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This House is a 'Nature Haven'

A beautiful green paradise that offers pure joy and fresh air

Hyderabad, October 28 (Adritha):
In a concrete jungle like Hyderabad, growing plants itself has become a challenge. But one house in the city has become a symbol of greenery with over 250 varieties of plants. A couple has created a mini-botanical garden on nearly 900 square yards of land and have been nurturing plants for the past 15 years, setting an inspiring example of love for nature.

More than 250 varieties of plants

Surrounded by apartment buildings, the house is filled with colourful flowering plants, various vegetables, fresh fruit trees and bird nests for sparrows. It feels like a peaceful park, but it is actually the garden of a home located in Gouthaminagar on Nizampet Road, Hyderabad.



Couple's dedication for a greener tomorrow

Vallabhaneni Kumaraswamy and Uma have devoted around 900 square yards (1,170 sq. yards total land, with 200 sq. yards for the house) to greenery instead of constructing more buildings. They personally take care of the plants without relying on workers, watering them morning and evening, preparing the soil and providing necessary nutrients. They also harvest and store rainwater for irrigation. Neighbours call the garden an "oxygen centre", which gives the couple immense joy. They say that preserving nature is far more valuable than earning income from the land.

Market Full, Cultivation Low

El Niño effect limits sugarcane farming



Hyderabad, October 28 (Adritha):
The El Niño effect has impacted sugarcane cultivation in Telangana. Although there is high demand for sugarcane and sugar products across the country, and prices have increased due to ethanol production, farmers in the state could cultivate only limited acreage this year due to erratic rainfall and water scarcity.

Key Figures

- **Target area:** 55,739 acres
- **Actual cultivation:** 40,987 acres (74% of target)
- **Sangareddy:** 34,249 acres (against target of 28,035 acres)
- **Bhadradri Kothagudem:** No cultivation this year (compared to 1,200 acres last year)

Lack of rainfall has reduced expected yields by almost half. Farmers say borewell water levels are falling. Despite high demand due to ethanol production, the closure of government and cooperative sugar factories has also contributed to the decline in cultivation.

A Quarter Acre, A Golden Harvest

Farmer earns steady income of ₹1,000 per day from jasmine cultivation



Kadapa, October 28 (Adritha):
Young farmer Mule Ramananda Reddy from Obulapuram village, Maidukur mandal in Kadapa district, is earning a steady income of over ₹1,000 per day by cultivating Bonda jasmine in just a quarter acre (10 cents) using natural farming methods.

- No chemical fertilizers or pesticides are used.
- 350 plants were planted in 0.25 acres (at a cost of around ₹10,000).
- Inter-crops like coriander (₹20,000 income in 45 days) and groundnut (10 bags yield) helped meet initial expenses.
- Flower harvest starts from the second year, with a current yield of 6 kg per day. Expected to increase to 10–13 kg per day in future.
- Income continues for 5 months (March to August).
- Family members handle harvesting, reducing labour costs.
- Other flowers like lilies and champa are also cultivated in off-season, and the farmer plans to make incense sticks from the flowers.

The jasmine plants can yield for up to 10 years, providing sustainable and long-term income, making him a role model for other farmers.