

## Press Release

### Tamil Nadu Forest Department adds 3585 hectares to its Forest Cover

Government of Tamil Nadu have notified 24 new Reserve Forests in the last two years i.e. 2021 - 2023 under section 16 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 covering an area of 3585.38.56 Ha in the districts of Dindigul, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Kallakurichi, Theni, Sivagangai, Namakkal and Nilgiris as below.

Sl.No	District	Extent of Area (in Ha) Notified
1	Dindigul	1374.35.06
2.	Madurai	58.12.0
3.	Theni	35.95.0
4.	Sivagangai	166.62.0
5.	Dharmapuri	106.01.0
6.	Kallakurichi	1138.95.0
7.	Namakkal	703.36.0
8.	Nilgiris	2.02.5
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3585.38.56</b>

While taking right steps towards the goal of increasing the forest and tree cover, the Green Tamil Nadu Mission was launched in September, 2022 with an ambitious target to plant 265 crore trees in 10 years for restoration of degraded forest landscape and other degraded landscapes outside Recorded forest areas in order to bring 33% of geographical area of the State under the forest and tree cover.

Government of Tamil Nadu has been very methodical in its resolve to bring more areas under the category of “Reserve Forests” and once these are notified as Reserve Forests, the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 becomes applicable. The application of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 accords highest level of protection to areas recorded as Forests in Government records.

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