

Forest dept to plant 1 lakh saplings

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Pimpri Chinchwad: The forest department will plant one lakh saplings on 90 hectares of land in Indapur taluka, from where encroachments were removed.

Sanjay Marne, assistant conservator of forest, Pune division, said, "The department had conducted an anti-encroachment drive in 2018 and freed 90 hectares of forest land at five villages. We shall plant 1,100 saplings per hectare. About 80% of them will be of neem as they require less water and can grow in rocky soils. The remaining saplings will be of fruit trees and others."

Rahul Kale, range forest officer, Indapur taluka, said, "We have dug up pits and the plantation will be conducted in July."

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