



**GREENING CHANDIGARH ACTION PLAN 2008**  
**Chandigarh Administration**

## **ORGANISATIONAL ASPECTS:**

Some key features of organisation may include:-

**a) Organisation of tree plantations in Schools, Villages, Colonies and Other institutions:**

In schools, one week 'plantation drive' will be undertaken under the supervision of school Principals through Eco-Clubs already working for environment protection. Schools having little space may adopt "One Class One Tree" or "One Tree to grow with one Class" principle. "Best Eco – School" award will be given to the Best Eco-friendly school by Environment Department of Chandigarh Administration.

In villages and colonies, residents through its Panchayat or Resident Welfare Association will identify the area of planting and take up plantation drive in Monsoon. The individuals planting trees can plant them near their own houses for proper aftercare. Those not living on ground floors can also plant ornamental shrubs in pots and nurture them. The technical guidance shall be provided by N.G.O.'s and officials in various Nurseries of the Departments. Executive Engineer (Hort.), Municipal Corporation will co-ordinate with the local Councillor and Resident Welfare Association and he will act as nodal officer for the plantation drive in sectors and colonies.



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Other Government and private organisations may observe a “Tree Plantation Day” during Monsoon to plant trees in their respective premises. Every vehicle owner may be motivated to plant one tree in lieu of the vehicular pollution created by the vehicle.

#### **b) Points of Sapling Distribution:**

Forest Department is having following 5 (Five) nurseries from where saplings free of cost may be collected by citizens, NGO's, Schools and other institutions (see **G-3**) :-

- i) Hallomajra Nursery on Ambala –Chandigarh National Highway,
- ii) Nursery at Forest Rest House opposite Railway Station,
- iii) Kishangarh Nursery at Kishangarh village,
- iv) Forest Nursery in Patiala-ki-Rao Forests (behind Punjab University),
- v) Forest Nursery near Lake Club.

Horticulture Wing of Municipal Corporation and Chandigarh Administration are also selling ornamental, flowering and fruit plants on subsidized rates from its Nurseries (see **G-3**).

#### **c) Publicity and awareness campaign:-**

After formal release of ‘Greening Chandigarh Action Plan-2008’ on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, all greening agencies/departments will start publicity



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campaign. This will have to begin well in advance of the ensuing monsoon planting season. Forest Department will give advertisement in newspapers highlighting the importance of planting & nurturing trees and about free distribution of saplings from its nurseries.

#### **d) Post Plantation Care and Watering:**

All Government, Non-Government Agencies and citizens should take necessary steps to maintain and protect the plantations by preparing a proper maintenance and watering schedule. Since Chandigarh is a water deficit area, particularly in summer, due care should be taken to save trees and plants from water stress. While preparing watering schedule, following points should be kept in mind:

- Accessibility of plantation site,
- Edaphic, topographic and climatic conditions of site,
- Period of water stress,
- Type of tree/plant.

As Chandigarh witnesses a long dry spell of around 8 months in a year, extra efforts should be made to water the plants at regular basis to ensure higher survival percentage and better growth. To minimise the use of drinking water in watering lawns & plants, Municipal Corp. and Engineering Deptt. have laid tertiary water lines to various parts of the city.