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**TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A BOTANICAL GARDEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN, KEW, LONDON AT A COST OF RS.300 CRORES**

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The Government of Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2022 issued orders for setting up of a Botanical Garden at Kadambur Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Chengalpattu District in an area of 137.65.0 ha. The Government Order detailed that the project shall be set up at a cost of Rs.300 Crore to be implemented during 5 years from 2022-2027. The project will have a preparatory phase, implementation phase and a final phase. The project will also have components like, Native species garden, Arboretums and bambusetums, Healing Garden, HerbGarden, Rose Garden, Rockery, Japanese Garden, Landscape of ancient Tamil Nadu etc.,

The project will also have activities including, Guided walks, Kids for Nature – Education Programme to inform students about plant Bio-diversity, workshops and seminars for organized groups, facilities for walking, Boating, nature trails, cycling, fitness, sports and other wellness activities, extension activities for farmers, Government Departments, industries, promotion of local cuisine and local hand made products for supporting local communities etc.,

Government order said that an officer on special duty was already appointed to take up preliminary works like consolidation of the project area, survey, marking of boundaries, fencing and land development etc., the Government said that the Botanical Garden project will be set up with the objective to conserve and propagate native plant species of Tamil Nadu including rare, threatened and endangered plant species. The Botanical Garden shall be recreational facility and will be developed as an ecotourism center. The Botanical Garden shall be a set up in partnership with the

Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, England. The Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) to this effect shall be signed separately with the concerned. Phase-I of the project will have facilities including Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) survey; Soil, Water and Environmental Assessment; Constructing fencing around the project area; Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) etc.Government order also mentioned that Rs.1.00 crore was being released for preparation of the DPR to set up the Botanical Garden.

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