



Chennai to develop 1,000 Miyawaki forests that'll make the city cooler and improve green cover

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The Greater Chennai Corporation will develop Miyawaki urban forests at 1,000 locations across the city, said Corporation Commissioner G. Prakash.

Speaking to media persons at the inauguration of a Miyawaki forest at the Omandurar Government Estate, he said the civic body aims at increasing forest cover from 17% to 25% in the city. "Planting of 1,000 Miyawaki forests is our grand aim. We have completed 15 so far," he said.



Miyawaki forests have been developed at areas such as Sholinganallur and Mugalivakkam in the city. On Saturday, 2,000 trees belonging to 25 species were planted on 10,000 sq.ft of land on the premises of the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), Omandurar Government Estate.

'Will lead to reduction in temperature'

"The Chennai Corporation will increase the number of parks from 675 to 1,000. Over 120 piers in bridges across the city will get vertical gardens before Pongal. Thousands of trees will be planted along the Cooum River from the Napier bridge to Paruthipattu by the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust at a cost of Rs 36 crore as part of riverine plantation," said Prakash. Residents in each neighbourhood will get spaces for walking near the miyawaki forests, he added.



Health Secretary J. Radhakrishnan said the volunteers have planted four layers of greenery including a canopy layer, tree layer, sub-tree layer and shrub layer. This initiative will lead to reduction in the temperature in cities, he said.

Actor Vivekh, who participated, said the Corporation has been motivating NGOs in increasing the city's tree cover.

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