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FOREST UPDATE



The Prime Minister of Pakistan Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani Inaugurating the Monsoon tree Planting Campaign 2011 by planting a tree at FG Model School Islamabad



MONSOON TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN 2011 IN PUNJAB

by Punjab Forest Department



IRRIGATED PLANTATION

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EVENTS

TREE PLANTING INAUGURATION

Malik Ahmad Ali Olakh, Minister for Forests visited the Murree Forest Division and inspected various Forestry operations including Model Nurseries and plantations on Express Road. He was briefed by CCF NZ, CF Rawalpindi and DFO Murree about the progress of evacuation of encroached land from land mafia. He launched the inauguration of the current Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign, 2011 in Punjab by planting a sapling.



Mr. Malik Ahmad Ali Olakh, Minister for Forests, planting a sapling along with Raja Khalid Hussain, CCF NZ Rawalpindi and Javaid Gill, DFO Murree.



Maj. (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary Forests planting a sapling along with Raja Khalid Hussain, CCF NZ and Iftikhar Ahmad Qureshi, CF Rawalpindi

Major (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary Forest visited Northern Zone Rawalpindi, and received a comprehensive briefing by Raja Khalid Hussain, CCF NZ. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Qureshi, CF Rawalpindi and Saadat Ali, CF D&WP Rawalpindi also graced the occasion with their presence. This was followed by a general inspection tour of the Murree Forest Division by the Secretary Forest who was updated by Javaid Gill, DFO Murree, regarding the unlawful encroachments, Model Nurseries and plantation on Murree Express Road. The Secretary Forest inaugurated the tree planting campaign, 2011, by planting a sapling of *Pinus roxburghii*, a tree representing characteristic flora of the region.

A BRIEFING BY CF EXTENSION TO ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ, Lahore and M. Yousuf, CF Extension briefed the Secretary Forest in the Committee Room Pouch House regarding Extension and Publicity activities by Punjab Forest Division. The Secretary was accompanied by the Syed Rizwan Mahboob, Add. Secretary and Shahid Rashid Awan, DS Planning. CF Extension presented a comprehensive extension and publicity plan for current Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign, 2011. Mushtaq Ahmad Dogar, DFO Ext, M. Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity & Ghulam Sabir, Dy. Director Sericulture were also present. Secretary emphasized on door to door supply of plants to farmers, sponsorship for Souvenirs and other extension activities. At the end DFO Publicity gave a presentation on innovative ideas in landscaping, par management and publicity.



DEVELOPMENT AND WORKING PLAN, GIS AND FOREST LIBRARY

A warm welcome was given to the Secretary Forests, Additional Secretary and CCF CZ in the office of D&WP, Lahore by M. Abdul Basit, who threw light on the progress of the Working Plan Circle. The Secretary was impressed by the GIS (Geographic Information System) Laboratory, currently established under a development project and expressed his appreciation on its working. The Secretary inspected the Forest Library and showed his deep interest in its existing status and prospects of its upgradation.



Muhammad Abdul Basit, CF D&WP Circle Lahore, receiving the Secretary Forests in his office

NEW FOREST PARK AT RAVI ROAD

Major (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary Forests visited the Forest Colony, where Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ, briefed the Secretary regarding development of a Park and improvement of the present condition of the Forest Colony at 108-Ravi road, Lahore. On this occasion Syed Rizwan Mahboob, Add. Sec. Forests, Rao Khalid Mahmood, CF Lahore and Ch. Hayat Hassan, DFO Lhr/Skp. were also present. The Secretary Forest took a round of the Forest Colony and visited different offices.



Muhammad Mehbub-ur-Rehman, CCF CZ, briefing Secretary FWF&T Deptt. regarding establishment of new park at Forest Colony, Ravi Road Lahore.

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN PUNJAB FOREST DEPARTMENT AND MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM

On the request of the Government of Pakistan, GOPb granted permission for drilling an exploratory well in Lal Sohanra National Park, Bahawalpur. For this purpose, the Environment Protection Department of GOPb has issued the request for NOC, dated 16th November, 2011. This MOU is being made to give effect to the permission granted to Pakistan Petroleum Limited for drilling the exploratory well in Lal Sohanra National Park, Bahawalpur. Dr Muhammad Arshad CCF SZ, Multan, signed MOU with Mr. Asim M. Khan, Managing Director Pakistan Petroleum Limited in the presence of Major (Retd.) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary FWF&T Deptt. and Syed Rizwan Mahboob, Add. Secretary FWF&T Deptt. Shahid Rashid Awan, DS Planning, briefed the house before signing the MOU, that is expected to have a positive outcome.



Maj. (R) Shahnawaz Badar, Secretary, FWF&T Deptt. presiding the meeting



Dr. M. Arshad, CCF SZ, Multan signing MOU with Mr. Asim MD, PPL



Syed Rizwan Mahboob, AS, FWF&T Deptt.



Dr. Muhammad Rafique, CF, Gujranwala



Rana Shabbeer Ahmad, CF, Range Management



Rao Khalid Mehmood, CF, Lahore



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AFFORESTATION IN HOSPITALS



Dr. Muhammad Pervaiz, MS, Mayo Hospital planting a sapling



Dr. M. Afzal, MS, Lady Wellington Hospital planting a sapling



Dr. Muhammad Sharif, AMS, Mayo Hospital planting a sapling



Syed Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity with Dr. Muhammad Pervaiz, MS

Publicity Forest Division organized Tree Plantation ceremonies in various Hospitals of the Lahore to mark yet another step to combat deforestation. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, MS and Dr. Muhammad Sharif, Add. MS, of Lady Wellington Hospital, Lahore graced the ceremony with his presence. A similar function was held in Mayo Hospital, Lahore where YDMA arranged a tree planting ceremony and on invitation Geo TV and City-42 recorded the proceedings and aired its transmission. The Additional Medical Superintendent planted a tree alongwith his staff and DFO Publicity to initiate the campaign.

