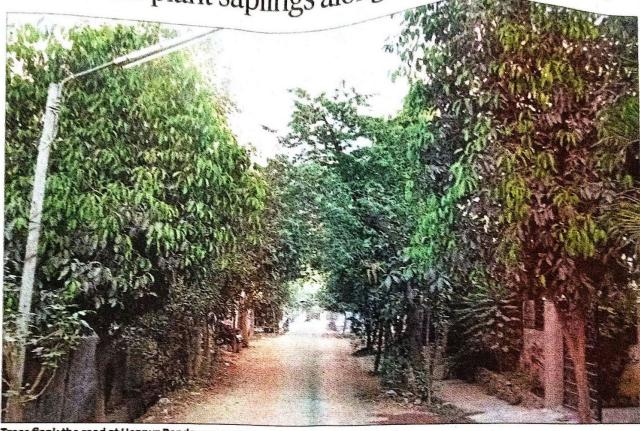
May this tribe of greens grow
Hennur Bande residents plant saplings along roads in the locality
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BANGALORE: Nature-conscious members of the Bhyraveshwara Residents' Association have not only taken the trouble to plant hundreds of saplings in the Hennur Bande locality, but they have also made preparations to name each street after a particular variety of tree.

They decided not to name the streets after well-known people, but trees, so that people realise their value. The Association aims to plant trees everywhere in Hennur Bande. So far, it has planted 300 trees spread over 23 streets, 19 of which are now due to be named. A committee of seven people volunteered to select the appropriate names in accordance with the species of the tree on each boulevard.

The Association's achievement did not come about overnight. In 2007, the Association approached individual houses and convinced 44 of the families to plant trees of their grown full height, they said. choice in their immediate vicin-

committee assists in the planting of saplings every year, with tiative. Govindarai, the local the help of interested residents and the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) contractors who are familiar with the area. In the last five years,



Trees flank the road at Hennur Bande, DH PHOTO

720 saplings have been planted, out of which 300 have

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In addition, a five-member The BBMP has publicly declared its support for the inicorporator, has helped the Association procure extra saplings not available to ordinary residents.

The Palike has provided pro-

tective bamboo guards to preings."

Well-known environmentalvent the trees from being dam- ist A N Yellappa Reddy, who aged by cattle and other ani- was consulted by the commitmals. The plants are watered tee, explained that trees were by tankers hired by residents, vital to the biodiversity of a natsaid a committee member. ural system. "They filter the Reena Kappan, a committee suspended particles present in member who first made the the air, giving out aroma and suggestion to name streets af- kill the microbes," Reddy said. ter plants, said: "People visiting "Due to increased production our locality seek our advice on of oxygen by them, global creating beautiful surround- warming is reduced," he said. According to Reddy, Elengi is DH News Service

the most common tree species found in the neighbourhood. "Small grev flowers sprout from it and spread fragrance. Bakula is a sacred plant mentioned in the scriptures of all religions and four varieties of it are grown in Hennur Bande. Bilva and Champaka trees release fragrance in the air as a defence mechanism against pests," he said.