

**The work done by the Cantonment Board Dalhousie for the
management of the forest on the occasion of World
Environment Day 2021.**

Forests are useful and necessary for economic development, biodiversity, human livelihoods, and environmental adaptation responses. But the most important functions of forests are to stabilize the climate, to maintain the water cycle properly, and to provide habitat for many animals.

Cantonment Board Dalhousie is making full efforts on its part for the conservation of forests so that it can play its role in keeping the environment clean and green. Dalhousie Cantonment has an area of 1008.52 acres, out of which about 748 acres is forest area. Various types of trees such as pines, deodar, oak etc. are mainly found in this forest area. Apart from this, different types of animals like bears, leopards, wild goats etc. are found in this forest area.

To prevent landslides, efforts are being made like planting trees of willow and poplar at the places which are prone to landslides. Due to this effort, the occurrence of landslides has been decreased significantly.

Plantation work is being done every year by the Cantonment Board, Dalhousie. Due to plantation, it has succeeded in filling most of the vacant places in the Cantonment forest with plants and trees. Due to which the forest area has expanded in Dalhousie Cantonment. In every monsoon season, on an average 4000 saplings/buddings of various native plants are planted by the cantonment board in the forest area.

To keep the monkeys away from the city, the Cantonment Board has planted fruit trees like apple, apricot, pomegranate, plum etc in the forest and this effort will also continue.

A team has also been formed to save the forest from fire so that if a fire occurs then minimum damage to the forest can be ensured. Removal of pine leaves which are extremely inflammable are removed from the forest soil regularly.

As a result of all the above efforts, there is a forest area in and around the Dalhousie Cantonment is well maintained, which are a major tourist attraction, coming to Dalhousie.

Yours faithfully

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