

3.56 lakh saplings to be planted in 890 villages

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Taking a major initiative aimed at enhancing green cover in the district, the district administration is set to plant 3.56 lakh saplings in 890 villages of Jalandhar in commemoration of the 400th Parkash Purb of Guru Teg Bahadur.

The administration has initiated the process to identify suitable locations for this purpose. Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori said besides utilising panchayat land for this purpose, the strips around village ponds, roadsides, educational institutes, healthcare centres and others were used for enhancing the green cover.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Vishesh Sarangal said the plantation of the saplings would be carried out under the MGNREGA and these would be procured from Forest Department.

He said the district administration would also deploy two van mittars (forest friends) in each village of the district to ensure proper protection and watering of the saplings besides safety from animals. He said all BDPOs had been directed to ensure prepare a comprehensive report about identifying a major chunk of land measuring one acre to plant the saplings.

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