

Forest dept led green drive with 13.22 crore plantations

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Lucknow: In a major boost to the efforts of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to protect environment, 47 out of 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh have either surpassed or met the target fixed under the recent tree plantation campaign.

In 65 districts, 100% plantation target was achieved with 14 districts even exceeding the target. These districts include Bulandshahr (107%), Barabanki (105%), Noida and Prayagraj (104%), Aligarh and Bhadohi (103%), Sambhal, Deoria, Pilibhit (all 102%), Sonbhadra (101.5%), Bareilly, Unnao, Gorakhpur, and Maharajganj (all 101%).

According to officials, over 36 crore saplings were planted during the campaign. A senior officer said that the forest department took the lead by planting 13.22 crore saplings. followed by rural development department which contributed over 13.13 crore saplings.

Departments of agriculture, horticulture, panchayati raj, education and environment planted millions of saplings. Over 1.49 crore saplings were planted in Sonbhadra and one crore in Jhansi. In terms of proportion to target, the irrigation department topped with 185% plantation. tnn