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**RAJ BHAVAN
CHANDIGARH**

MESSAGE

Forests are precious natural resources. Forests perform variety of functions, like land conservation, securing of water sources, control of climate change, and creation of natural environment essential to human existence. Due to various developmental activities, natural resources are facing serious threats. Therefore, there is a dire need of judicious balance between the conservation and development.

Sincere efforts have been made by the Chandigarh Administration to improve the quality and quantity of green cover in the city. This has been established through biannual reports of Forest Survey of India. I am pleased to know that as per ISFR 2015, total Green cover of UT, Chandigarh is about 40.7% of total Geographical area which is a great achievement for any city. To maintain this status & to further improve the green cover in the city, we all should join hands to contribute our part, by Planting, Protecting & Conserving precious natural resources.

I am happy to note that Chandigarh Administration has formulated the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2016-17 to further improve the greenery of city beautiful.

I congratulate & extend my best wishes to all concerned stakeholders of 'Greening Chandigarh Campaign' & wish them good luck.

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MESSAGE

Trees and forests are mankind's lifeline and are given great importance in our culture, our tradition, our mythology and legends. From the oxygen that we breathe in, the food that we eat, to the clothes we wear, we owe it all to the trees and forests. They act as purifiers of air and receptacles of our waste products. They have great economic value too. Forests provide fuel, fodder, medicines, numerous other valuable products and livelihood to many people.

Today, however, the forests are in danger and there is an urgent need to check deforestation and dwindling of green-cover in India. The over exploitation of our forests puts us in an alarming situation. Hence, the conservation of forests should rank high in our priorities.

I am happy that like previous years Forest Department of Chandigarh Administration has formulated the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2016-17, which includes specific plantation targets and strategies for successful implementation of the greening action plan for further improvement of greenery in our city.

I appreciate the persistent endeavour of residents of Chandigarh, NGOs, Schools, Colleges & Greening Chandigarh Task Group for contributing towards greening of the city beautiful.

I extend my best wishes to all stakeholders for successful implementation of plantation drive 2016.

(Parimal Rai)



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MESSAGE

Forests are one of the most valuable resources and gifts of nature. They have Environmental, Social, Aesthetic & Economic values. Protection and conservation of forests and wildlife are essential to maintain the earth's health and environment. Due to increased biotic pressure, these versatile, renewable resources are under tremendous pressure all round the globe. We have to join hands to protect, conserve and propagate these valuable natural resources.

The aspect of Greenery is an integral part of Urban Planning in UT, Chandigarh. Since the inception of the City Beautiful, Trees & Forests have been given due importance. Due to sincere efforts of the Residents & all other stakeholders, the greenery in the city has increased in the past & is increasing today as well.

Like in past, this year also Chandigarh Administration has formulated a comprehensive Greening Action Plan 2016-17. The plan comprises of specific targets, strategies, post plantation care techniques and other valuable information regarding urban forestry.

My best wishes to the Residents, Greening Chandigarh Task Group and all other stakeholders for successful implementation of the plantation progress during the ensuing monsoon season 2016-17.

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MESSAGE

A healthy planet needs healthy forests to maintain environmental stability and ecological balance. Forests are an invaluable asset for mankind. Besides intangible environmental benefits, it provides material benefits to all of us. Our increasing population and other harmful anthropogenic activities have put tremendous pressure on our forests and green belts. Trees are our great heritage which we all must endeavour to protect, preserve and propagate for present and future generations.

The preparation of the Greening Action Plan is an attempt to combine the interests and concerns of all sections of urban community into an overall planned, integrated and systematic strategy for better management of Urban forestry to make the city beautiful and greener. I appreciate the endeavor of all the greening agencies, non government organizations and community groups in successfully achieving the targets fixed for the massive plantation drive during 2015-16.

I am happy to note that 'Greening Chandigarh Task Group' have formulated the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan for the year 2016-17. I am sure that this year also the planned and strategic targets fixed in the Greening action plan will significantly contribute to the greenery of the city beautiful.

I extend my best wishes to all greening agencies for their laudable efforts and successful implementation of GCAP, 2016-17.

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Chandigarh is known all over the world as an outstanding example of architecture, planning & landscaping. Beautiful Avenue trees will stopped Forests, lively gardens & parks and aesthetic green belt are typical landscape elements of Chandigarh. The greening is an integral part of Urban Planning in UT Chandigarh. The Greening Chandigarh Task Group of Chandigarh Administration formulates Greening Chandigarh Action Plan (GCAP) to chalk out the planning of plantation works, its implementation, monitoring & to look into all aspects of Silvicultural & Horticultural operations. Due to sustained & sincere efforts of all the greening agencies & other stakeholders, the Greening Chandigarh of City Beautiful has increased significantly.

As per ISFR-2015, Green cover of Chandigarh has increased from 53 Sq.Km. to 58.04 Sq.Kms in last two years due to perseverance and sincere efforts of all the Greening Agencies & Other stakeholders.

Encouraged by the previous results, the Greening Chandigarh Task Group has prepared "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2016-17". The plan comprises of plantation targets of various departments/ agencies & the strategies to achieve the desired results. During the year 2016-17, 220000 of saplings will be planted in a phased manner on Government & Private Land.

Apart from other valuable information in the 'GCAP 2016-17', a list of trees/ shrubs has been recommended suitable for plantation at various destinations; also this time on every page slogan/ caption pertaining to protection and conservation of environment, ethics has been mentioned. This information will sensitize the masses & generate awareness for the protection & conservation of nature & natural resources.

I am extremely indebted to His Excellency, Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki,

the Governor of Punjab & the Administrator, UT Chandigarh for his constant guidance & encouragement for preparing this comprehensive Action Plan. His concern for the people and environment of Chandigarh has been a constant source of inspiration to all of us.

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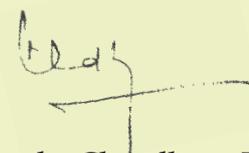
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With valuable suggestions from all, I am sure this Action Plan would prove to be another milestone in making Chandigarh a more Green & Clean City.



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