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HMR TO PLANT 5 LAKH SAPLINGS

As part of the Haritha Haaram programme, the Hyderabad Metro Rail is also taking up a large-scale plantation drive called "Metro Haritha Haaram". A total of five lakh plants, including one lakh tall avenue plants and four lakh decorative floral and foliage varieties, will be planted by the HMR, this season. "Metro Haritha Haaram" is designed to fit into the Urban Redesign initiative of HMR and it will transform the streetscape of the Metro corridors into attractive, pleasant and colourful environs," said HMR Managing Director, NVS Reddy. Tall avenue plants Mahogany will be planted along the Metro corridors, areas surrounding Metro stations, public places and nearby colonies. Special ornamental floral plants like Jatropha will be planted in the central median of the roads under the viaduct, which will beautify streets in Metro corridors. These plants have been collected on a large scale from different sources and nurtured in HMR's Hydernagar nursery. They will be planted in different patterns and combinations to give beautiful shapes, said Reddy. "Metro Haritha Haaram" programme will be launched at Uppal Metro station by minister T Padma Rao Goud.