

Exotic flowers and plants from Andhra Pradesh to dot Gomti river

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LUCKNOW: Exotic plants and flowers from Kadiyam in Andhra Pradesh, which is famous for its wide array of nurseries, would be planted along the banks of Gomti river under the ongoing riverfront development and beautification project.

Chief secretary Alok Ranjan has asked divisional commissioner, Lucknow to lead a team to Kadiyam nursery, an East Godavari town in AP, to procure decorative flowers and saplings to be planted along the Gomti banks. The CS, who was reviewing the progress of Gomti River Front Development project here on Wednesday, directed officials to include work on the stretch from Hardinge's Bridge to Kudiaghath and from rubber dam to Northern Railway Bridge No. 469 in the plan.

Officials were also asked to explore the possibility of using solar power for development of riverfront. On transferring land to the irrigation department, the agency executing work on



■ Work in progress along the banks of Gomti river in Lucknow.

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the project, the CS said government agencies and bodies, which own land along the stretch should solve the issue within seven days. A meeting under divisional commissioner, Lucknow would be held on Thursday for resolution of issues related to government, private land and other district level issues.

The authorities have planned a massive plantation drive along the banks of the river before the onset of monsoon. The saplings

to be planted would be flown in from Kadiyam. A delegation headed by divisional commissioner would soon leave for this town known for its world-famous nurseries to purchase plants for greenery development and beautification of Gomti riverbanks and riverfront. Officials of the Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC) were asked to engage a high-tech agency for making arrangements for disposal of garbage around the riverfront.

A high-level meeting on funding and project approval for channelisation of Gomti river would be held on Thursday to expedite development on the left bank of Gomti river between Lohia bridge and Gandhi bridge. The meeting was attended by principal secretary, irrigation, Deepak Singhal, divisional commissioner, Lucknow, T Venkatesh, LDA VC, Satyendra Singh, additional municipal commissioner Avnish Saxena along with other officials.