

Tiruppur in TN plants 1.25 lakh saplings in 100 days to fight global warming

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Tiruppur industrialists join hands, plant 1.3lakh saplings in the city in 90 days. (TOI photo: P Sreedharan)

COIMBATORE: In an attempt to reduce global warming, residents of Tiruppur have planted 1.25 lakh saplings in 100 days.

Vetry — a non-governmental organization — with the support of the state government coordinated the initiative. It bears the responsibility of protecting the plants for the next two years.

On Sunday, a valedictory function was held in Tiruppur, and minister for forests and environment MSM Anandan felicitated the residents for the initiative.

A total of 84 companies, organisations and institutions like textile industries, schools, colleges, social welfare organizations and temples have provided land for planting saplings. As many as 24 textile industries have provided tractors to water the saplings for the next two years.

Speaking about this initiative, president of Vetry T R Sivaraman said, "At the recent climate conference in Paris, countries expressed their concerns over the rising temperature variations. While the whole world is suggesting planting trees as one of the solutions to reduce the effect of global warming, we, the residents of Tiruppur, have begun our contribution."

He added, "With the help of the forest and environment minister MSM Anandan, who is the local MLA, we have been able to successfully plant 1.25 lakh saplings in 100 days."

The ministry of forest and environment has supplied the saplings from various parts of the state.

"We have planted 30 species, of which around five are rare and endangered species. They include mahua (20,000 saplings), vengai maram (2,500), Kashmir tree and rose wood (5,000 each)," said Sivaraman.

Congratulating the efforts of Tiruppur residents, Anandan said: "I take pride in telling people that as the forest minister, I have been able to do something for the city that I belong to. It is pleasing to know that neighbouring areas like Erode and Palladam have also adopted similar initiatives to contribute towards curbing global warming."

The industrialists of Tiruppur have contributed Rs 6 crore towards the corpus fund that will be used to protect the saplings for the next two years.

"We have so far got 30 tractors from the industrialists to water the saplings regularly. These tractors on an average cost us Rs 5 lakh, and the maintenance for two years will cost around Rs 10 lakh per tractor," said Sivaraman.

The tractors are fit with GPS so that they are monitored continuously. "With this, we will know if the tractors are idle or functioning, and track their activity. We have set up a control room and have employed four people for back-end operations," Sivaraman said.

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