

'Green' New Town makes room for tall-tree nursery

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KOLKATA: Encouraged over the success of replanting tall trees, The West Bengal Waste Land Development Corporation (WBWLDC) will develop a 'tall tree nursery' over 5 acre of land at Rajarhat New Town where large trees that will be brought after uprooting from somewhere else will be kept with proper supervision so that the trees could be replanted again.

The nursery will be set up adjacent to the Tree Bank that is located in Action Area I opposite Upasanasthal and close to New Town police station. The Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (Hidco) authorities had set up a Tree Bank from last year where different ethnic trees were planted for nurturing.

The Hidco authorities decided on setting up a tall tree nursery following a request from the WBWLDC, a state government undertaking under the forest department in which the corporation wanted to have a five acre plot close to the existing Tree Bank site. The corporation has also agreed to look after maintenance and upkeep of the Tree Bank along with developing the nursery. The corporation has started preparing a detail project report for the project.

"The objective of setting up a nursery for tall trees is that it could be scientifically preserved for some time after being brought from somewhere else before being replanted so that the trees do not die before being replanted," said an official.

Earlier this year, WBWLDC had organized a workshop to discuss on the tall tree replantation technique and Hidco took up the concept with the aim to follow the technique in New Town. The idea was to raise consciousness on re-transplant trees elsewhere after scientifically uprooting it instead of cutting trees, which is often required to make way of implementing development projects.

Following the workshop, the Hidco and forest department authorities worked out on a plan and a total of 14 full-grown trees, including chatim, banyan, peepal, krishnachura and radhachura were scientifically picked up from its root from Budge Budge and replanted on Street 787 of New Town in front of gate number 4 of Eco Park and at the Deer Park site following the 'tall-tree plantation' technique.

Using the tall tree re-plantation technique, a large tree could be scientifically picked up along with its roots using advanced mechanical technology and then transported carefully so that the root does not get damaged before being replanted at a different location. In this way, not only trees are saved but also could serve the purpose of compensatory plantation.

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