

Citizens, NGOs to develop urban forests

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Kolkata: NGOs and citizen groups in the city have pledged to develop urban forest pockets in New Town and increase the city's overall green cover on International Day of Forests.

'Ecologic', a nature lovers' forum, had planted 1000 trees across New Town, of which 950 survived. "This year, we are targetting 2000 trees. The drive began with 135 trees already planted," said Biswajit Majumder, one of the founder members. Mrittika Earthy Talks Foundation, Hari Mitti and NKDA, have formed a forum to adopt a tree on International Day of Forests. 175 saplings will be planted in New Town Action Area IIB.