

## **Brief note**

### **Site visit of Consul General of Japan to Miyawaki plantation site at Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Udyan, Goregaon (W), Mumbai**

Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), in coordination with Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM), commenced with its plantation drive on 07/06/2021 using Miyawaki method under its compensatory plantation scheme in 3000 sq. m area at Miyawaki plantation site located at Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Udyan, Goregaon (W), Mumbai. The plantation drive was completed on 24/06/2021. Around 9003 number of trees of various species namely - Pilkhan, Badam, Shisav, Umbar, Karanj, Pimple, Vawala, Bakul, Chinch, Kate savar, Kaduneem, Phanas, Arjun, Behada, Jambhul, Taman, Amba, Kanchan, Kadamb, Palas, Awala, Shivan, Bahava, Kaju, Pangara, Kanchan blue, Hatga, Bor, Hirda, Shamni, White Kanchan, Peru, Kashid, Muchkund, Saru, Saag, Green bamboo, Wad, Paras pimple, Bel were planted and about 400 shrubs species such as Tikoma, Kadipatta, Landtena red, Landtena blue, Jasvand, Jatropha were also planted in between the trees. MMRC has completed one year of plantation drive. At present, the tree species have grown up to maximum 15 to 20 ft. Tree species like Taman, Tree species Taman, Kanchan, Bakul, Savar, Palas, etc. have attained flowering. The plantation is growing into urban dense forest. The plantation site have also started attracting birds, butterflies and insects indicating enhancement of existing biodiversity in the area. The survival of the trees is about 95%. FDCM will be looking after maintenance of the trees for a period of two years which includes irrigation of trees, removal of weeds, application of pesticide to control Jassids and Leaf eating caterpillars to the plant, staking for support to the trees and Mulching for retaining the moisture.

Present on site visit were Consulate General of Japan Dr. Yasukata Fukahori, Ms. Mori Reiko, Economic Division, Mr. R. Ramana, Executive Director (Planning), MMRC, Mr. Kunal Chonkar, Economic Advisor, Consul of Japan, Mr. Ajay Fulmali, Sr. DGM(Environment), MMRC, and Mr. Yogesh Waghaye , Divisional Manager, FDCM