

## Jaggi Vasudev to kick start Green India Challenge in Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD: Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev will kick start Green India Challenge 5.0 at Shamshabad on June 16.

The Green India Challenge (GIC) launched with an aim to improve green cover and protection of the environment is entering into fifth year. The movement of plantation programmes under green challenge starts during the monsoon season every year. Noted spiritual leader Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev will launch Green India 5.0 at Muchintal road near Shamshabad on June 16.

Vasudev has recently kickstarted a world tour with a slogan - "Save Soil" movement aiming to safeguard the earth. Enthused by the GIC programme launched by TRS leader and MP J Santosh Kumar, the spiritual guru expressed his readiness to plant saplings during his visit to Hyderabad.

According to a press release, he would reach Golluru on June 16 afternoon and launch Green India Challenge 5.0 in the presence of Santosh Kumar. On the occasion, the invitees, mainly GIC supporters and sadhguru followers will plant 10,000 saplings at one go in the forest area. The state forest department is taking up plantation programmes jointly with GIC to revive the depleted forest cover and green zone.

Taking inspiration from Haritha Haaram unveiled by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao in 2018, Santosh Kumar has launched GIC. The Green Challenge already drew overwhelming response with a theme- 'Plant three saplings and throw challenges to three others'. The challenge has been transformed into a big movement. Noted personalities from different walks of life came on to a single platform to promote GIC which is an inspiration for all. The challenge is heading fast with a spirited movement of plantations in four corners of the country to improve green cover from Himalayas to KanyaKumari and Gujarat to Assam. In the last four years, the Green India Challenge had achieved many milestones by taking up many innovative programmes like - " Mukkoti Vruksharchana and Vurura Jammi Chettu" and planted crores of saplings.

The challenge also registered Guinness Book records for taking up massive plantation, conservation and adoption of forests. The challenge has developed a tradition of planting saplings on birthdays and other celebrations among people. Santosh Kumar said that he would strive to spread GIC all over the country and involve different sections as partners in the Green India Challenge 5.0 programme.

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