

Over 1000 Bamboo Plantation Drive at Mumbai Port- Green cover

In a significant step towards environmental sustainability, the **DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING** and the **Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA)** have jointly launched a large-scale bamboo plantation drive.

Inaugurated on September 18, 2024, the initiative aligns with the Maritime India Vision 2030 and aims to contribute to the government's "Panchamrit" commitments for environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

The plantation drive was marked by the presence of **MbPA Chairperson Rajiv Jalota (IAS)**. The event also saw participation from environmentalists, industry leaders, and students. **DGS Shyam Jagannathan (IAS)** extended his best wishes for the success of the drive.

Speaking at the inauguration, **Rajiv Jalota** emphasized the importance of green initiatives in port operations. **"Bamboo, with its rapid growth and environmental benefits, is an ideal choice for our plantation drive. This initiative will not only enhance the green cover around the port but also contribute to carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation."**

The ANA, a non-profit organization, has partnered with **WICCI and HariMitti Foundation** to execute the plantation project. The foundation, known for its expertise in bamboo cultivation, will provide technical guidance and support.

The plantation drive is expected to have a significant positive impact on the environment. Bamboo, a rapidly growing plant, is known for its ability to absorb carbon dioxide and generate oxygen. It also helps in soil erosion control and groundwater recharge. Additionally, the plantation will enhance the aesthetic appeal of the port area.

The initiative has received support from various organizations, including **Gulf Turbo Solns, Informa Markets India, Zener Maritime Solns, First Policy Insurance Brokers, Bry Air, MSC Shipping India, Material Recycling Assn India, Hindustan Institute of Maritime Training, V Ships India Pvt Ltd, Capt Ajay Achutan, Vigma Maritime Services, Offing Group Pvt Ltd, Armaturen Wolf, Arun Kumar Agarwal, Bhandarkar Shipping, and NSUI**

"We are grateful for the overwhelming support from our partners and stakeholders," said **Mr. Saanjeev v Mehra, hon. President - ANA**. **"This initiative is a testament to our collective commitment to environmental sustainability and our belief in the power of community action."**

As part of the plantation drive, **over 1000 bamboo saplings were planted** on vacant MbPA land. The ANA aims to further expand the green cover around the port in the coming years, contributing to India's goal of increasing its green belt by 20%.

As per directives from the centre and following its circular, two skits / Street plays were performed by students of IMU (T.S.CHANAKYA) and MTI SCI on Swach Bharat n tree plantation.















