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### **Isha Vidhya to produce two lakh saplings for Cauvery Calling**

**18 October 2019, Erode:** Nine Isha Vidhya schools in Tamil Nadu will produce two lakh saplings in the next one year for Cauvery Calling. A sapling training session was held today at Isha Vidhya Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Erode to train 100 students from the 9 nine schools who in turn will train 100 students from each of the schools. Swami Rabhya, Co-ordinator, Isha Project GreenHands, conducted the training. 100 students from Isha Vidhya schools in Coimbatore, Erode, Mettur, Karur, Dharmapuri, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Nagarcoil, and Thoothukudi participated with enthusiasm and passion in making the mother bed, filling soil and sowing seeds.

An agro farm will be developed and maintained in all 9 schools by students where saplings such as red sandalwood, sandalwood, teak and Indian Kino tree (Venkai), beneficial for farmers' economy and the environment will be produced. The saplings will then be distributed to farmers for transplantation in their own farmlands.

Cauvery Calling will initiate the revitalization of river Cauvery by supporting farmers to plant 242 crore trees in the river basin through the agroforestry model. The model has been proven with 69,760 farmers in Tamil Nadu who have reported an increase in their income anywhere between 300 and 800% in a 5 to 7-year time span. It has also demonstrated an increase in groundwater levels.

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