

Salem ranks second in increasing forest cover: Collector

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The Salem district has placed second among all the districts in the State in increasing the forest cover during last year, District Collector Rohini R. Bhajibhakare said here on Saturday. The Forest Department has taken all steps to top the list in increasing the green cover in the current year and the district administration will extend all assistance to the department for achieving it, Ms. Bhajibhakare said while speaking at the Wildlife Week celebrations. The Collector said that Salem district is surrounded by hills and hillocks such as Kalvarayan hills, Shevaroy hills, Jarugumalai hills, Kanjamalai, Godumalai on all sides which accounted for a large number of forests. There is an urgent need for creating awareness among all sections for and increasing the forest cover for protecting the environment. The forest wealth and

the wildlife should be protected at any cost. In this connection, the Collector said that increasing the green cover was not the duty of individuals alone. The entire society should join hands in this noble task. The youths should play a vital role in this task, she added. The Collector inaugurated the special drive of planting more than 1,000 palm nuts on the bank of Sinna Yeri in Pallipatti panchayat in connection with the celebrations. The palm trees helped in preventing of erosion of sand in the tank bunds. Later, Ms. Bhajibhakare distributed welfare assistance to the tune of ₹4.7 lakh to the members of the self-help groups.

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