

The Uttar Pradesh Government, under the able leadership of Yogi Adityanath, has pledged to plant 30 crore trees during Van Mahotsav in July 2021 — an ambitious endeavour titled 'Vriksharopan Janaandolan 2021', which has come to fruition with seamless inter-departmental coordination and a comprehensive action plan, put in place well in advance.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always laid great emphasis on conserving nature and natural resources. The chief minister recently said that PM Modi has inspired for more and more tree plantation campaigns. "Along with this, our Prime Minister says that it is the need of the day to preserve every drop of water and use it for the environment. That is why the Prime Minister has conducted the 'Catch the Rain' programme across the country," the UP CM said, and added that plastic has been banned in the entire country to create awareness about the environment.

CM Yogi further said that there is a need to give importance to traditional trees like peepal, banyan,

Under Vriksharopan Janaandolan 2021, the Uttar Pradesh government is planting 30 crore trees this year, including indigenous trees like peepal, banyan, paakad and other medicinal trees and plants



thousand by Industry Department; 6 lakh by Animal Husbandry, Housing Development, Home and Defense Department, Technical Education, Cooperative; 4 lakh 80 thousand by Electricity Department, 3 lakh 60 thousand by Industrial Development; and 2 lakh 40 thousand by Secondary Education, Basic Education, Labour and Transport Department. The forest department is also planting Aushadhi Vatikas so that people have easy access to medicinal

Last year, even while the pandemic was proving to be the greatest challenge for mankind, Uttar Pradesh kept its green pledge and planted more than the target of 25 crore, while strictly following all Covid protocol

nal plants and herbs. CM Yogi gave instruction to all departments and teams involved to ensure wide public awareness and public participation in the tree plantation campaign. Further, to encourage people to

### ROOTING FOR SUCCESS

- Regular meetings held for action and inter-departmental coordination in view of the target of plantation of 30 crore saplings
- Selection of land for plantation, advance soil work, adequate availability of good quality plants etc, ensured in advance
- Meetings of the District Plantation Committees constituted under the chairmanship of the DMs convened, in which the action plan for tree plantation was finalised
- Preparations and progress of plantation drive reviewed regularly by all divisional commissioners
- Geo-tagging of plantation sites, photography of plantation, and setting up of control rooms for the same
- All Covid-19 protocols and social distancing norms followed in the mass plantation drive 2021

# Uttar Pradesh takes steps towards a greener future

gramme. The state has been undertaking comprehensive plantation campaigns since last four years. Approx 5.71 crore trees were planted by the state government in 2017, 11.77 crore in 2018 and 22.59 crore in 2019. Similarly, in 2020, 25.87 crore trees were planted in the Corona period also, despite all challenges.

Various departments of the state government were allotted plantation targets for 2021-22. This includes, 10.8 crore by Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department; 10 crore 56 lakh by Rural Development

Department; 2 crore 1 lakh 60 thousand by Agriculture Department; 1 crore 32 lakh 96 thousand by Horticulture Department; 1 crore 20 lakh by Revenue and Panchayati Raj Department; 30 lakh by Urban Development Department; 19 lakh 20 thousand by Railway Department; and 18 lakh by Higher Education Department.

Similarly, 14 lakh 64 thousand by Silk Department; 9 lakh 60 thousand by Public Works, Jal Shakti and Health Department; 7 lakh 20

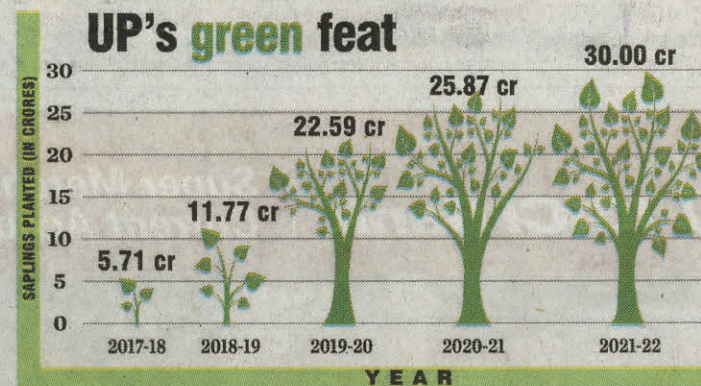


plant more saplings, the government has also started a competition and winners will be awarded. People will have to upload photographs of plantation on forest department's website.

Besides, in view of the ongoing pandemic, the CM has urged everyone to follow Covid protocols and stay safe. Even in the plantation drive, all Covid-19 protocols are being followed, including social distancing and limited mass gathering norms.

paakad, native mango and other medicinal plants in the tree plantation programme. These trees contribute to the protection and conservation of nature. He said that last year a target had been given to the Forest Department by the state government, under which, in order to preserve all the trees which are more than 100 years of age, a campaign was launched to preserve them as heritage trees.

This is not the first time that Uttar Pradesh has been scripting history in the plantation pro-



### APPROX ONE BILLION SAPLINGS PLANTED IN THE YOGI REGIM

When he first took over the reins of the state in 2017, Yogi Adityanath initiated mass measures for plantation and environment conservation in Uttar Pradesh. In the last four years, the massive greening drive in the state was undertaken with the objective of climate change mitigation, clean air and carbon sequestration. The plantation tally currently stands just under 1 billion trees, out of which approx 95 crore trees were planted by various departments and agencies of the UP government. Over and above this, the citizen and farm also contributed to this drive and have planted over 5 crore saplings in the last four years, raising the number to just under 1 billion saplings. The 1 billion mark would be touched so