Tamil Nadu's forest cover should increase from existing 32,000 sq.km to 43,000 sq.km, says Minister

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Hence, the planting of trees should be intensified to check global warming. Instead of planting small saplings, we should plant at least 10-foot-tall tree saplings that have 90% survival rate," Mr. Meyyanathan said.

Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M. Appavu, who lauded the contributions of Christian missionaries in taking education and healthcare to the poorest of the poor and their literary works, said the social justice

mission founded by them was being nurtured in every aspect by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin through welfare schemes.

Bishop of Tirunelveli CSI Diocese Rt. Rev. A.R.G.S.T. Barnabas, Tirunelveli MP Robert Bruce, Palayamkottai MLA M. Abdul Wahab, former minister T.P.M. Mohideen Khan and former MP Vijila Sathyananth were present.