DFO PUBLICITY BRIEFING TO SECRETARY



Syed M. Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity briefed to Maj. (R) Shah Nawaz Badar, Secretary FWF&T Department, about publicity activities specially current Monsoon planting campaign 2011

Syed Muhammad Akmal Rahim, DFO Publicity Division, Lahore, briefed the Secretary Forests about various activities carried out by the Forest Publicity Division to publicize the significance of forests and to highlight its role in the economy and environmental stability of the country. The Secretary Forests showed keen interest in various publications, publicity material, banners etc and appreciated the efforts of the working team. He further advised to get sponsorships for the various Souvenirs of the Punjab Forest Department. Muhammad Sharif, Designer, was also present on the occasion. Secretary Forests discussed in detail about the publication of the Forest Update and gave his valuable suggestions.

FOREST AND FORESTRY SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan has a narrow forest resource base extending over only about 4.8% (4.59% excluding farmland plantations) of its area, which is insufficient to provide the material needs of the growing population and expanding industry, and to retard and arrest the ongoing environmental and ecological degradation process. The situation is further aggravated by the natural, but uneven distribution of the forest resources. Almost 80% of the productive forests are located in the north (Hazara, Malakand, Azad Kashmir and Northern areas), whereas 80% of the population and wood based industry is located in the southern and central parts of Pakistan. Pakistan's fast growing population of about 152.53 million is dependent for its wood and wood products requirement on a meager forest resource base of 4.2 million hectares. The per capita forest area thus is only 0.0265 ha as compared to the World's standard of one hectare. Only 1/3rd of the total forest area is productive, while the rest is of environmental and protective value only. It is becoming increasingly difficult to meet the demands of the growing population for fuel wood, fodder, agriculture implements and raw material required for wood based industries. The immense impact of trees in the development of a country cannot be denied and over-emphasized. While the productive role does not require much familiarization as indicated by wood and a variety of wood products, the protective function implies much more important features such as impact on climate, and physiography of the country conservation of soil and water, regulation of stream flow and prevention of calamities such as floods, landslides, siltation and sedimentation of dams and river beds and change the course of rivers. The role trees play in protecting the croplands and orchards against hot or cold winds is also now well appreciated by the farmers. The recreational and biodiversity value of forests together with the fact that forests are the eternal abode / habitat where wildlife can live and multiply is now being increasingly realized. More than 60 percent of the land in Pakistan is either already affected or likely to be affected by desertification. The suspended sediment load per km of drainage basin is one of the highest in the region. More than 1.2 million ha of land has already been affected by soil erosion, 4.2 million ha have been rendered unproductive by salinity, and another 2.0 million ha have become unusable due to water logging. In spite of reclamation efforts, large areas remain plagued by these problems. How could then the vast tracts of land be reclaimed? Biological amelioration is the only answer. (Rahim M. Akmal and Hussain Shahida, 2010. "Agro-forestry trends in Punjab Pakistan". African Journal of Environmental Science and Technology. Vol. 4 (10), PP. 639-650, October 2010 1234-2088 © 2010 Academic).



Major (Retd.) Shah Nawaz Badar, Secretary FWF&T Deptt. presiding a high level meeting with senior forest officers

TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN AT DANISH SCHOOL MIANWALI

Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, Conservator of forests, Sargodha and Wajeeh-ud-din, DFO Mianwali arranged a tree planting inauguration ceremony at newly developed Danish School Mianwali with the assistance of Publicity Forest Division, where Mr. Tariq Mehmood, District Coordination Officer Mianwali and Mrs. Zakia Shahnawaz, Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab were also present. The Publicity Forest Division contributed by establishing stall, displaying articles promoting awareness regarding the role of Forests.



Syed Muhammad Ajmal Rahim, CF Sargodha Circle and Wajeeh-ud-din alongwith guests



Miss Zakia Shahnawaz, Advisor to C.M Punjab planting a sapling at Danish School Mianwali



Mr. Tariq Mehmood, DCO Mianwali planting a sapling at Danish School Mianwali



Haji Malik Muhammad Feroze Joyia planting a sapling at Danish School Mianwali



Miss Zakia Shahnawaz showing deep interest in publicity stall

GLIMPSES OF MONSOON TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN 2011 IN PUNJAB



Muhammad Irshad Hussain Shah, DCO Kasur offering prayer along with Ch. Bashir EDO Agriculture after planting a sapling at Kasur



Benish Qamar Dar, NGO Chairperson "Umeed" offering praying after planting a sapling in Mela Baba Waris Shah Sheikhupura.



Ather Shah Khagga, DFO Rawalpindi South, planting a sapling at Forest Complex Taxila during Monsoon Tree Planting Campaign 2011



Gulzar Hussain Shah, DCO Khushab planting a sapling



Imran Mehmood DPO Khushab planting a sapling



Mr. Saadat Hussain, Assistant Commissioner Chakwal offering prayer after planting a sapling



Mrs. DCO Khushab planting a sapling at girls college Khushab



Mrs. DPO Khushab planting a sapling at girls college Khushab



Mr. Arif Rahim AC Taxila planting a sapling with DFO Rawalpindi