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Isha Nurseries across Tamil Nadu to reopen on World Environment Day

4 June 2020, Coimbatore: Isha's Mahatma Green India Mission nurseries, which were temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic will reopen tomorrow on World Environment Day.

The nurseries had been closed since 25 March when the nationwide lockdown was first announced. Now with the relaxation of the lockdown, the nurseries are set to reopen after 72 days and will function between 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. However, the Chennai and Chengalpet nurseries will continue to remain shut as they fall within the state's notified red zone.

Arrangements have been made to facilitate compliance with social protocols for those visiting the nurseries. Hand sanitizers will also be available for visitors as a protective measure.

Nurseries have been established in 32 locations in Tamil Nadu, including Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai, Tanymore, Vellore and Thiruvannamalai. Millions of tree saplings are produced and distributed every year to farmers and citizens through these nurseries.

The nurseries have several species including trees such as teak, red sanders and malai vembu; pungan, vengai, yellow kernel which have large canopies; and fruit trees like Guava, Amla and Jamun. Flowering trees are also available. All saplings are ready for distribution.

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