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Hyderabad: After the much-successful Green India Challenge, Rajya Sabha MP J Santosh Kumar has come up with another innovative programme to promote the green drive in the State. Ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, he has decided to distribute Neem seed-embedded clay Ganesh idols that would promote plantation of Neem saplings across the State.

Forest and Environment Minister A Indrakaran Reddy formally unveiled the seed Ganapati in the presence of Santosh Kumar here on Wednesday. Lauding the efforts of the MP, the Minister emphasised the need to grow tall and massive trees to fight climate change, pollution and also diseases like COVID-19.

The objective is to make and distribute clay Ganesh idols by mixing neem seeds in eco-friendly clean soil. The seed of this Ganesha, which is worshiped daily, will germinate in five to seven days. Over the next week, it will turn into a full-fledged plant. After immersing the idol at the house, people can plant these Neem saplings in their premises.

Santosh Kumar distributed the seed-embedded clay Ganesh idols to Ministers during the State Cabinet meeting at Pragathi Bhavan. The distribution of seed Ganesh idols will be taken up soon in association with Go Rural India as part of the Green India Challenge. "We will distribute as many seed Ganesh idols as possible through Green India Challenge, and interested NGOs and individuals can participate in the event," he said. He called on TRS leaders and activists also to enthusiastically participate in the distribution of seed Ganesh idols.

In view of COVID-19 pandemic, the MP said people need not worry about Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in their colonies and instead, perform puja to the seed-embedded clay idols in their homes. After completion of Navarathri, he urged people to plant the Neem sapling in every home to realise the ambition of Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao for a green Telangana State.

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