

# Greater Kashmir

## Forest dept to plant 1 million trees in 5 yrs

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Gillani was speaking at a function which J&K forest department organised in collaboration with the Private School Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) at JK Public School Humhama. Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Farooq Gillani said this year the department is going to plant 20.37 lakh plants under different schemes for rehabilitation of degraded forest areas. Gillani was speaking at a function which J&K forest department organised in collaboration with the Private School Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) at JK



Public School Humhama. The function was organised to celebrate the International Day of Forests with the theme 'Forests and Education'. Gillani who was the chief guest on the occasion kick-started the plantation drive at the institution. While addressing the gathering, the CCF highlighted the importance of international day of forests and laid stress on inter-relationship between forests and education. He said that schools will develop their own small nurseries for which forest department will render necessary technical support. He also informed that the department has distributed 45000 plants amongst different government and private schools of Kashmir region under institutional plantation programme this year, a statement here said. He said that the department will plant one million trees in next five years on zero budget mission. The conservator of forests, Srinagar circle, informed that educational institutions have been the focus of institutional plantations this year in line with United Nations theme for International Day Of Forests, 2019. He also said that the department has launched three major projects including Zabarwan, Shankeracharya Hills and Hariparbat Hill Greening Project. The president of J&K Private Schools Association Dr G N Var said that from next year all private schools will participate in tree plantation in institutions and at other places on March 21. He said that the association will strive to introduce plantation drive as part of school curriculum. The function was attended by the president PSAJK, G N Var, Main Javed Hussain, IFS (Retd), CF South, Tawheed Ahmad Deva, Conservator of Forest, Srinagar Circle, Irfan Ali Shah, Editor-In-Chief Ziraat Times, Arjumand Hussain Talib, Environmental Lawyer, Nayeem Qadri, Head of NGO, National Society for Protection of Water resources, Wetland and Forests Nazir Be Nazir . The speakers stressed on the need of protection of forests and increase in green cover by planting more plants and involving civil society, school children and youth in the endeavour.

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