

Sreedevi and Jayadev want guests to gift them trees for their wedding

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Sreedevi Olappamanna and Jayadev Krishnan; the wedding invitation along with the guidelines to be followed



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Sreedevi Olappamanna and Jayadev Krishnan had a novel idea when they decided to get married. They wanted their friends and family to gift them saplings as wedding gifts. They have received more than 1000 saplings so far.

Sreedevi had started a group greeting (grove) on grow-trees.com, the website which helps to celebrate our special occasions by being a part of planting these trees. On their wedding day, these saplings will be planted by the tribes of Sunderbans which would provide employment to women in these communities as caretaker of the plants along with providing a helping hand to nature. One person will be employed to take care of 20 trees. There is an overhead cost of Rs 85 to plant and take care of each tree. Sreedevi and Jayadev want to plant enough trees to absorb 40,000 kg of carbon dioxide and provide jobs for at least 100 people. Grow-trees.com is the official partner of the United Nations in planting 100 crore trees. The contribution of even one tree is gifted with an 'eTreeCertificate'. The beneficiaries can create a lifetime account to open their 'TreeBank' and view complete gifting history.

At first they had contributed saplings to the 'Trees for Tigers' initiative in the Sunderbans National Park in Kolkata. After reaching the required numbers, they started a grove for the Balukhand - Konark Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha. Sreedevi was earlier part of 'Trees for villagers' in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh and 'Trees for Elephants' in East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. She did this to celebrate her uncle's birthday and friend's marriage. She has contributed 10 saplings ahead of her marriage. Sreedevi has the wholehearted support of her fiancé Jayadev and mother Bindu. Her mother Bindu went ahead and shared this novel idea in many of her WhatsApp groups and this garnered much support. There were generous minds who contributed money for planting up to 50 saplings.

Why doesn't she plant trees at home for the wedding?

Sreedevi claims that trees should be planted to suit each region and climate. It requires detailed study. But she has plan to plant trees surrounding Jayadev 's house in the future.

'Dodo Bird'

Sreedevi is interested in propagating messages concerning environmental protection. For this she has different accounts on Youtube, Instagram and Facebook. She has adopted the pen name 'Dodo Bird'. Using these social media accounts, Sreedevi brings forward the necessity of using eco-friendly materials. She is also the granddaughter of the great poet Olappamanna.

Likeminded groom

Jayadev is also unique in his own ways. He works in the pharmacy sector and gives much importance to the reuse of everyday gadgets or fabrics. Jayadev mostly uses second hand mobile phones. He even wears the fabrics used by his older brother. Jayadev is a native of Perinthalmanna in Malappuram district.

A modest wedding

The wedding will have many interesting features. The venue will be decorated using coconut leaves and indigenous flowers. Adhering to Covid protocol, the number of guests will be limited to 50. The feast will be served on banana leaves. Steel glasses will be used for drinking water. Food waste will be turned into biogas. Bride will not use make up and will wear minimum ornaments, which she mostly inherited from her mother and grandmother. The couple has also requested the guests not to buy any new garments for the wedding. The invitations were sent using electronic method.