

Mangaluru: 'Miyawaki - Urban Forest' campaign launched by SACAA at St Aloysius College
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Mangaluru, Jul 29: On July 24 at St Aloysius College (Autonomous), the 'Miyawaki- Urban Forest' campaign was officially launched. The St Aloysius College Alumni Association organised this initiative (SACAA). The objective is to use the Miyawaki method of plantation, a technique developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki that allows for the rapid growth of dense, natural forests. The approach is supposed to ensure that plant growth is 10 times faster and the resulting plantation is 30 times denser than usual. It involves planting dozens of native species in the same area, and becomes maintenance-free after the first three years.

P Shridhar, range forest officer, launched the campaign and spoke about the Miyawaki Plantation process as well as numerous environmental factors. P Shridhar, who spoke at the event, emphasised the necessity of growing native plant species. He also discussed how infrastructure has taken precedence over the environment in recent years.



Fr Melwin Pinto SJ, rector, St Aloysius Institutions, served as the programme's president. The campaign began with the planting of saplings beside the High School Building at Alvana - Arboretum (Centre for Sustainable Diversity). P Shridhar was felicitated as a mark of appreciation for his dedication and selfless commitment to nature and the environment.

Fr Praveen Martis SJ, principal, St Aloysius College, Fr Cyril DMello SJ, secretary, MJES, Stephen J Pinto, president, SACAA, and Arjun Mascarenhas, coordinator of the programme, were also present at the event.

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