

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Ministers, and all Participants of Today's Event

Greetings to All of You!

The season of blossoming and spring is emerging. Today we are launching seedling program to beautify our beloved country Afghanistan.

At the forefront of spring, our goals in this program are to encourage people to participate in greening, preserving and improving the environment, reducing pollution, improving air and beauty, improving water resources, introducing alternative fuels, and capacity building to expand planting and seedling culture in the country.

In the tropical provinces, the planting has begun since February 4, which continues until the end of March. In cold provinces, it has begun from March and will continue until April.

The tropical provinces include Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, Nimruz, Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Helmand, Farah and Khost. The cold provinces include Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Baghlan, Samangan, Balkh, Jawzjan, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Badghis, Ghor, Herat, Bamyan, Daikundi, Parwan, Kapisa, Panjshir, Kabul, Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Paktia, Paktika, and Nuristan.

Across the country, there are about 1.5 million distributable seedlings which will be planted by government and non-governmental organizations, the public and other sectors.

The forest department has prepared 2.3 million seedlings, organizations 600,000, cooperatives union 24.7 million and private sector 1.9 million to be planted across Afghanistan.

I have to say that as we all contribute to air breathing, we have to make the country green and produce oxygen, to make our country beautiful. Planting, growing and caring for seedlings does not take much time, but it does give us a lot of time.