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Forest Department to promote urban greenery programme in city

The Forest Department will promote the urban greenery programme in a big way to shore up the quality of the environment in Mysuru. It will plant 50,000 saplings in the city limits before monsoon this year to enhance the green cover. This will not only help tackle pollution and manage micro climatic conditions but provide other intangible benefits that cannot be quantified such as improving the city aesthetics. The Deputy Conservator of Forests V. Karikalan told The Hindu that the target is to cover 175 hectares in Mysuru territorial division, out of which 135 hectares will be covered within the city limits alone. "The saplings have been reared in our nurseries are ready and will be taken for plantation once the city and the region receives pre-monsoon showers," he added. The Forest Department's mandate is to plant 200 plants per hectare if it is an open space or 200 plants per km of road. [Read more...](#)

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Noida residents concerned over depleting greenery

As hundreds of Noida residents enjoyed the flowers, food and other events on the first day of flower show at the Noida stadium on Friday, they also discussed the alarming rate of pollution in the district. Several nature lovers raised concerns about the depleting greenery in the Noida-Greater Noida belt. "I have been a resident of Greater Noida for the last 30 years. Earlier, the entire area was covered in lush greenery and it was almost a jungle. Slowly, with urbanisation, developers kept on erecting building and the green cover kept on depleting. Today, Noida is on its way to becoming the next concrete jungle after Gurgaon. It is hardly the end of February and already the temperature is 24 degrees Celsius," Gunakar Yadav of Dankaur said. Several residents were concerned also about the lax attitude of the state government and Noida authority in the maintenance of wetlands and green resources. [Read more...](#)

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Over 9,000 trees chopped for underpasses, flyover in Gurgaon

Feb 25 Gurgaon is paying a heavy price for building crucial road infrastructure as over 9,000 trees have been felled to develop a flyover and three underpasses in the city, raising the ire of environmentalists. The move has raised eyebrows as environmentalists and Meteorological department officials are apprehensive that atmospheric temperatures could rise up to 3 degree Celsius in the affected micro areas. The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has chopped more than 9,000 trees to develop a flyover and three underpasses in the city. Moreover, the agency has not given any blueprint about developing green channels and city forest in particular areas as compensation for the chopped trees. "Trees were chopped at massive scale and majority of them were fully grown and more than 25 years old that would eventually disturb the climate of micro level areas. If we develop trees from the beginning, it will take 25 years to get same status," said city-based environmentalist Jagdeep Mann [Read more..](#)

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‘Learn to live with nature’

The phrase ‘concrete jungle’ turns up often as Jadav Payeng explains his mission to bring back the rapidly depleting green cover of India. For the Assamese eco-warrior Payeng, who was honoured with the title ‘Forest Man of India’ by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, in 2012, and the Padma Shri award in 2015, there is nothing else he’d rather talk about than trees, plants and saplings. Speaking to ‘The Hindu’ ahead of a conference on environmental protection organised by the Thanneer Organisation in Tiruchi’s Jamal Mohamed College on Wednesday, Payeng said, “We have to learn how to live with Nature. Environmental science should be taught from the primary school level. Every school and college in India is lacking in tree cover, because we don’t have the habit of looking after plants.” Payeng was the chief guest at the conference titled ‘Puvi Izhanthidel’ (Don’t Lose the Earth), that also had scholars Nithyanand Jayaraman, Nakkeeran and Arachalur Selvam as special invitees.... [Read more...](#)

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Saving green cover one tree at a time

A year ago an FIR was filed at the Jeevan Bima Nagar Police Station against a person for punching posters on trees, after which he was warned to stay away from such activity. Taking up the idea of saving trees of the city, a group of fifteen volunteers, who were neighbors, joined hands to use their weekend for an environment-friendly cause. On Saturdays and Sundays some youngsters climb trees and remove nails, staplers and posters stuck on them. These volunteers are a part of an NGO called ‘Save Green’, founded in 2009. "Whenever we go out we see that there are posters on trees and advertisements nailed to the trees. Though people know it is not a good practice, it was going unchecked. Hence we decided to spend our weekends removing the posters and nails on trees," said Hemant, founder and President of Save Green. "Bengaluru's trees are being cut at an alarming rate in the name of development. So, we decided to form a group to protect and work regarding various environmental aspects of trees," said D.V. Srikanth, who works as the Secretary for the team. He pointed out that recently they removed more than one kilogram of nails from trees on the roadside stretching from Kalyan Nagar to Hebbal. As for logistics and support Srikanth said, “Many people have been supportive and encouraging. But they are very busy with their personal lives and don't try to spend time on environmental activities. And also organisations working in this area require a lot of financial support for tools, saplings and other things and this issue is constantly a problem for us.... [Read more...](#)

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