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Subject : Mass Mobilization for the Mega Plantation Drive: Launching the "1 Lakh Saplings" Campaign on World Environment Day 2026 and VVIP Visit to Daman – reg

1. Context and Vision

In commemoration of **World Environment Day 2026** and in connection with the upcoming **VVIP Visit to Daman**, the Competent Authority has approved a **Mega Plantation Drive** to plant **1,00,000 (One Lakh) saplings** across the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

This campaign goes beyond standard administrative targets. It represents a vital ecological intervention aligned with the national "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" (One Tree in Mother's Name) initiative and global **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 15: Life on Land)**. Our objective is to rapidly expand urban and rural green cover, restore critical ecosystems, and foster deep-rooted community stewardship over our shared natural landscape.

2. Targeted Plantations & Ecological Framework

To optimize survival rates and maximize environmental impact, planting will be distributed across five distinct, ecologically tailored site categories:

- **Industrial Zones & Economic Hubs:** Participating industries are requested to utilize CSR frameworks to establish green buffers and high-density **micro-forests** along factory perimeters and road corridors to mitigate localized industrial emissions.
- **Reserve & Protected Forests:** The Forest Department will spearhead silvicultural enrichment within degraded forest patches, prioritizing native canopy-builders like **Teak, Mahua, Khair and other moist deciduous species**.
- **Coastal & Intertidal Ecosystems:** To reinforce shoreline resilience against erosion, dedicated mangrove restoration using salt-tolerant

species (*Avicennia marina* and *Rhizophora*) will be executed along the creeks of Daman and Diu.

- **Educational Campuses:** Schools and colleges will engage students and Eco-Clubs in planting shade-giving and fruit-bearing trees (**Neem, Mango, Jamun**), embedding environmental consciousness into institutional culture.
- **Gram Panchayats & Civic Spaces:** Village panchayats will mobilize local communities to plant woodlots on common pasture lands, public parks, and rural roadsides to ensure decentralized, long-term ownership.

3. Call to Action: Stakeholder Mobilization

The ambitious target of 1,00,000 saplings requires a synchronized, cross-sectoral effort. The Forest Department hereby solicits the active participation, resource allocation, and cooperation of all key stakeholders, including:

- i. Industrial Associations and Industrial Establishments;
- ii. Government and Private Schools, Colleges and Educational Institutions;
- iii. Cooperative Societies;
- iv. Anganwadi Centers;
- v. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs);
- vi. Government Departments and Autonomous Bodies;
- vii. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- viii. Members of the general public.

All concerned organizations, institutions, and departments are requested to immediately **identify suitable plantation sites within their respective premises, jurisdictions, and land-holdings**, and prepare to execute planting activities during the designated campaign window.

4. Operational Support & Quality Mandates

To bridge the gap between planting and long-term survival, the campaign will strictly enforce the following protocols:

- i. **Logistical & Technical Support:** The Forest Department will provide all necessary saplings, technical layout guidance, and species-matching expertise from central nurseries at **Falandi, Rudana, Surangi, Vasona and Jampore**.
- ii. **Ecological Integrity:** Only indigenous, climate-resilient species adapted to local microclimates will be distributed.

- iii. **Sustainability Mandate:** The entire supply chain—from nursery transport to field planting—will strictly enforce a **zero single-use plastic** policy.
- iv. **Post-Care Accountability:** Every major plantation cluster will be digitally mapped and geo-tagged. To ensure high survival rates, participating industries, line departments, and panchayats will assume formalized maintenance and nurturing responsibilities for a minimum **three-year post-care cycle**.

This circular is issued with the approval of the Chief Conservator of Forests, DNH & DD, and demands the highest priority from all concerned heads of offices and community leaders.

Let us work together to make this drive a lasting gift to the future of our Union Territory.



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