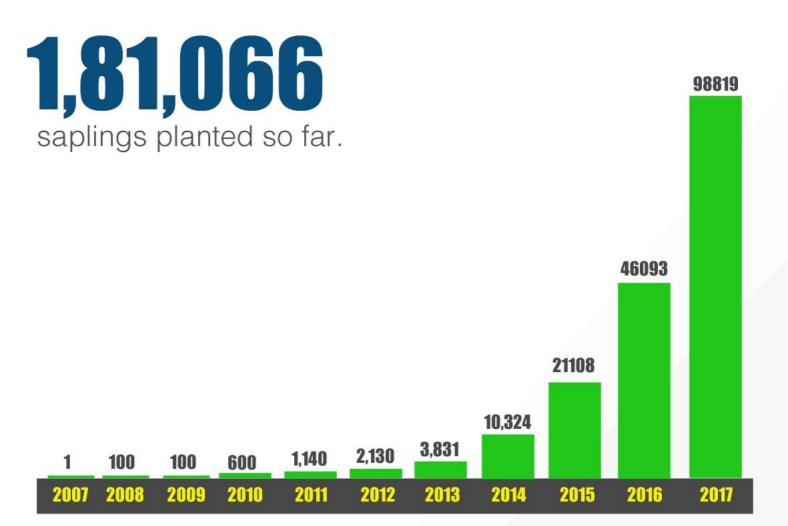
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Sapling count so far

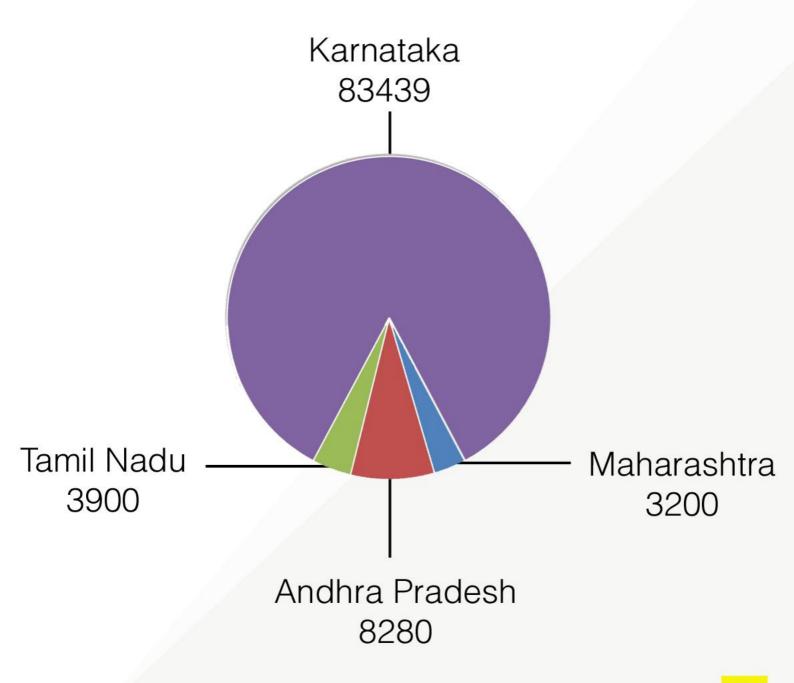


2017

SayTrees celebrated its 10th anniversary by planting 98819 saplings. These saplings were planted in rural and urban areas. Fruit saplings were also planted with farmers to support them with parallel income. Saplings were planted in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. More than 4000 volunteers joined us and became part of our journey. Saplings were planted around many lakes as well. Three miyawaki forests of total 12000 saplings were created as well. As always, SayTrees is putting lot efforts to support saplings during summer. Saplings are being watered regularly and volunteers are also joining us every weekend.

Plantation Location

In 2017, SayTrees initiated plantation in few new locations apart from Karnataka. 3000 fruit saplings are planted in Amravati District of Maharashtra. 200 saplings were planted in Mumbai too. 3900 saplings are planted in Hosur, Tamil Nadu. Plantation in Hosur are done in Govt. schools. 8280 fruit saplings are planted with farmers of Anantpur District of Andhra Pradesh. SayTrees is exploring plantations in many location across the country.











Rural Plantation



Rural Plantation



MIYAWAKI FOREST

Kyalasanahalli Lake

This lake situated in south of Bengaluru was recently rejuvenated by Sansera Foundation and had space to accomodate thousands of saplings





Sapling Count

9500 saplings have been planted in this lake using Miyawaki Method of Tree Plantation.

Faster Growth

Saplings in Miyawaki Forest grow 10 times fast and the forest is 30 times more dense than the traditional forest.



