

Forest officials told to celebrate 'Vana Mahotsavam' as grand festival

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Hyderabad: Forests and endowments minister Konda Surekha on Wednesday directed forest officials to celebrate the upcoming 'Vana Mahotsavam 2025' with the spirit of a grand festival in Telangana.

During a review meeting, she pointed out that chief minister A Revanth Reddy was committed to making the plantation drive a success through wide public participation. Referring to the early arrival of monsoon this year, she directed officials to make use of this opportunity by beginning the plantation drive immediately.

The plantation drive will be conducted intensively during the peak monsoon in June, July, and August, and the target was to plant

over 20 crore saplings.

Officials were told to ensure 100% achievement. Saplings will also be distributed to households to promote greenery at the doorstep.

She said that public demands for saplings must be addressed proactively, and the varieties should include flowering plants such as rose, hibiscus, oleander, and fruit-bearing plants such as guava, custard apple, amla, black plum, drumstick, tulsi, neem, tamarind, soapnut, toddy palm and palm.

109 petitions submitted during face-to-face programme

Earlier in the day, Surekha received as many as 109 petitions during the face-to-face programme at Gandhi Bhavan. The petitions mostly pertained to Indiramma houses and new ration cards. The minister said that all the petitions were forwarded to the respective departments for early redressal of grievances.