

ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2016-17 FOR TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT (UPTO 31.12.2016)

- During 2016-17, sanction has been accorded to plant 68 lakhs seedlings (60 lakhs through Rural and Panchayat Raj Department and 8 lakhs through Tamil Nadu Forest Department) in 32 districts at a cost of Rs.61.68 crores under Massive Tree Planting Programme through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme. As on 30.11.2016, 74,80,000 seedlings (including casualty replacement) have been raised at a cost of Rs.5.04 crores. The work of planting 68 lakh seedlings in 32 districts throughout the State is under progress.
- During 2016-17, orders of Government have been obtained for establishment of three Veterinary Units in Erode, Krishnagiri and Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.3.90 crores and the work is under progress.
- The scheme of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project is being implemented at a total cost of Rs.686 crores from 2011-12 to 2018-19 with the assistance of External funding agency. During 2016-17, sanction of the Government has been obtained to implement this scheme at a cost of Rs.102.13 crores and being implemented.
- Government has accorded sanction to establish the facility of alerting the public travelling in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation buses about the movement of elephants, thereby enabling them to act with awareness and vigilance.
- Government has accorded sanction for establishment of Forest "Genetics Tree Park" in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, consisting of 300 tree species, to protect the forest genetic resources.
- To resolve the grievances of the public living in the forest fringe villages in an organised manner, Government sanction has been obtained to organise, "Grievance redressal day" and on pilot basis is being implemented in Tiruvannamalai district.
- Government have sanctioned the scheme of "Safeguarding and planting of Palymyrah" at a cost of Rs.1.38crores to be implemented from 2016-17 to 2020-21 and Rs.25.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to implement the scheme during 2016-17.
- Government have accorded sanction to increase the quantum of compensation amount paid for the crop damages, loss of life caused by wildlife on par with the payment made under "Disaster Management" scheme.

- To establish increased communication with other recognized Zoos and to improve its standards on par with international zoos, Government have accorded sanction to establish "Live streaming facility" and "Online ticketing facility" in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur.
- Recognizing the sacrifices made by certain Forest officials in protecting and safeguarding the Forest wealth and wildlife, to commemorate them, a new programme has been introduced observe Tamil Nadu Forest Department's Martyr's day every year on 11th of September.
- Orders have been issued to establish "Automatic Weather Stations" in seven Agro-climatic zones of Tamil Nadu, for an amount of Rs.14.00 lakhs, at Rs.2.00 lakhs each. Action is being pursued in this regard.