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**RAJ BHAVAN
CHANDIGARH**

MESSAGE

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Forests are one of the most important natural resources that have been gifted to mankind for its sustained existence on earth. Forests are globally important in regulating climate and locally important in sustaining communities and supporting biodiversity. Conservation of forests is therefore a necessity that requires to be addressed as a priority. Forests provide us with huge amount of tangible and intangible benefits, without which human existence would be threatened. A holistic approach is required to be adopted towards a sustainable way to maintain our forests and meet our needs at the same time so that there is a mutually beneficial co-existence of all.

I am sure that concentrated & co-ordinated efforts of all of us will help a lot in making the City Beautiful more Green & the most preferred place to live in.

I extend my best wishes on the release of this Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15 to all the stakeholders and wish them Good Luck for a successful Greening Chandigarh Campaign.

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Mother Earth has bestowed us with incredible and beautiful nature in the form of mountains, rivers, forests and various natural resources that helped human beings to survive and initiated our evolution. Among these Natural blessings - Forests are hugely important for life on earth. They purify the air, provide us fuel and timber, prevent floods and soil erosion & keep up the natural balance. However with today's modern cities and their urban sprawl, it is possible to forget mankind's symbiotic relationship with the forests and the different ways in which we depend upon them.

As a nation, we are committed to safeguarding our natural wealth in all its dimensions for welfare of the people. Marching ahead with the commitment to provide its citizens a clean & green environment, I am happy to note that Chandigarh Administration last year implemented successfully the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan & has formulated this Year's Plan as well, which provides the plantation targets for all the greening agencies of the Chandigarh Administration for ensuing year and also outlines the strategy to be adopted by various stakeholders to achieve targets.

I extend my congratulations to all the citizens of Chandigarh, the Government Departments, Organisations & NGO's and wish them good luck for successful implementation of Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15.

(K.K. Sharma)



Satya Gopal, IAS



Secretary (Forests & Wildlife)
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MESSAGE

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Trees and forests are, because of seasonal changes and their size, shape, and colour, the most prominent elements of urban environment. Their benefits and uses range from intangible psychological and aesthetic benefits to amelioration of urban climate and mitigation of air pollution. They provide an experience of nature in the middle of urban life. Urban trees and Forests contribute to an attractive green townscape and thus communicate the image of a positive, nature-oriented city. Therefore protecting this Green Gold should be our definite goal.

I am happy to note that encouraged with the results of the previous years, "Greening Chandigarh Task Group" has brought out yet another "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15" which highlights the plantation responsibilities of various Departments & Greening Agencies like Forest Department, Horticulture wings of Engineering Department & Municipal Corporation, Educational Institutes, NGO's & RWA's etc.

I am sure that like previous years, Chandigarh Administration will receive all out support from our valuable residents and other stakeholders for successful implementation of Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15.

I extend my very best wishes to all the participants of greening Chandigarh Campaign in their endeavours for making Chandigarh more & more Green.

(Satya Gopal)



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Trees play a significant part in our community as they improve and provide innumerable important environmental benefits. Urban Forests and parks in the vicinity of cities such as ours, serve as areas for recreation and entertainment, as well as space for biodiversity to compensate for the built up parts of the city.

Taking another step forward towards its commitment of making Chandigarh more Clean & Green, the Greening Chandigarh Task Group has chalked out Plantation module in the form of Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15. This Action Plan provides valuable information regarding achievement of last year's Plantation Targets on one hand and about the Plantation Target fixed for various Greening Agencies of Chandigarh Administration, for the ensuing plantation season, on the other. A total of 2.08 lac no. of saplings will be planted in this year. Along with glimpse of various environment related activities undertaken by the Chandigarh Administration, it also provides information about common Medicinal Plants, Plantation & Home Gardening tips etc. for the general public.

It is heartening to note that only due to the constant efforts of all the Greening Agencies of Chandigarh Administration & the valuable citizens of Chandigarh, all the Plantation Targets, as envisaged in Last year's Action Plan has been successfully achieved. Encouraged with the results, we are ready for yet another successful Plantation Drive.

I am extremely indebted to His Excellency Shri. Shivraj V. Patil, the Governor of Punjab & Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh for his encouragement & constant guidance for

preparing this comprehensive Action Plan. His concern for the people & the Environment of Chandigarh, have been a constant source of inspiration for all of us.

I am indebted to Shri. K.K. Sharma, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, for his valuable suggestions, guidance & inputs for preparation of this Annual Plan. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Shri. Satya Gopal, IAS, Secretary (Environment & Forests), Chandigarh Administration for his immense support & guidance in materialising of this Action Plan.

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I extend my best wishes to all participants of Greening Chandigarh Campaign for achieving their endeavours.



(Santosh Kumar)