

PRESS RELEASE TREE PLANTATION INAUGURATION

Rao Inderjit Singh inaugurates tree plantation sites at Taj Nagar and Daboda in Gurugram, Haryana

Taj Nagar, Gurugram | 21 September 2026: Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State for Statistics and Program Implementation and Minister of State for Culture, Government of India, today inaugurated the Amar Shaheed Rao Tularam Park, a community-led tree plantation site at Taj Nagar village in Farukh Nagar block, Gurugram, Haryana. Following the inauguration at Taj Nagar, Rao Inderjit Singh also inaugurated the plantation site at Daboda village in Farukh Nagar. Both plantation sites are part of a larger tree plantation initiative implemented in District Gurugram by CII Foundation in partnership with Gram Panchayats and supported by PTC India Financial Services Limited. Speaking at the occasion, Rao Inderjit Singh said “The inauguration of the tree plantation sites at Daboda and Taj Nagar marks an important milestone in our collective commitment towards environmental sustainability and climate resilience. Under this initiative, plantations are being undertaken across more than 9 acres in Daboda and over 10 acres in Taj Nagar, with a cumulative target of planting approximately 30,000 trees. During the site visit, I was particularly impressed by the excellent survival rate of the plantation. It was heartening to observe the healthy growth of the saplings, and I did not come across a single dead plant, which reflects the dedication and diligent efforts of the implementing teams and local communities. This is an investment in cleaner air, improved biodiversity, groundwater conservation, and a healthier future for local communities. We commend the partnership between industry, civil society, and local stakeholders in driving this meaningful change”.

The event was also graced by Smt. Bimla Chaudhary, MLA, Pataudi, Smt. Dipali Chaudhary, Chairman, Zila Parishad (Zila Pramukh), Gurugram, Shri Ashish Nigam, VP, CSR, PTC India Financial Services Ltd., community members, including Sarpanchs of many villages, CII volunteers and other key stakeholders to plant saplings and take collective action for a greener tomorrow.

The inauguration of the Taj Nagar site builds on CII Foundation’s ongoing efforts to create community-owned green spaces in the region. Last year, a plantation site at Judola village was inaugurated, and this year, two additional community plantation sites at Taj Nagar and Daboda are being developed.

At the Taj Nagar site, developed across approximately 10 acres, more than 13,200 trees have been planted since 2025. These include native, fruit-bearing, flowering and culturally

significant species such as Neem, Peepal, Mango including ornamental and flowering species including Champa, Gulab, and Chandan which add to the ecological and economic value of the site.

At Daboda village, 9 acres have been developed with around 19,310 native plants with a diverse mix of fruit-bearing, native, flowering and biodiversity-supporting species, including Lemon, Jamun and Gular, along with Mehendi, Curry Patta and other species.

The large-scale tree plantation initiative is being undertaken with the objective of enhancing green cover, restoring ecological balance and promoting sustainable development in the region. The plantations are being developed on village wastelands owned by Gram Panchayats, with local communities playing an active role in planning, raising and maintaining the plantations. Adopting a multi-stakeholder, structured approach, the programme focuses on creating sustainable community green spaces rather than undertaking plantation as a one-time activity, with provisions for fencing, drip irrigation, dedicated plantation caretakers and community participation in long-term maintenance. Since 2025, the initiative has covered 66 acres and facilitated the plantation of more than 87,000 saplings across villages in the block.

Through collaborative efforts, the CII Foundation focusses on strengthening climate resilience. While the initiative in Farukh Nagar creates tree plantation sites that enhance biodiversity, in other parts of Haryana and in Punjab, the Foundation has been addressing air pollution through its crop residue management initiative to mitigate farm stubble burning and promote sustainable agriculture. Last year, through its interventions in 1000+ villages across the two states, 85% of the straw was prevented from being burnt. These collaborative models illustrate how government, communities and corporate partners can work together to create resilient, biodiverse and sustainable rural landscapes.

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