

Plantation Targets for 2009-10 (Table-2)

Sr. No.	Department/Organisation	Saplings to be planted (in Nos.)
I) 1.	Forest Department, Chandigarh	51,000
2.	Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh	41,842
3.	Horticulture Division, Engineering Deptt., Chandigarh Administration	25,145
4.	Schools, Colleges, Resident Welfare Associations, Market Associations, NGO's, Rotary Clubs, Lion's Club, Farmers, Individuals and Govt. Organisations.	40,000
	Total:	1,57,987

II)	Free distribution of seedlings of Neem, Jamun, Arjun, Mango, Kusum, Peepal, Kachnar, Amaltas etc. by Forest Department to educational institutions, NGO's, Resident Welfare Associations, Religious Institutions & other organisations	20,000
III)	Distribution of fruit & ornamental trees on subsidized rates by the Horticulture Wing of the Municipal Corporation and the Engineering Deptt.	20,000

Targets under II & III are included in Table-2



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The highlights of 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plan' of 2009-10 are :-

- 1. Planting of 1,57,987 saplings by various Departments over places like Sukhna catchment, Wildlife Sanctuary, Reserve land, land. Roads. Parks. forests. unutilized barren belts. Community Government offices. Green land, Residential Complexes, Markets etc.
- 2. Free distribution of 20,000 saplings of trees, shrubs & herbs by Forest Department through its five Nurseries to Educational Institutions, Medical Institutions, Resident Welfare Associations, Non-Government Organisations etc. to be planted on public/ private lands.
- 3. Distribution/selling of 20,000 saplings of ornamental, flowering and fruit trees/shrubs by Horticulture Wings of Municipal Corporation and Engineering Department to institutions and individuals for planting on public/private land.
- 4. Seed sowing of 1.5 lakh patches on the hill tops and steep slopes of 'Sukhna Wild Life Sanctuary.
- 5. Planting of 1.0 lakh stem cuttings of Arundo-donex along choe banks to stabilize choe-banks against soil erosion in the catchment area of Sukhna Lake.
- 6. Organisation of 'Massive Plantation Drive' in Schools, Colleges, Residential Colonies, Villages, Hospitals and other public and private lands as a part of 'Van Mahotsava' celebrations during the month of July-August, 2009.
- 7. Group planting of flowering trees at the entry points of Chandigarh and other vintage points of major roads, Reserve forests, Parks, gardens, green belts etc. This will not only provide a boost to the aesthetics of the area but also break the monotony of greenery. Flowering trees will be in bloom at different periods throughout the year.
- 8. Planting of hardy, shade giving, long living and pollution abating species in the locations identified for having more pollution, particularly the roads.



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- 9. More emphasis on planting of indigenous fruit trees like Neem, Mango, Peepal, Jamun etc. to increase avian population.
- 10. Replenishing and conserving the biodiversity of nature spots like Leisure Valley, Reserve forests, Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and Sukhna Lake by removing obnoxious weeds and planting/introduction of indigenous palatable species.
- 11. Establishment of Herbal Gardens in Schools, Colleges and other Institutions.
- 12. Construction of two new water bodies in Nepli and Kansal forests.
- 13. Ensuring tall planting [3' to 5' tall **saplings**] for better survival.
- 14. Post planting care by ensuring proper protection and regular watering.
- 15. Selection of dwarf species to be planted under the electric lines and telephone lines.
- 16. Removal of *parthenium/ cuscuta* from the city and forest areas.
- 17. Protection of existing trees and replacement of dead, dying and diseased trees.
- 18. Control of pests like Mango mealy bug, termites and stem borer on regular basis.
- 19. Charging ground water aguifer by minimizing surface run off.