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Restoring the lost greenery

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BHUBANESWAR: The ▮▮▮ Horticulture department along with a team of National Service Scheme (NSS), IIT Bhubaneswar and a volunteers' group, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), conducted a plantation drive across all the primary schools of Khudupur, Podapoda and Kansapada here Friday.

It may be mentioned here that Khudupur, Podapoda and Kansapada are among the three of the six villages adopted by IIT Bhubaneswar under UBA. The motive behind the campaign was to promote a greener ecosystem along with providing a pollution-free atmosphere to the residents and to recreate the lost greenery during the course of super-cyclone, Fani. The saplings were collected from the state Forest department.

"We at IIT Bhubaneswar are committed towards building a sustainable ecosystem and aim to create a good sense of social responsibility towards our Mother Nature and eco-friendliness among the students through this initiative. Such initiatives, I am sure would help in creating more awareness about the importance of growing trees to prevent global warming and thereby reducing pollution and also help in quickly restoring the greenery destroyed during the course of super cyclone Fani," said RV Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

Many plant saplings of different sizes were planted during the drive carried across the primary schools. Seema Bahinipati, Co-Coordinator, UBA, M Sabarimalai Manikandan, Professor-in-charge, Horticulture, Snehasis Chowdhuri, NSS Programme Officer and Bankim Chandra Mandal , EAA Co-Coordinator, IIT Bhubaneswar were present among others.