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## MESSAGE

Trees are nature's most beautiful renewable resource. Apart from giving shade, aesthetic beauty & life supporting oxygen, trees foster variety of birds and micro-organism and thus play a crucial role in conserving biodiversity & maintaining the eco-system. Trees & Forests are the important source of livelihood generation in our country

With a commitment to its citizens for clean & green city, I am happy to note that Chandigarh Administration like previous years has prepared the 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan-2013-14', detailing the plantation targets fixed for the various greening agencies in ensuing year & the efforts planned for the Qualitative & Quantitative improvement in the Forest & Tree Cover of the city

On the auspicious Occasion of 'World Forestry Day' & on the occasion of releasing of Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2013-14, I appeal to all greening agencies and citizens of Chandigarh, to actively participate in Chandigarh Administration's efforts to improve the Greenery of the City & to make the City more beautiful.

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

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## MESSAGE

Forests are truly known as life saviours as they save mother earth from floods, droughts and effects of pollution. Forests also play a crucial role in maintaining the vital ecological balance. In the urban context, we need to protect & propagate trees to conserve the repository of the biological diversity of various life forms.

The persistent endeavours of the Greening organisations, NGOs, Educational Institutions, Resident Welfare Associations and individuals, over the years, to make city clean & green has yielded encouraging results. To maintain the pace of Greenery and to further enrich it with biodiversity, we all should come forward and contribute our part by planting trees & caring about them.

I am sure that concentrated and co-ordinated efforts of all of us will help a lot in making the city even better place to live in.

I extend my sincere congratulations to all the stakeholders of 'Greening Chandigarh Campaign' and wish them good luck for successful implementation of Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2013-14.

**(K.K.Sharma)**



**D.K. Iwari, IAS**



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March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

## MESSAGE

Our increasing population & other harmful anthropogenic activities have put tremendous pressure on our forests & green belts. Trees are the lungs of the earth & nature's producers of life giving oxygen. Trees are our great heritage which we all must endeavour to protect, preserve & propagate for the present & the future generations.

I am glad to note that "Greening Chandigarh Task Group" has brought out detailed "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2013-14" highlighting the plantation responsibilities of various Departments & Agencies like Forest Department, Horticulture Wings of Engineering Department & Municipal Corporation, Educational Institutions, NGOs & Resident Welfare Associations etc. The Action Plan also outlines the broad contours of our strategy to further improve the green cover of the city

Like previous years, we solicit active involvement, co-operation and assistance of all citizens, Government Departments & Organisations & NGOs to make this "Green Drive" great success.

I wish them all success!

**(D.K. Iwari)**



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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Beautiful Avenue trees, well stocked Forests, lively gardens & parks and aesthetic Green Belts are typical landscape elements of Chandigarh. The green heritage of City Beautiful is known world over. Recently Planning Commission of India in its Environmental Performance Index has Ranked Chandigarh as No. 1 in Forests Category, among all states & Union territories. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Greening Agencies working in U.T. Chandigarh and to all responsible and nature loving citizens of Chandigarh for helping Chandigarh Administration in its endeavour to make city cleaner & greener.

Plantation targets as envisaged in last year Action Plan has been successfully achieved. The Greening Chandigarh Task Group has chalked out plantation targets to be achieved by various greening agencies and other institutions in the year 2013-14. A total of 2 lac no. of saplings will be planted in this year by different organizations in phased manner. The plan also outlines the roles & responsibilities of various departments, institutions, NGOs & RWAs for improving the Green Cover of the City.

Apart from other valuable information, a list of tree/shrubs suitable for plantation at various locations, height of the species etc. has been provided in 'GCAP 2013-14'. Also Plantation & home gardening tips, common medicinal plants & their uses along with pictures has been provided for the benefit of its readers.

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

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I extend my best wishes to all participants of greening Chandigarh Campaign or achieving their endeavours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Santosh Kumar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**(Santosh Kumar)**