

# Forest Dept. to sell four lakh saplings for monsoon planting

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The eight nurseries of the Forest Department in Dakshina Kannada have readied nine lakh saplings for planting during this rainy season. Of them, four lakh saplings will be sold to people at a nominal rate.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dakshina Kannada, Y.K. Dinesh Kumar told *The Hindu* that as many as 3.5 lakh saplings will be planted by the department alone. It included 1.10 lakh saplings of various fruit-bearing trees, he added.

As many as 1.37 lakh saplings are available At the 1.69-acre nursery in Padil in the city for plantation by the department and for distribution to the public. As many as 20 personnel have been working in this nursery under the supervision of Range Forest Officer (RFO) Prashant Kumar Pai and Deputy RFO Sanju D. Lamani.

Of the 50,000 saplings in small 6 x 9 bags available at Padil, include 30,160 saplings of Saguvani, 5,190 of Raktachandana, 2,450 saplings of medicinal property bearing Surahonne, 2,300 plants of Nerale, 2,150 plants of Hebbalasu, 1,640 saplings of Halasu, 950 plants of Mahagani, 450 saplings of Nelli (gooseberry) and 300 plants of Sampige. Each one of these saplings will cost of ₹1.

Of the 25,000 saplings in the bigger 8 x 12 bags, include 2,352 mango, 2,351 Punarpuli, 2,116 Rampatre, 1,981 sandalwood, 1,756 Halasu, 1,162 Dalchini, 1,344 Sitashoka, 945 Kahibeevu, 864 Hebbalasu, 588 Jambuneerale, 455 Honge, 300 Hole Dasavala, 210 Nagakeesara, 91 Atti,