

PRESS NOTE

The Urban Afforestation Scheme was launched during 2007-08 with the following objectives:

- To increase the tree cover outside the Reserved Forests
- To Control the adverse effects of air, water and noise pollution.
- To improve aesthetic beauty of the cities and Sub-urban areas.
- To ameliorate the environment, mitigate increasing climatic change and to create recreational outlets to citizens living in cities and Sub-urban areas
- To create awareness among the public about the aesthetic and environmental value of trees.
- Awareness Programme will be done with the help of the Department of Environment with a minimum cost and the support of the industries, Educational Institutions and other sponsors will also sought for.

URBAN AFFORESTATION SCHEME DETAILS

During 2007-08 a total of 17676 saplings were planted in Chennai City and suburbs. For the 2008-09 it is proposed to plant 26,550 saplings. Out of which 12500 saplings have been already planted. These saplings will be maintained and protected for two years.

The residential association, EXNORA, NGOs and Corporation Councilors are extending unprecedented support for this efforts of greening Chennai. On 13.11.2008 the Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Worshipful Mayor of Chennai Corporation visited Mylapore and Taramani areas where planting have been done. Again on 19.11.2008 Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Worshipful Mayor of Chennai Corporation along with the Principal Secretary Dr.N. Sundaradevan, I.A.S., Thiru. C.K. Sreedharan, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and

Thiru. R. Gunasekaran, I.F.S., Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiru. V. Prabhakaran, I.F.S., are visiting and interacting with Councilors and residential association representatives at Division-I area of Chennai Corporation. Mrs. S. Bhuvaneswari Sankaralingam, Councilor, W/o Thiru.Sankaralingam, Division-I, will also accompany the dignitaries.

The following areas of Division-I will be visited by the dignitaries.

1. Union Carbide Colony
2. Venketeswara Nagar Part I & II
3. Sree Ram Nagar
4. Manali Salai
5. Narayanaswamy Garden

TREE SPECIES PLANTED

Sl. No.	நட்ப்பட்ட மரக்கன்றுகளின் பெயர்	Botanical Name
1	மந்தாரை	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>
2	பாதம்	<i>Terminalia catapa</i>
3	புன்னை	<i>Callophyllum inophyllum</i>
4	மலை பூவரக	<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>
5	இயல் வாகை	<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>
6	வேம்பு	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>
7	கோழிக்கொண்டை வாகை	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
8	குமிழ்	<i>Gmelina arborea</i>
9	பூவரக	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>
10	மகிழம்	<i>Mimusops elengi</i>
11	தேன்பூச்சி	<i>Guazuma tomentosa</i>
12	தூங்குமுஞ்சி வாகை	<i>Samanea saman</i>
13	சிசு	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>
14	டெபிரியா	<i>Tabebuia rosea</i>
15	புங்கன்	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>

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