

Action plan ready to plant 30 lakh seedlings of tree species in 2024-2025 to enhance green cover in Pudukottai

Target set for Forest and other govt departments with respect to number of tree seedlings to be planted

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The Forest Department has already raised the seedlings in its nurseries in Pudukottai district. Planting is expected to be taken up during September coinciding with the monsoon season, a senior department official said.

Seedlings of timber value such as teak, mahogany, red sanders, rose wood and vengai and other species, including casuarina, neem, naaval, pungan, poovarasu, illupai, etti, and pala, are proposed to be planted in the current fiscal on panchayat lands, farmers lands and government lands.

From the target given to it, the Forest Department will be planting three lakh casuarina seedlings in the district on farmers lands under the Green Tamil Nadu Mission and 1.17 lakh timber species on farmers lands under the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project for Climate Change Response Scheme. Another 1.96 lakh seedlings of timber value would be planted on farmers lands through the Agriculture department.

The Forest department will take up planting of seedlings on lands belonging to farmers and along identified highway stretches, besides providing the seedlings to educational institutions and to companies to plant them on their respective lands, the official said.

Instruction has been given to the departments to upload the Geo coordinate information with respect to the locations where the seedlings are to be planted and post planting in the Tamil Nadu Green Mission website.

The Forest department in Pudukottai has selected around 200 farmers in the district on whose lands the seedlings of timber value and casuraina species would be planted free of cost. Watering and maintenance of seedlings would have to be done by the farmers, the official said.