

IIT Indore to get forest on 50 hectares

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IIT Indore and Forest Department will develop a 50-hectare of forest area on the IIT premises where thousands of saplings will be planted.

The area would be developed with the objective of creating a natural forest area in the educational institution that will make for an ecological area for research by students and for creating awareness among them about forest and other ecological issues. The forest would also provide an experience of the natural environment to the visitors in the premises of the educational institutions.

Officials said that 400 city forests and 200 city gardens are envisaged to be developed between 2020-21 and 2024-25 under the pilot scheme of Indore Nagar Van Yojana (NVY). The project has been taken up with the objective of increasing the green cover



in the city by substantially increasing the number of trees in the urban area.

This will lead to an increase in biodiversity and ecological benefits in urban and suburban areas thereby improving the quality of life of city dwellers.

The proposal to develop a city forest in an area of 50 hectares in the Indian Institute of Technology Indore campus in Choral forest area under the Indore Forest Division was mooted under this scheme. Under the proposal, Medicine Garden, Navagraha Garden, Flower Garden,

Nakshatra Garden, Panchavati Forest Garden and a Butterfly Garden would be constructed and 10,000 saplings would be planted. A play garden for children, a pond

along with watch tower for bird watching and a lecture centre will also be constructed as part of the project. The beautification of the area would also be done. The area will be developed with nature paths for tourists to visit. Tourists will get educational information along with healthy environment in Nagar Van, officials added.