

# Tamil Nadu has added 24 new reserve forests in last two years

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CHENNAI: The department of environment, forests and climate change has notified 24 new reserve forests in the state in the last two years (2021 - 2023) under Section 16 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882.

These 24 reserve forests are in Dindigul, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Kallakurichi, Theni, Sivaganga, Namakkal and the Nilgiris districts.

This has added an area of 3585.38.56 hectares of reserve forest in the state: Dindigul (1374.35.06), Madurai (58.12), Theni (35.95), Sivaganga (166.62), Dharmapuri (106.01), Kallakurichi (1138.95), Namakkal (703.36) and the Nilgiris (2.02.5).

The department plans to increase the urban green cover by 33% under the Green Tamil Nadu mission by planting 265 crore trees in ten years.