



International Mangrove Day: Tamil Nadu Forest Department to Carry Out Mangrove Plantations Along Coastal Areas

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The Tamil Nadu Forest Department is undertaking massive plantations of mangroves in the coastal areas of the state as part of International Mangroves Day marked annually on July 26.

The theme of this year's International Mangrove Day is 'Raising awareness about Mangrove'.

In Ramanathapuram, the department is in the process of planting mangroves on 25 hectares of coastline. They are opting for mangrove varieties like Avicennia Maria in the Ramanathapuram coastal line as it is available in these areas.

Volunteers and forest officials will be collecting seeds of the plant on the mainland and planted in bags from tomorrow onwards. These plants will then be planted after the monsoon season in coastal areas as the salinity will be less after the monsoon.

The department is also taking steps to maintain the mangrove forests from wilting.

Green TN Mission has been roped in by the department to maintain the already planted mangroves as in some areas the growth of these plants is stunted. According to senior officials this is due to the lack of a proper backwater area.

As part of the theme of creating awareness of mangroves, the department is planning special events for college students on Wednesday for college students and for the general public on July 30.

There will be boating through the mangrove forest at Karangadu mangrove site for students and the general public. Forest officials will also explain how coastal areas are protected by the mangroves.

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