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**Isha Green School Movement to plant 4 lakh tree saplings in Vellore**  
*10,000 students from 200 schools to get trained to raise tree saplings*

**11 June, Vellore:** Isha Green School Movement, an initiative of Project GreenHands, will facilitate the planting of 4 lakh tree saplings in Vellore in the academic year 2019-20. Over 10,000 students from nearly 200 schools will be educated on ecological preservation and will be trained in raising nurseries.

The Green School Movement (GSM) initiative is beginning its second year in Vellore and an event has been planned at Voorhees College on 13 June 2019, to mark the occasion. Teachers and students from 200 government schools are expected to participate. State Education Minister Shri. Sengottian, Department of School Education Director Shri. Rameshwara Murugan, Vellore District Collector Shri. Raman, District Chief Education Officer Shri. Mars and popular comedian Shri. Vivek have been invited as special guests for the launch of GSM's initiative.

GSM was launched in Vellore in June 2018 at which time 165 government schools participated in the project. Nearly 30,000 students were educated and trained in raising saplings in nurseries resulting in over 1 lakh students raising over 3 lakh saplings. The saplings were planted in their homes and school premises; 35 schools which championed the cause with innovative methods and high participation, will be declared Champion Schools at the event and 165 more schools will be inducted for this academic year.

Project GreenHands was launched in 2004 with the objective of increasing the green cover of Tamil Nadu. The GSM initiative was launched in 2011 in collaboration with the

State's Education Department to bring environmental awareness and sensitivity to school children and train them in raising saplings and establishing nurseries.

Since its launch, GSM has enabled over 52,000 students from nearly 2,880 schools to raise saplings in 9 districts: Coimbatore, Erode, Krishnagiri, Trichy, Puducherry, Salem, Vizhupuram, Kanchipuram, and Vellore. Students have raised and planted nearly 42 lakh saplings.

### **Isha Green School Movement**

Isha Green School Movement, an initiative of Isha Project GreenHands, was launched in 2011 with the objective of building eco-consciousness in students.

The schools that enrol in GSM run a 3-year program that give students comprehensive training in all aspects of nursery establishment. Students experientially realize their deep connection with nature through the program and become champions of ecological preservation.

GSM includes activities such as bird watching, nature walks, camping, environmental awareness workshops and nursery training.

GSM is active for a period of 3 years in every district that it is launched.

### **Isha Foundation**

Isha Foundation, founded by Sadhguru, is a volunteer-run, international non-profit, human service organisation dedicated to cultivating human potential. Isha Foundation is operated by over 9 million volunteers from more than 250 city-based centers spread worldwide. The Foundation is headquartered at Isha Yoga Center, set at the base of the Velliangiri Mountains in southern India, and at the Isha Institute of Inner Sciences on the spectacular Cumberland Plateau in middle Tennessee, USA.

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