the launching of this massive plantation programme, I call upon all citizens of Chandigarh to actively participate in the plantation drive. Today's young seedlings will be tomorrow's green lungs.

I wish the efforts all success.

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Trees and forest are integral part of our life. Scientifically also they are of immense environmental benefit to the mankind. The Administration has tried to identify all potential areas within and around Chandigarh where we can have more plantation and further increase density of plantation. Keeping in view our good goal, we have got an ambitious plan to plant 1 million trees. It is with respect to this that "Green Action Plan" has been prepared which will be implemented in 2008.

We understand that it is a very ambitious plan and without active involvement & cooperation of all the citizens of Chandigarh, we will never be able to achieve that. May I request to all to kindly be part of this.

(Sanjay Kumar)