

Forest festival begins today

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BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Urban district administration will celebrate Vanamahotsava (forest festival) from July 1 to 7, and aims to plant over 1 crore saplings in the district.

“On the annual occasion of Vanamahotsava, saplings will also be distributed to the public,” Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner Dayananda said on Friday. Apart from taking care of the saplings, they will be tagged to ascertain how many have survived.

This project is being undertaken in accordance with the National Forest Policy that pertains to planting saplings in vacant spaces of forest areas, non-forest government spaces, roadsides, educational institutions, hospitals, industrial areas, and along

raising public awareness.