

Forest department to distribute seeds, saplings in July

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PANAJI: In a bid to encourage afforestation and create awareness about the uses of medicinal plants of Goa, and as part of Vanamahotsava celebrations, the forest department will distribute plant seedlings and saplings across the state through July. "The occasion of Vanamahotsav is the best time to start such a drive. We want to engage the public in this activity for the entire month, instead of just a day. We will provide seedlings free of cost all through July," said officiating principal chief conservator of forests, Santosh Kumar.

The plants will be made available to the public at the department's territorial divisions at Mapusa, Ponda, Quepem, Canacona and Margao.

Besides encouraging locals, forest officials are also reaching out to government departments to involve employees in the initiative towards a greener Goa.

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