

## **For Favour of Publication**

**Patna. July 1.** If we are to save this world from the ongoing environmental crises, our government should strive to create “green zones” in neighborhoods as well as in the countryside by taking inspiration from the highly diverse bio-reserve of Tarumitra or “Friends of Trees” tucked away as a cool haven in a heat-stressed concrete jungle called Patna. This suggestion has been made by EIACP Coordinator Dr. Mousumi Gupta and Dr. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Research Lead and EIACP Programme Officer of the Centre for Studies on Environment and Climate (CSEC) based at the Asian Development Research Institute or ADRI today on the occasion of Van Mahotsav.

Similar to what Tarumitra is doing, these zones can promote sustainable development practices of rainwater harvesting, erection of green buildings, cultivation of medicinal plants, energy generation from renewables like solar power, etc. They will help reduce air and water pollution along with creating affordable housing and sustainable jobs. A healthy lifestyle will thus be developed among all citizens.

This event was also marked by the signing of a very promising Memorandum of Understanding between ADRI and Tarumitra for future collaborations to fight the climate change menace. Father Tony Pendanath, S.J. of Tarumitra and Dr. Mousumi Gupta of ADRI were the two signatories. A painting competition, campus tour of Tarumitra, screening of a documentary on Mission Life, and an awareness talk about the reserve’s medicinal plants were also held. Ms. Pooja Kumari, Gulshan Patel, Mausam Bahar, and Sanjeev Kumar of ADRI along with Ms. Devo Priya Dutta and Father Robert of Tarumitra were also present on the occasion.

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