22400 saplings planted in 2017



KR Puram Bengaluru

Diesel Loco Shed in KR Puram. Bengaluru, has many patch of lands which can be converted to small forests to increase green cover of the city.

Sapling Count

2000 saplings were planted in Diesel Loco Shed in 2017. 4000 saplings have been planted in this location in total.





Regular Care

Saplings in KR puram are regularly taken care of. Full time gardeners are deployed to take care of plants in this location.

MIYAWAKI FOREST

Govt School Hosur

School in hosur came forward to host miyawaki forests in their campus. This will increase the green cover of the area to great extent.



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Sapling Count

1000 saplings were planted on November 05, 2017 with support from First American under their CSR initiative.

School Participation

School has promised to take care of the forest with help from students in the school. This will also enable the students to learn about importance of nature best



29900 saplings planted in total



Govt School Hosur

Two government schools in Nerigam and Devasanapalli area became host to miyawaki forest in Hosur.

Sapling Count

2900 saplings were planted in two schools



CSR Initiative

2900 in the two schools were supported by Epsilon under their CSR initiative. This was the first project to receive foreign funding under FCRA.

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Agroforestry



14 farmers 8280 saplings

SayTrees is supporting farmers through its Agroforestry projects. 56 farmers have been supported so far with 25145 fruit saplings. SayTrees is working with farmers of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and supporting them. Fruit saplings like mango, guava, chikoo etc. are being planted. This effort is aalso increasing the green cover of the areas.

Agroforestry Results























Maintenance







Maintenance





Government School, Begur.

15-06-2013













KR Puram Railway Station, Bençaluru.













Diesel Loco Shed, KR Puram, Bengaluru













Diesel Loco Shed, KR Puram, Bengaluru













Awards & Recognition

SayTrees won Goldman Sach India Impact Award for 2018

Goldman Sachs Announces the Winners of 2018 India Impact Fund

February 9, 2018

Mumbai, February 5, 2018: Goldman Sachs, a leading global investment bank and active investor in India, today announced the winners of its '2018 India Impact Fund'. The fund is a local initiative tailored for young employees of the firm to make an impact in communities across the country by competing to identify and secure a total grant of US\$100,000 (approximately INR 64 Lakhs) for three non-governmental organisations. The winners this year are: Multiple Initiatives Towards Upliftment (MITU), SayTrees, and SELCO Foundation, who won grants of US\$50,000 (INR 32,06,000), US\$30,000 (INR 19,23,600), and US\$20,000 (INR 12,82,400).

Launched in October 2016, the India Impact Fund is an initiative that provides an opportunity for junior Goldman Sachs employees to collaborate, leverage their creativity and analytic skills to identify innovative solutions to pressing social challenges, and support local NGOs and causes of their choice.

"The India Impact Fund is an opportunity for our young professionals to learn first-hand about the firm's long-standing philanthropic culture and collaborative spirit during their formative years," said Bunty Bohra, Chief Executive Officer of Goldman Sachs Services in India.

SayTrees won the Goldman Sach India Impact Award for 2018. The fund will be used to create a Miyawaki Forest in Bengaluru. This forest will grow 10 times fast and will be 30 times more dense. Such small patch of forests in various locations of the city wil act as carbon sink for the city.

Media

Tree lovers turn vacant plot into mini forest in Krishnarajapuram

Niveditha Jain

BENGALURU: Once a vacant plot, this unused railway property is now a full-fledged mini forest, attracting a variety of birds and butterflies. All it took was eight months for members of 'SayTrees' to turn this no-man's land in Krishnarajapuram into a beautiful, lungspace.

A pilot project of city-based SayTrees, an organisation comprising like-minded people, the initiative started in September 2016 with the planting of around 2,000 saplings on the plot measuring 600 sq metres. The land, located near the diesel locomotive shed close to the ITI campus in Krishnarajapuram, belongs to Indian Railways

"The objective of our project was to create an urban mini forest in Bengaluru to increase green cover. On September 24, 2016 we planted saplings of more than 40 tree species like neem, jamun, mango, banyan and others. The saplings have grown upto 10 feet now. In the next two years, we aim to make this forest more dense. We have named this forest Miyawaki," said head of partnerships and projects, SayTrees, Durgesh Agrahari.

The team members chose the name since they adopted the Miyawaki plantation technique where saplings of different species are planted close together in a small pit with or-



The lungspace creted by SayTrees' in KR Puram.

ganic rice husk and coco peat to boost cultivation. Agrahari added that the plot was handed over to them by the railways as they were not using them. Authorities also provided support.

