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SUNGAI PETANI: A total of 6.6 million trees had been planted in the country's coastal areas covering 2,887.63ha until July through the Mangrove and Suitable Tree Species Planting Programme. Water, Land and Natural Resources Minister Dr Xavier Jayakumar said the programme involved collaboration with various parties, including the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia and Forest Research Institute Malaysia with an allocation of RM54.9 million since its implementation in 2005. "The allocation was used for planting and maintenance of mangroves and trees of suitable species," he said near here. — *Bernama*