Children Paint Bharat Green

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Salem: A painting and poetry competition, titled 'Green Bharat', was jointly organised by the Department of School Education, Salem and Isha Foundation's Project Green Hands on Friday morning at Nehru Kalaiyarangam.

Presided over by the Eco Coordinator of Salem district, Sivakumar, nearly 600 students, part of the Green School Movement, took part in the events.

The names of the winners will be announced and they will be felicitated on January 5, 2015 on the occasion of 'Planting 9 lakh Saplings on a Single Day'.

Nearly 450 schools participated in the Green School Movement pro-
gramme to raise and plant nine lakh saplings this year. The movement involves school kids who are members of the National Green Corps, to plant 2,000 saplings per school per year. The seeds, covers, and technical assistance required for growing the saplings are provided by Project Green Hands (PGH).

According to a communication from the project, PGH has overseen the planting of more than two crore trees by over 20 lakh volunteers. Isha Foundation was awarded the 'Indira Gandhi Pariyavaran Puraskar', India's highest environmental award in 2010 and 'Environmental Award' by the Department of Environment, Tamil Nadu Government.