

## HARITA VISAKHA PROJECT 190

The Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA) proposes to launch a major programme titled Harita Visakha, which aims at eco-development and environmental greening of various areas coming under the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region (VMR) as consequential initiative to the Master Plan. The project also aims to establish a Decision Support System, which would ensure eco-conservation and sustainable environment with participatory involvement of stakeholders.

The project would be formulated on the basis of evaluation and assessment to optimally suit the terrain and to productive potential of the local resources so that the level of production in any sector is sustained without decline over time. The recommended activities of the development plan takes into consideration the contemporary technology and the resources, climatic and terrain parameters.

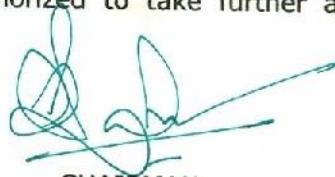
The proposed project envisages the eco – conservation and environmental protection of all natural ecosystems and reducing the impact of degrading forces of growing urbanization and industrialization through development of green cover in various sectoral planning units in VMR.

It is also proposed to demarcate eco-zones comprising of valleys/ridges on hill slopes as available in the VMR as part of Master Plan / Zonal Development Plans in order to protect environment and its surroundings for natural regeneration of green belt and theme parks. All these zones will be treated under the Harita Visakha Project.

A major associated conceptual requirement is the draught proofing of the region through eco-conservancy measures integrated with greening project as well as providing an opportunity for participatory involvement and obtaining economic benefits to women and unemployed youth. Stakeholder's participation is a vital requirement to be fulfilled.

VUDA RESOLUTION NO. 190, DATED 24-2-04.

Resolved to approve the Harita Visakha Project proposals and the Vice Chairman has been authorized to take further action in the matter.

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CHAIRMAN.