

**Smiling tree partners with Hansraj college Delhi university to organize a plantation drive**  
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Smiling Tree today celebrated the 79th birthday of Dr. NC Gupta who, along with his family and friends, planted 80 trees. Sweeta & Harmeet Kharbanda also planted 38 trees to celebrate their 38th Anniversary.

The principal of Hansraj College, Dr. Rama, also planted some saplings. She thanked Dr Mukesh Kwatra, founder of Smiling Tree, for the well-planned event and said, "It is so heart-warming to see so many people take part in the plantation drive. It gives me immense pleasure to be associated with Smiling Tree"

In addition to the plantation drive, Smiling Tree requested the participants to carry their own non-plastic water containers and spread awareness to avoid plastic bottles as the entire life cycle of these plastic bottles uses fossil fuels, causes pollution, and contributes to global warming. The celebrations were very much eco-friendly with a 'say-no-to-plastic' message for all.

Dr NC Gupta, Sweeta & Harmeet Kharbanda, and their family members expressed their gratitude for Smiling Tree.

"Thank you Smiling Tree for inspiring us to plant 38 trees on our 38th Anniversary. Though planting these trees may not bring very significant relief to the environment considering the terrible pollution all around. But if each of us plants trees on birthdays, anniversaries etc, it will surely make a huge difference. We have the potential to leave a better Earth for our future generations", said Sweet.

Dr Mukesh Kwatra said, "Smiling Tree has always been motivating everyone that celebrating an occasion need not be at the cost of the environment. By planting trees we can honor an individual, commemorate an event, and memorialize a loved one. Every tree is a living legacy. Planting trees is certainly part of the solution to climate change, but there are more important ones. To slow climate change, people need to do much more than plant trees. We need to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions by transitioning to renewable energy sources, like solar and wind. A sustainable lifestyle is what is desired. Occasions like today provide us an opportunity to meet, discuss and spread awareness about how we can change and adapt ourselves to eco-friendly ways."

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