Jaggi formula to green K’taka: Plant 25 cr trees

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In these times of floods and drought, the ‘Rally for Rivers’ campaign, led by spiritual guru Jaggi Vasudev of the Isha Foundation, to plant a buffer of trees along every river to replenish groundwater, and stop climate change, has won not just the Congress-run government’s backing but that of the opposition BJP as well.

Amidst loud cheers and applause CM Siddaramaiah and the Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev exchanged an MOU to plant 25 crore trees in Karnataka. That’s three times more trees than the entire population of the state.

CM Siddaramaiah was effusive in his praise, saying, “We all drink Cauvery water and we are all bound to protect the river. My government supports Rally for Rivers and we are committed to the rejuvenation of rivers.”

In fact, the campaign has touched over 360 schools in Karnataka with over 15,000 students supporting the campaign initiated by the spiritual leader.

Expressing deep gratitude to the political parties who despite having ideological differences came together to rejuvenate rivers, the Sadhguru said, “Only 81 lakes out of 1000 exist today in Bengaluru. The organic content in the soil of many states have reduced to 0.05% which indicates that in the coming years almost 60% of the land will be uncultivable.”

The spiritual leader appealed the gathering to spare a thought for the farmers who despite making the food available to the country could not afford to feed their own families.

“My generation has been the most selfish of all. We have eaten up half of the planet. If we do not save the river now we would have to beg for a glass of water,” he added.

The Sadhguru took a jibe at the intellectuals saying they find a problem in every solution. “If they have a solution to the problem we are facing they are most welcome,” he said.

The rally which received the support from celebrities across the country witnessed a massive turnout of the supporters of the campaign at Palace Grounds.