

BSF SGP Project Progress Report

'Greens on Wheels'

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Project Aim

To promote native plants across Bengaluru through mobile nurseries, educational outreach, and engaging with communities to transform urban green spaces. This initiative supports ecological restoration, raises awareness about native biodiversity, and fosters sustainable urban development.

Key Accomplishments

Phase	Status	Key accomplishments
1	Completed	Kickoff meeting with all team members, decision made on promoting plant species from the Dry Deccan landscape around Bangalore city with a focus on pollinator-friendly plant species
1	Completed	Identified horticulturist (Mr Sigamani, Hariyalee Landscapes) who has agreed to propagate selected native plant species on their nursery land, ensuring a consistent supply for the project. Established agreements to ensure a consistent and scalable supply of propagated plants for the mobile nursery.
1	In progress	Identification of 25 native species that will be the champion species for the Greens on Wheels project
1	In progress	Setting up exhibits at various ecology-related events across the city to promote the idea of native plants and build momentum for the project. Events on the docket: Bangalore Design Week, ClimateED summit, Kere Connect Habba, Placemaking India Week
1/2	In progress	Preparation for showcasing the project at public stalls and local events to engage the community and inspire interest in native plants.
2	In progress	Design of a website to promote the initiative- to be launched before Q3.
2	In progress	Started identifying and meeting various stakeholders

Challenges

- Many urban residents and stakeholders are unfamiliar with the ecological and aesthetic benefits of native plants. This lack of awareness makes community engagement more challenging.
Mitigation: Incorporate visually appealing displays, storytelling, and educational tools at stalls and events to bridge the knowledge gap.

- While the horticulturist has agreed to propagate plants, ensuring that the native species thrive requires specialized knowledge and techniques.
Mitigation: Arrange training sessions with Ganesan sir for the horticulturist and nursery maintenance staff.
- Convincing urban communities to adopt native plants over exotic ornamental species that are traditionally preferred for aesthetics.
Mitigation: Showcase the long-term benefits of native plants, including lower maintenance costs, improved biodiversity, drought-resilience etc

Upcoming Milestones

- Confirm detailed terms with the horticulturist for the propagation of 25 selected native plant species, including timelines, quantities, and quality standards.
- Continued participation in local events, showcasing the native plant species and educating the public about their benefits. Upcoming events include: Bangalore Design Week, ClimateED summit, Kere Connect Habba @ Thalaghattapura Lake, Placemaking India Week
- Design and construct the first prototype of the mobile nursery, incorporating features for safe plant transport, display, and public engagement.

Financial Summary

Initial costs have been incurred for recce and planning activities. Budget utilization is being closely monitored to ensure alignment with project objectives.

Next Steps

- Outreach Activities: Participate in upcoming public events and stalls to showcase the project.
- Selection of Native Plant Species: Finalise the number and species of the native plants that will be promoted through the GOW project
- Procurement and Logistics: Secure propagules/seeds of native plant species and finalise operational plans for propagation at Sigamani's nursery
- Community Programs: Begin designing educational modules for urban communities to complement the nursery's objectives.

PHOTOS

1. Recce at Mr Sigamani's nursery



2. Public outreach at Kere Connect Habba @ Gunjurpalya Lake



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