

## TELANGANA

# Actor Nagarjuna adopts 1,080 acres to set up urban park in Chengicherla

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Film actor Nagarjuna adopted 1,080 acres of forest land to set up an urban park in the name of his father and late actor and Dada Saheb Phalke awardee Akkineni Nageshwara Rao, and donated ₹2 crores for the 'Haritha Nidhi', an idea conceived by the Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao.

At the foundation laying ceremony on February 17, marking the birthday celebrations of the Chief Minister, Mr. Nagarjuna participated along with TRS MP Joginiapalli Santosh Kumar and his family members, including actor-sons Naga Chaitanya and Nikhil.

Mr. Nagarjuna said that he was inspired by Mr. Kumar's Green India Challenge programme to create green cover in the State and country. He said during the final of Big Boss, which he hosts, he had discussed the adoption of forestland with Mr. Kumar and declared on the dais that he would adopt forestland.

Mr. Santosh Kumar announced that along with the setting up of an urban park in the name of late Nageswara Rao, one lakh saplings will be planted in the vacant land. He said 1.5 lakh acres of forest land around Hyderabad would be protected, preserved and developed as part of the Green India Challenge programme. The MP said businessmen, entrepreneurs and organisations who want to be part of this social responsibility can contribute.