

Press Release

A webinar on “**Greening Urban Landscapes**” was held under the Chairmanship of Thiru. C. Ponnaiyan, Hon’ble Vice Chairman, State Development Policy Council (SDPC), Chennai on 16.09.2020 at 11.00 a.m with Thiru. Anil Meshram, I.A.S., Member Secretary, State Development Policy Council, Dr. B.C. Archana Kalyani, IFS., Head of Division (Land Use), Senior officials from Secretariat Department, Stakeholder departments and domain experts at the HDV Conference Hall, Ezhilagam, Chennai -5.

The topics discussed during the Workshop were 1. Improving Urban Landscapes by Siva. R, 2.Vertical Gardens and Reducing Urban Heat Islands by Dr.R.Vidhya, 3.Vertical farming by Dr.R. Swarnapriya, 4.Preventing Desertification and Increasing Green Cover by Dr. Geetha Lakshmi, 5.Improving Carbon sink and in turn reducing Pollution by Dr. Kurian Joseph.

Objectives of the Workshop:-

Greening urban landscapes helps to strengthen both physical and mental health. Some of the benefits are (i) It helps to boost our immune system, (ii) lower blood pressure (iii) Reduce Body inflammation. Urban Green Spaces (UGS) also play a vital role in reducing air pollution, mitigating climate change, and providing various ecosystem services. Further, it helps to offer an array of environmental benefits which include storm water management, provision of habitats for wild animals and plants, carbon sequestration thereby enhancing air quality, creation of a micro-climatic condition, reduction of the effects of urban heat islands and noise pollution from traffic.

Member Secretary