Achievement Under Telanganaku Haritha Haaram So Far

National Forest Policy envisages that 33% of the geographical area should be under forest/ green cover. In Telangana state there is 26.90 lakh Ha. of forest area which is only 24% of the total geographical area. To enhance this 24% green cover to 33%, Government of Telangana have launched a flag ship programme “Telanganaku Haritha Haaram (THH)” in the year 2014-15.

In this programme, it is proposed to plant and rejuvenate 230 crores seedlings as follows –

- Outside Forests areas – 130 Crores (Including 10.00 Crs. in HMDA & GHMC areas.
- 100 Crores within Forest areas (20.00 Crs through plantations and 80.00 Crs through rejuvenation.

Planting Achievements so far:
2015-16: 15.86 crores Plants
2016-17: 31.67 crores Plants
2017-18: 15.10 crores Plants (till 30-07-2017)

Achievements of Forest Department:
Block Plantations: Block plantations are taken up in the forest areas where old eucalyptus plantations are harvested, in the retrieved encroached areas and in the open areas. These Block plantations are taken up in Semi mechanical method (SMM) and Labour intensive method (LI). Total achievements till 2016-17 – 18920 Ha
**Aided Natural Regeneration (ANR)**

Most of the forest areas in Telangana state are in degraded conditions and to improve quality and density of the forest, treatment to degraded forest is given under Aided Natural Regeneration. In this method operations like Peripheral trenches, soil moisture conservation works, cultural operations and creation of fire lines etc., are taken up. Till 2016-17 – 2.40 lakh Ha area has been treated under this method.

Peripheral trench with measurement of 2m X 2m X 1.5 m is dug all around Reserve Forests boundary lines as a protection measure against biotic interference. Achievements till 2016-17 – 3572 kms

Soil and Moisture Conservation works are taken up to improve the moisture in the forest area which will help in rejuvenation of the viable root stock.

Fire lines are created to control the forest fires which are the major contributors for loss of forest cover in the state.
Achievements till 2016-17 – 4190 kms
Avenue Plantations:
To enhance the aesthetic beauty and to improve the greenery in the area large scale avenue plantations are taken up along national highways, state highways, R&B roads and Panchayat roads in 1 to 3 rows on either side of the road depending on the availability of the road margin.
Achievements till 2016-17– 4691km

- **Planting Plan for 2017 under THH:**
  Target to plant – 40 crores seedlings
  Nurseries existing in the State – 2925 Nos
  Major seedlings available
  Teak – 15 crores
  Eetha – 2.50 crores
  Horticulture grafted fruit plants – 26.85 lakhs

Urban Parks
Forest blocks adjacent to major cities and towns are being developed into urban parks which are acting as urban lung spaces for the local people. So far, 24 urban blocks have been developed.

During this year the new concept of seed bombing has been introduced under Telanganaku Haritha Haram to take up greenary on slopes, hillocks and remote areas. Seed balls are prepared with earth, manure and other nutrients.