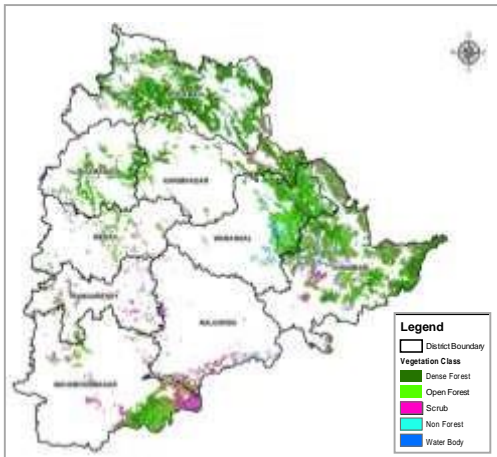


Telangana Ku Haritha Hāram

National Forest Policy of India envisages a minimum of 33% of the total geographical area under forest / tree cover to maintain environmental stability and ecological balance; that are vital for sustenance of all life-forms, human, animal and plants.



Telangana Ku Haritha Haaram, a flagship programme of the Telangana Government envisages to increase the present 24% tree cover in the State to 33% of the total geographical area of the State. The thrust areas to achieve the above are two-fold; one, initiatives in notified forest areas, and the other, initiatives in areas

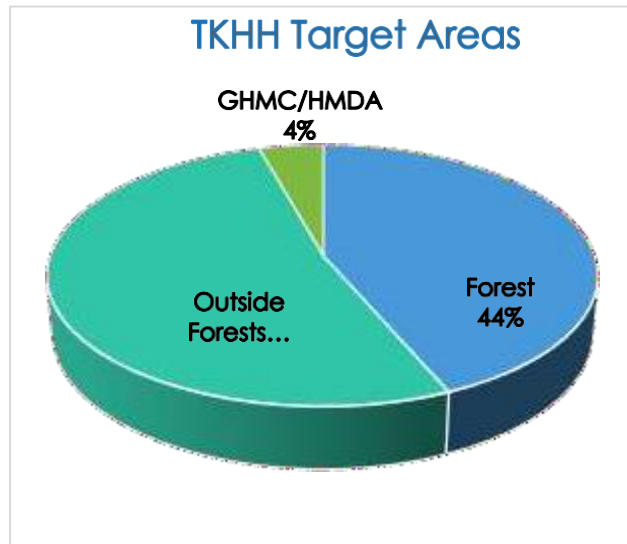
outside the notified forest areas.

The first objective is sought to be achieved by a multi-pronged approach of rejuvenating degraded forests, ensuring more effective protection of forests against smuggling, encroachment, fire, grazing and intensive soil and moisture conservation measures following the watershed approach.

Major fillip is sought to be given to Social Forestry for achieving the second objective. In the areas outside the notified forest, massive planting activities will be taken up in areas such as; road-side avenues, river and canal bank, barren hill, tank bunds and foreshore areas, institutional premises, religious places, housing colonies, community lands, municipalities, industrial parks, etc.



230 Crore seedlings are proposed to be planted in the State during the next three years. Out of this, 130 crores seedlings are proposed to be planted outside the notified forest areas (10 crore within HMDA limits, and the remaining 120 Crores in rest of the State). It is also proposed to plant, and rejuvenate the viable rootstock to achieve 100 crore plants inside the forest areas by way of intensive protection of the forests.



It can be emphatically concluded that the programme has been received very well by all, as it has garnered appreciation from all sectors of the society. The programme is one of its kind in the World after that of the China and Brazil and the pioneer effort in the country. One can easily perceive the changes in the green cover in the entire state.

The field functionaries of various line Departments have undertaken identification of sites for planting and prepared village Action Plans. The Village Action Plans will be consolidated at Mandal level and finally at the District level to form District Action Plan. At State level, two committees; the State Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee, and the State Level Steering Committee oversee the progress of the TKHH programme.

Telangana Haritha Nidhi

With the objective to enhance, deepen the fruits of the massive plantation activity and to provide sustainability in the long run, on 01.10.2021 in the floor of the Assembly the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced "Telangana Haritha Nidhi" a dedicated Green Fund for Telangana State. GO Rt no 139 dt 16.12.2021 was issued in this regard.

"Telangana Haritha Nidhi" would receive contributions from various sources namely; public representative, Government employees and other sections of the society, a Predefined portion of taxes, fees and other levies that the State Government imposes. So far an amount of Rs.15.63 crores has been contributed in Haritha Nidhi account.

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