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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has urged the people to make Haritha Haram Phase III programme, a grand success. He wanted more priority should be given to protection of the trees and saplings than planting the saplings. He instructed that Green Brigades to be formed to plant and protect the saplings.

The Chief Minister held a review meeting on the third phase of Haritha Haram here on Wednesday. Ministers Sri Tummala Nageshwar Rao, Sri A Indrakaran Reddy, Government Advisor Sri KV Ramanachary, MP Sri Balka Suman, Civil Supplies Corporation Chairman Sri Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, Agriculture University Vice Chancellor Sri Praveen Rao, Principal Secretary to the CM, Sri S Narsing Rao, Secretary Ms Smita Sabarwal, OSD Ms Priyanka Varghese and others participated.

“I will formally launch the programme in Karimnagar on July 12 where a Lakh of saplings will be planted in the next fifteen days. 25,000 saplings will be planted on July 12th, from the next day, 5000 saplings per day should be planted. Make arrangements for planting the saplings at one go. Digging the pits, setting up of the tree guards and for planting the saplings the required 25,000 persons should be organised. Prepare next plan of action. At the time of planting the saplings, sirens in Mosques should be played. The moment siren is heard, start planting the saplings. There are 50 Divisions in Karimnagar City. Deploy one officer or elected representative per division as the brigadier. Form Green Brigades with the students in every Division,” the CM instructed.

“Form Green Brigades all over the State. Brigades should be formed with students, women and employees at every place. Senior official or elected representative should be the Brigadier. Planting of the saplings, setting up tree guards, when there are no rains and during summer watering the plants, arranging the water tankers such workers can be undertaken. Realise that protecting trees is as important as planting the saplings,” the CM said.

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