

Activists plant saplings of fruit-bearing trees in Arasinamakki

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Environmental activists planting saplings at Arasinamakki Reserve Forest near Shishila in Dakshina Kannada on Sunday.

In a continuous drive for planting saplings of fruit-bearing trees in reserve forest areas, environmental activists and enthusiasts planted 450 such saplings in the Arasinamakki area near Shishila in Dakshina Kannada on Sunday.

A joint initiative by the National Environment Care Foundation (NECF), Mangaluru, the Department of Forests and Sahaya Group of St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru, the enthusiasts planted saplings of local fruits such as mango, jackfruit, jamun, wild jack, kokum and guava.

The saplings were planted after forming trenches, Shashidhar Shetty, convener, NECF, said and added that the Forest Department supplied the saplings.

Among those who participated included a five-and-half-year-old boy, Shourya, who planted three saplings, he said. As many as 60 persons took part in Sunday's drive.

In all, 380 such saplings were planted in Renjala reserve forest area between Moodbidri and Karkala on June 16.

As many as 70 persons had taken part in the drive then. "The 1,500 seed balls of mango and jackfruit were buried in Rejala area last Sunday. We did not throw the seed balls. Instead, we buried them," said Mr. Shetty.

Next Sunday's planting drive will be carried out in the Karnire area near Padubidri. It will be done in association with Karnire Foundation.

About 2,500 saplings of different varieties will be distributed to people there.

In addition, 375 fruit-bearing and other such saplings will be planted in a hillock there.

Not only birds but some animals too fed on fruit-bearing trees.

Their planting on the foothills of the Western Ghats helped in controlling attacks by monkeys and wild boar on crops grown by farmers.

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