

# Amitabh joins Green India Challenge

Actor plants saplings at Ramoji Film City, to extend challenge to 3 more persons

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Actor Amitabh Bachchan on Tuesday joined the Green India Challenge (GIC) by planting saplings at the Ramoji Film City here and said he would extend the challenge to three more persons through microblogging platform Twitter.

Mr. Bachchan planted saplings along with Green India Challenge Founder and Telangana Rashtra Samithi Rajya Sabha MP Joginapally Santosh Kumar and actor Nagarjuna Akkineni.

Mr. Bachchan keenly enquired about the concept launched a few years ago and asked what inspired the

MP to take up the initiative.

“I am surprised to know that more than 3 crore saplings have been planted as a part of GIC on the occasion of Telangana Minister for Municipal Administration K.T. Rama Rao’s birthday. It was certainly a mammoth task, and I am in awe of their dedication and commitment towards the environment,” the veteran actor said while speaking to presspersons.

## **Guinness record**

Mr. Bachchan also congratulated the GIC for entering the Guinness Book of World Records with a massive plantation of 2 crore seed balls within an hour.

Mr. Santosh Kumar said July 27 was also the death anniversary of India’s missile man and former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and it was an honour for Indians that Mr. Bachchan became a part of the challenge on the occasion.

## **Haritha Haram**

Mr. Santosh Kumar added that Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao’s Haritha Haram programme to increase green cover in the State had inspired him to launch the Green India Challenge.

Ramoji Film City MD Vijayeeswari was among those present.



Amitabh Bachchan with TRS MP Joginapally Santosh Kumar at Ramoji Film City on Tuesday. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT