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MESSAGE

Climate change, due to anthropogenic activity, is a major challenge today and requires a wide range of concerted actions. India, due to its large climatic variability, is exposed to enhanced risk from climate change. Forests, the unique national treasure, are one of the most effective measures to mitigate climate change. Therefore, forestry is at the centre of global climate change negotiations. Forests and trees have immense potential to act as carbon sinks. We all have to work towards saving our planet and leave it fit to inhabit our future generations. To do that we have to plant more and more trees to improve the quality and quantity of forests.

In Chandigarh, urban forestry is the integral part of overall urban planning. Due to sustained and sincere efforts of all the greening agencies, forest cover, in the city has increased in the previous years and continues to increase today. I am happy to note that the Chandigarh Administration has formulated the Greening Action Plan 2010-11 to further improve the greenery in the area.

On the auspicious occasion of "World Forestry Day", I take great pleasure in releasing the "Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2010-11. I appeal to all the greening agencies and citizens of Chandigarh, to actively participate in our efforts to make the city beautiful more greener and cleaner.

I wish all the very best for successful implementation of plantation drive during 2010.



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MESSAGE

A healthy planet needs healthy forests to maintain the environmental stability and ecological balance. Forests are an invaluable asset for mankind. Besides the intangible environmental benefits it provides material benefits to all of us. Rapid urbanization is having major social, economic and environmental changes. As a consequence forests are under tremendous pressure all around the globe. Therefore there is dire need to protect and conserve these valuable natural resources.

The preparation of the Greening Action Plan is an attempt to combine the interests and concerns of all sections of urban community into an overall planned, integrated and a systematic strategy for better management of Urban forestry to make the city beautiful and greener. I appreciate the endeavour of all the greening agencies, non government organizations and community groups in successfully achieving the targets fixed for the massive plantation drive during 2009.

I am happy to note that 'Greening Chandigarh Task Group' have formulated the Greening Action Plan for the year 2010-11. I am sure that this year also the planned and strategic targets fixed in the action plan will significantly contribute to the greenery of the city beautiful.

I extend my best wishes to all greening agencies for their laudable efforts.

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MESSAGE

Trees make important contributions to society. They have environmental, social, aesthetic and economic values. Trees are crucial for the survival of life on this planet and therefore protection and conservation of trees and forests is our prime responsibility.

The State of Forest Report, of Forest Survey of India has reported the continuous increase in the green cover of the U.T. Chandigarh. This significant increase in greenery is due to successful incorporation of forestry in overall Urban Planning and focused implementation of 'green action plan' by all the agencies, community groups and residents of Chandigarh.

I congratulate the Greening Chandigarh Task Group for bringing out a comprehensive Greening Action Plan for 2010-11 highlighting the plantation targets and strategy to further improve the green cover of Chandigarh.

On the occasion of World Forestry Day, I request all the citizens of Chandigarh to join hands to make the ensuing plantation drive a great success to combat the climate change and to improve biodiversity during 2010

(Sanjay Kumar)