Kapil Sharma, the founder of the organisation said they plan to create similar mini forests near Yeshwantpur railway station and near Bommasandra Industrial Area, soon. "We are also in the process of creating a mini forest in Hyderabad wherein saplings will be planted on three acres of land," he said.

Around 50,000 saplings have been planted so far by SayTrees near waterbodies. army/railway land and available vacant spaces across the city. Those who want to join the green cause can contact the organisation, which is looking for volunteers, by mailing them at info@saytrees.org.

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'Nurture the Saplings for a Year'

"More people attach themselves to human causes than for the cause of the environment," he said, adding that there is a need for a green movement. "We need to realise that there is no future if we do not act"



Durgesh Agrahari Head of Partnerships & Projects, Say Trees















6,000 saplings to soon keep this lake company

Miyawaki turns this empty plot verdant

Bengaturu: A 600sqm plot be-longing to the railways in KR Pu-ram has turned green in just about five months, thanks to Mi-yawaki, the Japanese technique of afforestation.

On September 24, 2016, 300 vol-unteers planted 2,000 saplings of over 50 native varieties using this technique.

JAPANESE TECHNIQUE

Today, the saplings have grown into trees that are now 4ft to 12ft tall. Among the many varieties planted here are honge, mahogany, tabebuia rosea, huversee, jackfurit, jamun, toremati, bamboo, mango, dalichandra, Indian almond, nagalinga, artineem, jacaranda, sampige, guimohar and bhunia.

Saplings planted using the Miyawaki technique grow 10 times faster than the regular ones. "A few saplings planted using the traditional way on the same plot have only grown a few inches. The Miyawaki saplings

COMMITTED TO GOING GREEN

We tied up with Say Trees in 2014. Since then we have plante 4,786 trees on our vacant plots. Many people thought this exercise won't be successful, but the saplings have been crowing well. We

have been growing well. We are committed to going green and preserving the environment and are, at

present, arranging for water and electricity required for their maintenance. Recently, our divisional railway manager visited us and said that we should work towards using all available vacant railway plots for raising these kind of plantations

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have grown 10 times faster," said Durgesh Agrahari, head of part-nerships & projects, Say Trees, an NGO. "This forest will be 30 times more dense and 50 times more diverse than a regular plan-tation," he added.

Miyawaki technique is all about three years of intensive watering and weeding after planting. The result is a lush, dense, self-sustaining forest. The

technique is named after Japa-nese botanist Dr Akira Miyawa-ki, whose approach was to plant seedlings of as many native cano-py trees as possible. Through competition, these trees undergo a process of natural selection, ui-timately leading to the formation of a diverse, natural forest. After the first three years, the forest does not require any main-tenance, in keeping with the bot-

anist's theory that the best forest management technique is no management at all.

"While the saplings are densely packed together, two saplings of the same type cannot be planted adjacent to each other, as then only one will survive," explained Durgesh. Given the rigorous maintenance, the process is slightly more expensive than what's involved in ausual plantation.

Founded by Kapil Sharma about a decade ago, Say Trees has planted over 80,000 saplings across the country Last year alone it planted 35,000 saplings, across the country Last year alone it planted 35,000 saplings in Koramangals, Kalyan Nagar, Yeshwantpur and Nyandahalli.

This monsoon, the Mod hopes to raise another Miyawaki forest: 20,000 trees in a 6,000sqm plot in Bengaluru. "We must do whatever we can to reduce the impact of global warming. With tree steadily vanishing from in and around our city, we are in great need of these mini-urban forests," said Durgesh.



Kapil Sharma, Say Trees

Troubled by Bengaluru's disappearing trees, Sharma began planting saplings in 2007, under his initiative, Say Trees. What started with just 100 saplings grew to 35,000 (across the country) in 2016. Now the 33-year-old wants to move away from urban forests and concentrate on rural areas.

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"There are always space limitations in cides. Last year, we planted 5,000 saplings in Chintamania (a village 40 km from the city), and this year, we have signed an agreement to plant 50,000 in June," he says, adding that trial-and-error has been his guide. "Interacting with the forest department was a

learning curve. I figured out what to plant and what not to. I've also learnt to plant slightly older saplings as they have a better survival rate." He's also removing dependencies by tying up with the sewage treatment authority to use their treated water for the trees.

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Social connect: Say Trees uses
social media extensively and effectively
to reach out to people. "If there is a
nice cycling track nearby, we will reach
out to cycling groups. We also look at
trekking, bird watching and
photography groups, since
combining planting with a hobby
usually gets us more volunteers."

