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# Mobile Tree ATM to distribute free saplings in three cities of UP

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Prayagraj: If you are a resident of Prayagraj, Varanasi or Kanpur and have adequate space to plant fruit trees near your house or office and take a pledge to take proper care of saplings, then you can do so by availing such fruit trees free of cost through Mobile Tree ATM.

An initiative by Namami Gange, the Mobile Tree ATM will gift two fruit trees and other saplings in order to increase green cover this monsoon. For this, the volunteers of Namami Gange are distributing a total of 22 different saplings, including amla, arjun, ashoka, baheda, sagwan, jetun, kranj, mahua, neem, pipal, sahjan, Shiv babool, sisam, kachanar, jamun, guava, lemon, mango, pomegranate, amaltash, gulhal, and gulmohar, through Mobile Tree ATM in three cities of UP. Rajesh Sharma, convener (Namami Gange) says, "For the first time, volunteers of Namami Gange are appealing denizens of three cities- Prayagraj, Kanpur and Varanasi- to make a call (9452366962) to get two fruit trees and two other saplings free of cost through Mobile Tree ATM." "The seekers must have facility of space and irrigation and devotion to grow trees," he added.

He, however, said "Saplings and fruit trees are being provided by Ganga task force with an aim to increase green cover. Moreover, volunteers are also interacting with students of different schools, discussing about factors responsible for river pollution and subsequently, measures that are helpful to check pollutants being released into rivers." With monsoon season underway, volunteers of Namami Gange have taken up a crusade to aware residents of three cities of UP about depleting ground water table and water conservation methods. Experts, meanwhile, said the concept of Mobile Tree ATM is helpful to grow more and more trees in cities as residents can get free saplings by giving a call on the given number. The Mobile Tree ATM will deliver the saplings at the doorstep of callers.

Noted ecologist, Ajay Krantikari said it is duty of every citizen to contribute to the well-being of mother earth and the plantation campaign must become people's movement. He said that people should give top priority to environment conservation. They

should start their efforts by planting at least one sapling near their houses.