**Software AG Bangalore goes GREEN**

Software AG, Bangalore always had several socially-active enthusiasts. So far, we have been working with several NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) for uplifting the under privileged and participating in various runs organized to address social causes. However, on June 5, 2014, on the occasion of the World Environment Day, we decided to go a step further and do our bit for the environment.

Handful of employees from Software AG, Bangalore (Jaideep Pegu, Vaibhav Dubey, Kamalesh Joshi, and Vinod Jayachandran) participated in a tree plantation drive in Bangalore, organized by SayTrees ([www.saytrees.org](http://www.saytrees.org)) and Bangalore Mountaineering Club. The saplings were planted around the periphery of Kasavanahalli Lake in Bangalore.

The tree saplings were healthy and 7-10 feet high to ensure higher survival rate. Tall saplings also ensured that they remain protected and out of reach from grazing cattle. These also require less maintenance as compared to smaller saplings. The planted tree species include a lot of flowering trees like the Indian tulip tree, Pongam Tree, Caribbean Trumpet Tree, Pink trumpet tree, Flame Tree, Indian Cork Tree, and Copperpod, several shade trees such as the Banyan tree, Peepal tree, and Neem tree, and fruit trees like Singapore Cherry and Jamun trees. These species have a track record for having a high survival rate while ensuring maximum cover, CO2 absorption, and other ecological services. Maintenance of these trees by organising watering and maintenance events for the planted trees are also conducted periodically.

The team from Software AG arrived at the spot early and were quite handy with spades and water cans. We enjoyed communing with nature and were proud to be responsible citizens of the world. We aim and hope to give a healthier environment for our future generation.

<Photo attached>

From Left (Vinod Jayachandran, Jaideep Pegu, Kamalesh Joshi, Vaibhav Dubey)

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