

Hry forest min inspects green sites in Pkl

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Panchkula: Forest and environment minister Rao Narbir Singh visited several green sites in the district Friday, ahead of the plantation season. He also inspected the forest department nursery, the nature camp at Thapli, and Triphala Vatika in Mandhana village.

Emphasising the importance of expanding the green cover, the minister instructed officials to undertake a large-scale plantation campaign. "The more trees we plant today, the safer and greener we make the future for our coming generations," he said, urging officials to not only plant saplings but also ensure their proper upkeep and survival.

At the forest department nursery, Rao Narbir inspected saplings planted two years ago and reviewed the arrangements for their maintenance. Officials told him that 20 lakh saplings have been prepared for this year's plantation campaign across nurseries in Panchkula.

He then headed towards the nature camp at Thapli, where he reviewed the facilities at the naturopathy centre. Encouraging the staff to promote natural treatments more actively, he said the centre should become a hub for holistic wellness and attract more people seeking ayurvedic and nature-based therapies.

The minister also inspected the Climate Change Laboratory housed within the camp, where students are trained in environmental protection and water conservation. Rao Narbir lauded the initiative and stressed the importance of educating the youth to ensure long-term ecological sustainability.

Later, at Triphala Vatika in Mandhana village, the minister examined the medicinal plants growing in the area. He directed officials to focus on the conservation and large-scale cultivation of ayurvedic herbs, stating that such efforts are vital to promoting traditional medicine and wellness.