



**PUNJAB RAJ BHAVAN
CHANDIGARH**

16th of March, 2015

MESSAGE

Trees and Forests are 'Green Lungs' of the Mother Earth & Nature's most beautiful renewable resources. They act as a Carbon Sink & Pollution Scavengers. Due to increased biotic pressure, these versatile, renewable natural resources are under tremendous pressure due to rapid urbanization & increased anthropogenic effects all around the globe. To ensure ecological balance, environmental stability and livelihood security, we have to join hand to protect, conserve and propagate these valuable natural resources. Forest provides us huge amount of tangible & intangible benefits, without which human existence would be threatened.

With commitment to its citizen for clean and green city, I am happy to note that Chandigarh Administration like previous years has formulated the 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2015-16' for further improvement of the greenery of the city beautiful.

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 participants of the 'Greening Chandigarh Campaign' & wish them success in their endeavor.

(Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki)



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Forests are truly known as life saviors as they save Mother Earth from floods, droughts & effect of pollution. Forests are invaluable wealth of a society & also play a crucial role in maintaining the vital ecological balance. In the urban context, we need to protect and propagate trees to conserve the repository of the biological diversity of various life forms.

India had abundant forest cover in ancient time, but due to increased biotic & abiotic factors & indiscriminate felling of trees, the forest cover in the country has greatly reduced & natural resources are facing various threats. There is always a need of judicious balance between the conservation & development. To maintain this status & to further improve the green infrastructure (forests & trees) in the city, it's time to join hands to contribute our part by planting, protecting & conserving this precious natural resources to save life on the Earth.

I am happy to note that 'Greening Chandigarh Task Group' has formulated the "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2015-16". I am sure that planned & strategic targets fixed in the Action Plan will significantly contribute to the greenery of the city beautiful.

I extend my sincere congratulations to all stakeholders of 'Greening Chandigarh Campaign' & wish good luck for successful implementation of "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2015-16".

(Vijay Kumar Dev)



Secretary (Forest & Wildlife) & Finance Secretary
Chandigarh Administration Chandigarh

13th of March, 2015

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Trees are the nature's lungs without which life cannot continue. The Green Cover is the most important force maintaining the ecological balance that the proliferation of human race is out to upset meaninglessly. Fore-seeing this trend the founding fathers of Chandigarh provided for a level of Green cover for the city, generally not seen elsewhere.

I am glad that "Greening Chandigarh Task Group" has formulated a detailed Action Plan for the ensuing year that sets targets for plantation by Forest Department, Horticulture Wing of Engineering Department, Municipal Corporation, NGOs, Educational Institutions etc. The Group envisages involving the students and Resident Welfare Associations as well as NGOs, so that not only more trees are planted and nurtured but the importance of the subject takes roots in the minds of citizens.

While assuring Administration's full support, I extend my best wishes to all associated with it and do hope to see many more trees coming up with the onset of Monsoons.

(Sarvjit Singh)



Conservator of Forests, Chief Wildlife Warden,
Director (Environment & Science & Technology)
Chandigarh Administration

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Forests are invaluable wealth of a society & play vital role in maintaining the delicate ecological balance in nature. They constitute an important component of livelihood resources. They provide shelter to people, habitat to wildlife and are a source of food, fodder, fuel wood, medicine & clean water. It is our bounden duty to plant, protect and nurture trees & keep our environment green and viable for coming generations.

The efforts made by all Greening Departments, Agencies, NGOs, Educational Institutions, Resident Welfare Associations and individuals in the successful implementation of "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2014-15" are commendable.

I am happy to note that Greening Chandigarh Task Group has formulated the "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2015-16". I am sure that planned & strategic target fixed in the Greening Drive will significantly contribute to the Greenery of the city beautiful, more clean and green.

I am sure that concentrated & co-ordinated efforts of all of us will help us in making the city even better place.

I extend my sincere congratulations to all stakeholders of "Greening Chandigarh Campaign" and wish them good luck for successful implementation of "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2015-16" in time bound manner.

(Santosh Kumar)



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Beautiful Avenue trees, well stopped Forests, lively gardens & parks and aesthetic green belt are typical landscape elements of Chandigarh. The green heritage of the City Beautiful is known world over. 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.

Encouraged by the previous results, the Greening Chandigarh Task Group has prepared "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2015-16". The plan comprises of plantation targets of various departments/ agencies & the strategies to achieve the desired results. During the year 2015-16, 205000 of saplings will be planted in a phased manner on Government & Private Land.

Apart from other valuable information, in the 'GCAP 2015-16', 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. Kaptaan 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.

I am indebted to Sh.Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator for his valuable suggestions, input & guidance for preparation of this “Greening Chandigarh Action Plan”.

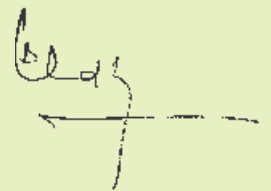
I express my heartiest gratitude to Sh.Sarvjit Singh, IAS, Secretary (Environment & Forests), Chandigarh Administration for the immense support & guidance in materializing this Plan.

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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.



(Birendra Choudhary)