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## One lakh seed balls to salvage city's green cover

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While every weekend the majority of us sit at home and chill or head to parties and functions, students of 'School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Interior Design' (SHSS) of Jain deemed-to-be university arm themselves with seed balls and head to places such as Ramanagara, Devarayanadurga and other places. They throw the seed balls to sustain the green cover.

The campaign is led by Bangalore-based NGO Green Earth Life and supported by Alumni Association of Jain College. They all together have owed to throw one lakh seed balls by August and make the place greener.

Sharing details about the campaign Major Dr Rekha Sinha, Director of SHSS said, "As part of NCC and



Major Dr Rekha Sinha, Director of SHSS, Ms Maitreyi of Green Earth Life and member of alumni association at a seed ball making workshop.

NSS activities we make the students do activities such as cleaning a place, create awareness about various issues like female foeticide etc. But we strongly felt that we should be doing something to improve the

shrinking green cover. The ratio at which the green cover is shrinking is alarming."

While we were thinking about how to proceed to achieve our aim, we got the right help from C.L.

Maitreyi, founder-director of Green Earth Life and our alumni association, Rekha said.

We got requests from people of Ramanagar and other places to make them greener, she said and added

that apart from this they also, collect discarded plastic covers and bottles and other thrash harming the environment.

Maitreyi said that with the help of various school and college students we have been able to make 20,000 seed balls.

"Through our NGO we are attracting students, giving them the needed awareness and together we all join hands to improve green cover," Maitreyi said.

She said that the seeds of species like Soap Nut, Tamarind, Wood Apple, Guava, Honge and other wild species are selected to prepare seed balls as they need minimal or no care and are capable of growing on their own and help the animals and other species.

We have aimed to make the right use of this monsoon and by August from all sources, we are aiming to throw and sow one lakh seed balls, Maitreyi said.