

Ten Commandments of Mission Green Odalguri

1. What is Mission Green Odalguri?

- Mission Green Odalguri is envisaged as a community base people's movement for afforestation and conservation in Odalguri district involving common citizen, social organizations, N.G.Os., D.F.O. (the Forest Department), various student organizations, various Governmental organizations including Army, S.S.B., Police, IRBn, etc. and the District Administration.

2. How Mission Green Odalguri is different from other afforestation programme?

- Mission Green Odalguri will not be a simple one-day, one-year or one agency programme but a project which should be continued as a people's movement. It is envisaged that people would take ownership of the Mission and Odalguri would be able to set a difference. By ownership is meant community based and respective agency based acceptance of responsibility over conservation and care of the resources on an expanding scale. Mission Green Odalguri also known as Project Green Odalguri is envisaged to become a key characteristic and identity for the residents of Odalguri district in that every event -social, political, economic, religious etc. in nature of every institution i.e., Governmental, Non-Governmental agencies, social, political, economic organizations, student's organizations and every social event of every community and household in Odalguri district should be characterized by planting of 2 (two) saplings and adoption of all measures to protect the same, by the adoption of eco conservancy and eco co-existence.

3. Why Mission Green Odalguri in Odalguri district.

- Odalguri district has been identified with many issues which are normally more sensational in nature and quite a few for the wrong reasons particularly on aspects of questions on environmental conservation and forest protection. This initiative is a small step in altering public perception and attitude both within and outside the district and in kindling a people's movement that would make every resident of Odalguri proud of its achievements and act as an example of excellence for one and all. The launching of the movement is only an attempt to inspire the people on its noble objective.

Further, ever since communal violence, 2008 the District Administration and various agencies particularly the student organizations who are the representatives of dominant ethnic groups have been coming together in various platforms in public interest in order to overcome the trust deficit between various communities. This movement it is hoped would help in bridging the gap and taking the district forward.

4. How would the programme be financed?

- The programme would be financed by –

- a. Funds from Government of India.
- b. Funds from Government of Assam.
- c. Funds from Bodoland Territorial Council.
- d. Funds from various philanthropic organizations,
- e. contribution from individuals,
- f. public donation etc.

5. Who would manage the Mission?

- The Mission would be managed by the people of Udalguri district. A District Level Committee had been constituted with Deputy Commissioner as Chairman, Divisional Forest Officer as Member Secretary and all Governmental and Non Governmental agencies including Indian Army, SSB, Assam Police, IR Bn., various Students Organisations, Media, NGOs, Educational Institutions etc. as members. In order to efficiently run the mission a District Level Executive Committee with Sub – Divisional and Development Block Level Sub – Committees would be formed with SDO and BDOs as respective Chairmen and Student's Organisations etc. of appropriate levels as members.

6. How to popularize Mission Green Odalguri?

- The programme shall be popularized through various measures including
 - a. Media Campaigns.
 - b. Community Mobilisation Programmes.
 - c. Organisation of Public meetings.
 - d. Organisation of processions.
 - e. Conduct of Street plays.
 - f. Advertisement and campaign in the media.
 - g. Through Community mobilization under the leadership of Student's Organisations.
 - h. Through demonstrative shramdhan by personnel from security agencies, volunteers from students organization etc.

7. What is the measurement or yard stick for success?

- The success of the programme may not be measured merely by quantitative methods. It is not an attempt at creating any record but at sustaining grassroot levels and multi agency level afforestation and eco conservation programmes comprising both of coordinated & organized plantation programmes and decentralized individual and group initiatives, all under one umbrella i.e. Green Odalguri Project or Mission Green Odalguri. Hence, the Mission would be assumed as successful if it sustains in an undying manner both qualitatively and quantitatively and if the people of Udalguri district are identified for their afforestation and eco conservation zeal a-la Bishnoi community of western India.

8. What is the scope of Mission Green Odalguri?

- Mission Green Odalguri is envisaged as a citizen based eco conservation programme. Tree Plantation is only one amongst its many approaches. All issues relating to environmental protection and sustainable development fall within the scope of Mission Green Odalguri. Tree plantation is an easily identifiable and commonly understandable approach that could capture the imagination of a common man and help to convey the objective behind Mission Green Odalguri. Hence, the impetus on tree plantation.

9. What is Enviroclub ?

- Environment protection club shortly known as enviroclub is hereby being launched in Udalguri district as a platform for mainly student and youth initiative at conserving of the natural resources and protecting the environment. It is being projected as a platform to supplement and carry forward Mission Green Odalguri amongst the young and upcoming generation of Udalguri in whose hands lie our collective future. A District Level Committee with Deputy Commissioner as Co – Ordinator, Divisional Forest Officer as Member Secretary and various Students' Organisations, youth associations, Governmental & Non Governmental agencies would be constituted with appropriate sub units at the Sub – Divisional and Block levels. Every student's organization, Anchalik Committees of such Students' Organisations and every educational institution would also have its constituent Enviroclub. Various creative activities would help to generate active interest in environmental issues amongst the youth, sustain the interest and expand the interest.

A District level registry called the **District Green Book** would be opened entering the environmental issues and tree plantation and other environment friendly activities taken up in the district as a registry of sorts.

The Enviroclub would be hosted at the district website along with the District Green book and the records regularly updated.

It is envisaged that if adequate funding are available a news letter would be published on the matter on a monthly basis

10. The Vision of Mission Green Odalguri?

- To carry forward on a sustainable basis eco conservation, environmental protection, and sustainable development across the length and breadth of human habitation based upon the salient values of coexistence with nature

To ensure mutual coexistence through mutual cooperation, appreciation of the uniqueness of human communities, ethnicities and the interdependence of not only all human beings but of all living beings and non living things in an interlinked bio-cosmos, The Planet Earth.