Jalandhar: 30,000 trees to be planted to mark 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak

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JALANDHAR: Punjab Forest department has embarked on a major campaign to spruce up main roads leading to historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi by planting around 30,000 trees in a phased manner, on the occasion of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak.

The department has started planting trees on Jalandhar-Sultanpur, Sultanpur- Fathudinga, Sultanpur-Lohian and other roads leading to historic town. As per the details provided by the department, drive to plant 15,000 saplings in the first phase has already been initiated and the rest would be planted afterwards. The plantation drive on these roads would be completed within the monsoon season without any delay.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jatinder Sharma reviewed the plantation drive initiated by the department and asked the officers to ensure that work was completed in time and professional manner. He also asked the officers to install tree guards for proper protection and maintenance of the saplings.

On the occasion, Divisional Forest Officer Rajesh Gulati and Forest Range Officers Davinder Pal Singh apprised the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests that traditional varieties of trees like Moulsari, Kadam, Putranjeeva, Jacaranda, Pilkan, Bahera, Neem, Shisham, Mulberry, Bohar, Pipal, Kaner, Amaltaas, Mango and others were being planted during this drive.

They further said that native species of shrubs like haar shingar, chandni, jangal jalebi and others were also being planted. The

| officers said that these would check the environment pollution on one hand by enhancing the green cover and would facelift the roads by adding zing to its beauty. |
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