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City gets a medicinal garden

Bangalore, Oct. 3: Renowned agriculture scientist Dr M.S. Swaminathan on Sunday regretted that the national movement for conservation of flora and fauna was yet to be understood properly in the country.

Speaking after dedicating "serene", a sanctuary of unique and medicinal plants here, he said, "The movement for reclamation of natural resources and converting waste into wealth was yet to be taken seriously.

The people should contribute concurrently with the government to make the movement a success." He regretted that plants which were native to the country were not being protected properly. "Serene", a sanctuary of rare botanical and medicinal plants has been developed by the Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation over a period of 40 years.

It has 235 species of plants including herbs, shrubs, climbers, trees, epiphytes and water plants.

More than 100 species of medicinal plants are maintained in the garden, besides an exclusive herbal garden of about 95 species, according to Dr Swaminathan.

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