

Mass tree plantation drive held

Around 350 volunteers including kids participate, plant 300 saplings

MYSORE: As many as 300 saplings were planted in the premises of Sri Lakshmikantha Swamy Temple at Hebbal Industrial Area in Mysore recently as part of a mass tree plantation drive launched by Isha Foundation along with Wipro Infotech and Sri Lakshmikantha Swamy Temple Committee.

Isha Foundation as part of their "Project Green Hands" had organised this event, Wipro as part of their Corporate initiative "ECO-EYE" had participated in this event with active involvement of their Employees. The project has a programme to planting 1000 saplings in the premises. As a start up, about 300 saplings of different species ranging from flowering, fruit bearing & timber trees were planted. Rest of the saplings would be planted shortly.

About 350 volunteers participated in the tree planting programme. A talk was organised to spread the awareness about the importance of planting trees, protecting the environment. K B Sadanand, Mysore, an Environmentalist, he was overwhelmed by the involvement of the Kids in the event & also, mentioned about the need of protecting the Heritage plants in Mysore which are gradually disappearing due to lack of planting new saplings.

Swamy Nagaroopu from Isha talked about Isha's large scale involvement of Tree planting in Tamilnadu, Wipro Location Head Nandakumar talked about their Corporate initiative "Eco-Eye", Wipro also awarded certificates to the childrens of Arsha Vidya Kendra, Hebbal, Mysore and childrens who participated in the programme.

Vote of thanks given by Sri D



The participants of the mass tree planting programme.

Made Gowda, Ex MLC, Chairman of the Temple Committee.

Experiences

"It was a wonderful experience, being with all our colleagues and planting tree in early morning and joining hands together to save our environment. I also liked the ISHA foundation work

and their activities", opined Sanjib Banja, a Program Lead.

V N Shridhara, manager, TED, said that tree plantation and forestation are the basic requirements of this the society to control environmental problems such as warming, dusty winds and torrential rains, which cause huge floods. It is

the need of the hour to awake and roll out eco initiative activities and spread the awareness across such awareness will educate the future generation to start the life with green and have a healthy atmosphere. Joining hands with ISHA was a great experience for the Second time for the eco initiatives and the WIPRO folks would support for the same in the future as well.

"Greenery and environmental protection is necessary for the survival of the mankind today and for future. I think it's a very small step for each of us to take to ensure that a healthier, safer, cleaner and greener environment by spreading awareness, organising and participating is such, said Sreeja, executive TED.

"The project green hands by Isha and Wipro Gave me the happiness to treasure for life-

time, as said by Sadguru that what we exhale, the tree inhales. Every tree is our companion for lifetime, let us all plant more and more trees to make our earth more fertile and gave lots of green cover to the future generation', pointed out Poonam, a resident of the area.

We care for future

"With the high rise of pollutants and global warming effects, our universe is slowly getting devoid of oxygen which is essential for all of us to survive and thereby continue disturbing the ecological balance. Tree plantation is the only remedy, we human beings can best provide to the Godly Earth where we all live in to fetch in the ecological balance. More the trees we plant, more we assure our sustainability, said Ranjan Mohanty, programme manager.

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