



Report on

EK Ped Maa ke Naam - A Tree in the Name of Mother



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EK Ped Maa ke Naam participation by ICFRE-IFGTB EIACP PC RP

As part of Mission LiFE and in connection with EK Ped Maa ke Naam - A Tree in the Name of Mother, EIACP (Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme) Programme Centre (erstwhile IFGTB ENVIS) RP at the ICFRE - Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore took part in the Mass Tree Plantation Drive in Asola-Bhati Wildlife Sanctuary, New Delhi. The event was organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India and the Department of Forest and Wildlife, Government of NCT of Delhi.

ICFRE-IFGTB set up a stall showcasing bamboo products and eco-friendly items crafted by trainees of the Green Skill Development Programme, along with awareness materials on Mission LiFE. The stall was inaugurated by the Honourable Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, in the august presence of Shri Kirtivardhan Singh, Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, and other ministry officials. Documentaries related to "EK Ped Maa ke Naam" and "Mission LiFE" were telecasted. While reviewing the GSDP products, the Honourable Minister also recognized the efforts of ICFRE-IFGTB EIACP and praised them for creating valuable courses under the GSDP. The stall attracted a significant number of visitors who showed great interest in the eco-friendly products on display. This initiative is seen as a step forward in promoting sustainable practices and raising environmental awareness among the public.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Bhupender Yadav emphasized that the initiative "EK Ped Maa ke Naam," launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in Buddha Garden, New Delhi on World Environment Day, would significantly contribute to achieving green cover targets, fostering a green economy, and adopting sustainable lifestyles to combat the challenges of climate change. He underscored the necessity of balancing scientific progress with nature. Shri Yadav highlighted the importance of developing a profound ecological consciousness, advocating for deep organic connections between nature and its people. He also referenced the environment-friendly lifestyle mentioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at the Glasgow Conference, where the adoption of LiFE, or Lifestyle for Environment, was announced as a crucial step towards collectively combating climate change.

The Union Minister of State, Shri Kirtivardhan Singh, remarked that the campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,' initiated under the guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, is a significant contribution to environmental conservation. He highlighted that planting trees is a sacred activity, and doing so in the name of one's mother is a unique and commendable effort. Shri Singh appreciated the participants who gathered for the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' event to honor Mother Earth by planting saplings, a significant step towards protecting nature for future generations.

Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena said that the initiative launched by Hon'ble PM shows his commitment towards nature and mother. He also ordered to plant trees that give fruits in ridge. He said that over the past 2 years Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has planted more than 2 lakhs trees with the survival rate of 90 percent. He said that one has to take responsibility of planting a tree and to nurture it till it grows in full. He pointed out that there is a need to arrange food for wildlife so that the conflict between human and animals could be lessened. He called upon the citizens of Delhi and all citizens of the country to plant at least one tree at any suitable place to enhance the green cover in Delhi and the country.

The Union Minister requests the children and their mothers to initiate the mass sapling plantation drive. Honourable Union Minister for Environment, , Minister of State Lt. Governor, Delhi, various Secretaries of Ministry, and Director General, Forest also planted indigenous saplings. ICFRE-IFGTB EIACP staff Dr S. Vigneswaran, PO , Dr T. Vamadevan, IO, Officials and staff from Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Forest officials of NCT of Delhi participated in the event. 1000 saplings of indigenous species viz *Saraca asoca* (Sita Ashok), *Ficus religiosa* (Peepal), *Azadirachta indica* (Neem), *Syzygium cumini* (Jamun), *Mimusops elengi* (Moulshree) of ridge were planted in an area of around 1 hectare which was degraded land in Asola Bhati Wildlife Sanctuary, New Delhi. The Union Minister advised to ensure the survival of all the saplings planted during the campaign. This large-scale initiative is aimed at restoring degraded landscapes and promoting biodiversity. The enthusiastic participation of the community highlighted the collective effort needed to combat environmental degradation.





