

India plants 220 million trees in a single day

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Indian schoolchildren hold saplings distributed by the government in Prayagraj, India, Friday, Aug. 9, 2019.

In just one day, more than a million people in India planted 220 million trees. It's all thanks to a government campaign to combat climate change and improve the environment, according to The Associated Press.

The trees were planted in the country's most populous state, AP reports. The saplings were all planted by 5 p.m. Friday in northern Uttar Pradesh, which has a population of more than 200 million people.

Forest official Bivhas Ranjan said students, lawmakers, officials and other residents planted dozens of species of saplings along roads, railroad tracks and in forests. The goals are to increase forest cover and absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

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