

Chhattisgarh to use transplanter machine to relocate trees

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RAIPUR: Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh on Wednesday inaugurated a tree transplanter machine at the Botanical Garden in Naya Raipur for relocating trees rather than cutting them off to pave way for urbanization and other developmental activities.

According to officials, a large number of trees were hitherto cut for various works including road widening. However, with the transplanter, the trees would be taken out with their roots and relocated to other areas to preserve them.

As part of the inauguration, a 30-foot Rosewood tree, which was earlier removed from Raipur-Dhamtari road, was transplanted at the Botanical Garden. On this occasion, Singh dubbed this a new era in environment protection.

He said Naya Raipur Botanical Gardens would be an example of this new process and 250 trees would shifted here from the Raipur Medical College area where road widening is being undertaken. Officers revealed that with the transplanter machines, the trees have a 95 percent survival rate during shifting. They said it takes about half-an-hour to uproot and transplant a tree with this new scientific process.

Forest Minister Mahesh Gaagda, Forest Department Principal Secretary RP Mandal, Principal Conservator of Forests A A Bohaj, Principal Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) BN Dwivedi, Additional Principal Conservators of Forests, Mudit Kumar Singh, Rajesh Govardhan, Narsingh Rao and Kaushalendra Singh and other officials of Forest Department were

present at the function.

The city has lost a good part of its green cover, including decade-old precious and rare trees, as a result of urbanization and infrastructure related construction works. Residents, particularly the nature lovers, have been up in arms against deforestation in the name of development activities. Now, there is a glimmer of hope for them, if organizations, builders try to emulate what the Forest department managed to recreate at the site of botanical garden in Naya Raipur.

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