

## Drone used for plantation on the banks of Vishwamitri river

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*The campaign is an effort to revive Vishwamitri river.*

VADODARA: A new technology for plantation was recently used as part of the 'Vaho Vishwamitri Abhiyan'. During a programme, drone was used for spraying seed balls by a young team to carry out tree plantation on the banks of river Vishwamitri. 'Vaho Vishwamitri Abhiyan' - the call to revive Vishwamitri river - is an effort to bring life back to the ancient Vishwamitri river that passes through the heart of Vadodara. The campaign aims to start a grassroots movement for reviving the Vishwamitri river and its watershed from Pavagadh to Gulf of Khambhat including villages, towns and Vadodara city. "As part of the Vaho Vishwamitri Abhiyan, we organize several tree plantation workshops every year. A bio-shield around the river system is an integral and important part for the holistic revival of the river," said Dr MH Mehta, president of National Bioshield Society and Vaho Vishwamitri Abhiyan

"A scientific bio-shield is proposed on both the banks of the river with nearly 90 lakh shrubs and trees. We had been working on development and application of seed ball technology to support such plantation. But the

new challenge was to use drone for seed balls spraying," he said.

"It was exciting for all to see that this was successfully done at this workshop which was attended by more than 500 students and also special invitees like ISRO, Rama Krishna Mission among others," he said.

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