

**M**arking World Environment Day with a message of sustainability and inclusion, Muskaan — an initiative of Prabha Khaitan Foundation — and Education For All joined hands with Taj Bengal, to organise a special tree plantation drive with children with special needs. Held at the Alipore hotel premises, the event brought together young participants, educators, and community leaders in a shared effort to nurture both nature and social awareness.

The plantation drive encouraged children to actively engage with the environment by planting saplings and learning about the importance of preserving natural resources for future generations. Beyond its environmental focus, the initiative highlighted the value of creating inclusive spaces where every child can contribute meaningfully to society.

Adding warmth to the occasion was singer Usha Uthup.

## MUSKAAN CELEBRATED WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AT TAJ BENGAL KOLKATA



Usha Uthup with Sundeep Bhutoria, K. Mohanchandran, and children during a sapling plantation drive at the premises of Taj Bengal on the occasion of World Environment Day

Addressing the gathering, she emphasised that environmental responsibility extends beyond planting trees and requires

a collective commitment to protecting and restoring nature. She applauded the efforts of Prabha Khaitan Foundation, Education

For All, and Taj Bengal in bringing together people from diverse backgrounds for a meaningful cause.

“At Prabha Khaitan Foundation, we believe that meaningful change begins with small acts of care and compassion. World Environment Day offers *us an opportunity to nurture not only the environment but also the spirit of inclusion.* Seeing these wonderful children participate in creating a greener future reminds us that sustainability and empathy must go hand in hand. Every sapling planted today is a symbol of hope, responsibility, and our collective commitment to a better tomorrow,” said Sundeep Bhutoria, managing trustee of Prabha Khaitan Foundation.

Representatives from the participating organisations reiterated the importance of combining environmental consciousness with social inclusion.

Picture: Taj Bengal