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**RAJ BHAVAN
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Message

Forests & Trees are a crucial part of life on Earth. A large number of people in our country depend directly on forests for their livelihood, including food, clothing, shelter & traditional medicine. Our invaluable national treasures, Forests & Trees, are under tremendous pressure due to rapid urbanization & increased anthropogenic effects. It is our fundamental duty to protect & conserve them to keep the environment green & sustainable for future generations.

A significant part of our city is under green cover. Apart from other Environmental & Economic benefits, forests and trees in the city enhance its visual character by adding variety and richness to urban landscape with their different foliage and blossoms.

I am happy that like previous years, Chandigarh Administration has formulated the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2012-13, which includes specific plantation targets and strategies for successful implementation of the green plan to further improve the greenery in our city.

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

I extend my best wishes & heartiest congratulations to all the stakeholders for successful implementation of plantation drive of 2012.

(Shivraj V. Patil)



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Message

Forests are invaluable asset for mankind. They provide various tangible and intangible benefits to us. Due to various development activities, the natural resources are facing serious threats. There is always a 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 series of reports of Forest Survey of India. To maintain this status & to further improve the green infrastructure & the Forests & trees in the city, we all should join hands to contribute our part by Planting, Protecting & Conserving this precious natural resource.

On the auspicious occasion of "World Forestry Day", I take great pleasure in releasing Greening Chandigarh Action Plan - 2012 - 13. I am sure that all the stakeholders will achieve the ambitious targets they have set for themselves in this Plan.

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

(K.K.Sharma)



D.K. Tiwari, IAS



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Secretary (Forests & Wildlife)
Chandigarh Administration,
Union Territory, Chandigarh

March 5th, 2012

Message

The invaluable Trees & Forests area integral part of our life & they contribute significantly to us in various forms. They have Environmental, Social, Aesthetic & Economic values. Our precious natural resource is facing challenges from various developmental activities. To contribute our part in protection and conservation, we should all utilize resources in a sustainable manner.

The aspect of Greenery is an integral part of Urban Planning in U.T., Chandigarh. Ever since the inception of the City Beautiful, Trees & Forests have been given significant importance. Due to the sincere efforts of the residents of the city & all other stakeholders, the greenery in the city has increased manifold in the past & is increasing toady as well.

Like in the past, the Chandigarh Administration has formulated a comprehensive Greening Action Plan 2012-13 this year also. The plan consists of specific targets, strategies ,post plantation care techniques and other valuable information regarding Urban Forestry.

I convey my best wishes and congratulations to the Residents, Greening Chandigarh Task Group and all other stakeholders for successful implementation of the plantation during the ensuing monsoon season.

(D.K.Tiwari)



Santosh Kumar, IFS



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Conservator of Forests &
Director Environment
Chandigarh Administration,
Union Territory, Chandigarh

March 9th, 2012

Acknowledgement

The greening is an integral part of urban planning in U.T. Chandigarh. The Greening Chandigarh Task Group of Chandigarh Administration prepares 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan' (GCAP) to chalk out the planning of plantation works, its implementation, monitoring and to look into all aspects of silvicultural and horticultural operations. Due to sustained and sincere efforts of all the Greening Agencies and other stakeholders the green cover of city beautiful has increased significantly.

Encouraged by the previous results, the Greening Chandigarh Task Group has prepared 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2012-13'. The plan comprises of plantation targets of various Departments/agencies and the strategies to achieve the desired results. During 2012-13, 2,07,878 saplings will be planted in a phased manner on Government and private land.

Apart from other valuable information, in the 'GCAP 2012-13' 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 and generate awareness for protection and conservation of nature and natural resources.

I am extremely indebted to His Excellency, Shri Shivraj V. Patil, the Governor of Punjab and the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh for his constant guidance & encouragement for preparing this comprehensive Action Plan. His concern for the people and the environment of Chandigarh has been a constant source of inspiration to all of us.

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Santosh Kumar', with a stylized, cursive script.

(Santosh Kumar)