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IISc to 100th batch: Grow as you learn

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July 25: Students of Bengaluru's premier research institute want to drive home a message. With the city losing several trees to development, the 100th batch of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) aims to plant 850 saplings to promote their 'Each One Plant One' concept.

IISc is already home to a variety of trees both exotic and endemic. But this time, the institute will take up theme based planting of indigenous trees.

A senior IISc faculty member told Deccan Chronicle that the programme aims to rope in all the new 845 students to be enrolled this year, who will nurture and take care of the plant for the next four to five years. "The first sapling will be planted by the director of the institute at Jubilee Gardens Wednesday morning," he said.

According to T.V. Ramachandra, of IISc, the saplings will bear an aluminum name tag with the plant and species ID which will be registered against the student's name.

"We will enroll all the students in the 100th batch for the programme. Nearly 600 saplings have been procured from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada district and the remaining saplings have been collected from the agricultural university and forest department," Dr Ramachandrappa said.

"We will make sure that the students, who adopted the tree, regularly monitor its growth. The saplings that I planted in the institute during my students days have now become large canopy trees," he said.

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