

Tamil Nadu Forest Department

ADVANCED INSTITUTE FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

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Sub : AIWC – Launch of the Certificate programme for 20,000 school students - short term training in forest conservation, forest fire management, wildlife census and human – animal conflict management – Nodal officers – instructions - regarding.

Ref : 1.G.O.(2D) No. 133 Environment, Climate Change and Forests (Fr.7) Department, dated: 07.07.2025
2.This office C.No.1269260/2025/P dated 04.08.2025



In continuation of the references cited, it is once again reiterated that the Government of Tamil Nadu has announced the launch of a Certificate programme for 20,000 school students all over Tamil Nadu in the topic of ‘Forest and Wildlife Conservation – Challenges and Solutions’. The students will undergo short term training this year (2025) with special focus on forest conservation, forest fire management, wildlife census and human-animal conflict management.

The manner in which the Certificate Course for 20,000 students is to be conducted was elaborated in the ref 2nd cited.

As per our request vide reference 2 cited, the Circle Level Officers have appointed Nodal Officers (DFO/DD/WLW) as well as the Trainers (Forest Range Officers) for each district under their jurisdiction for the implementation of this certificate programme. A consolidated list of Nodal Officers and Trainers is enclosed.

The Nodal officers are hereby requested to initiative and oversee the following key activities:

1. Coordination with Chief Education Officer (CEO) of respective districts:

In coordination with the CEOs, to:

- Select 25 Government Higher Secondary Schools from your district, ensuring geographical coverage of all taluks and inclusion of boys', girls' and Co-educational Government Higher Secondary Schools. 75 Government Higher Secondary schools to be selected in Chennai district alone by DFO, Chennai.
- Identify and select one qualified teacher (preferably Higher Secondary Biology or Environmental Science teacher) from each of the selected schools with balanced gender representation to the extent possible.
- Each selected school to nominate 20 students presently studying in 11th Standard, any stream, with balanced gender representation.

As there are 38 districts in Tamil Nadu, through the above steps, a total of 1000 Government Higher secondary schools, 1000 teachers and 20,000 11th standard students will be selected for the Certificate Programme in Tamil Nadu.

2. District Level Training Workshop for Teachers:

- A District Level Training Workshop (two days) will be organized by the Nodal Officers for the 25 selected teachers in each district. For Chennai district alone, three workshops will be held with 25 teachers in each workshop. The Teachers will receive training from the district-level Trainers (Forest Range Officers) already selected. Rs.50,000/- will be provided for each workshop.

3. Training of students in respective schools:

- The 25 Teachers in each district will then train the 20 selected students from their respective school over a 3-week period, including 20 hours of theoretical and outdoor sessions.
- At the end of the 20-hour training to be imparted over a 3-week period, the teachers will conduct an assessment of the students for the learning outcome.
- Based on the performance in the assessment, the successful students will be listed for the award of the Certificate.

4. Valediction Function:

After the completion of the training and assessment of the students:

- A District-level Valediction function shall be conducted in each district by the Nodal officer to award the Certificates to the successful students. Chennai district alone will conduct three such functions. Rs.50,000/- will be provided for each function.
- As a token of appreciation for their contribution to the programme, an honorarium of Rs.2000 will also be provided to each of the 25 teachers who conducted the training of students.

5. Reporting and Documentation:

- The Nodal officers are requested to maintain a record of all selected schools, teachers, and students.
- The regular report of the subsequent activities should be submitted to this office within the stipulated timeframe.

The Nodal officers are requested to coordinate closely with the CEO and School authorities to ensure completion of the school, teacher, and student selection process at the earliest.

The timeline for the various stages of the Certificate Programme are as follows:

- a. The process of selection of schools, teachers and students is to be completed by 15th October, 2025 and list to be submitted to AIWC by 20th October, 2025 by the Nodal Officers.
- b. A two-day 'Training of Trainer' workshop to be held in 3rd week of October, 2025 at TNFA, Coimbatore by TNFA and AIWC – where the 40 selected Trainers (Forest Range Officers) will be trained.
- c. The two-day district-level training workshop for the selected teachers to be held in 1st week of November, 2025.
- d. The three-week training of the students including assessments in the respective schools to be completed by 30 November, 2025.

- e. The district-level Valediction function to be completed by end of 1st week of December, 2025.
- f. Final Completion report of the programme by each Nodal Officer with adequate documentation to be submitted to AIWC by 20 December, 2025.

S.no	Activity	Timeline	Responsibility
1.	Selection of schools, teachers, and students	By 15th Oct, 2025	Nodal Officers
2.	The above list submission to AIWC	By 20th Oct, 2025	Nodal Officers
3.	Two-day <i>Training of Trainers</i> workshop at TNFA, Coimbatore	3rd week of Oct, 2025	TNFA & AIWC
4.	Two-day district-level training workshop for selected teachers	1st week of Nov, 2025	Nodal officers & Trainers
5.	Three-week training of students including assessments in respective schools	To be completed by 30th Nov, 2025	Schools & Teachers
6.	District-level Valediction function	By end of 1st week of Dec, 2025	Nodal officers & Trainers
7.	Final completion report with documentation submission to AIWC	By 20th Dec, 2025	Nodal Officers

The required Training materials for the ‘Training of Trainers’ workshop and the ‘Teachers Training workshop’ will be provided by AIWC and TNFA in advance. The Training Kit to be supplied for the students as part of their three-week training will be supplied to the Nodal Officers in advance.

The Nodal Officers are requested to extend all necessary support to ensure the effective implementation of the programme in their respective districts. The entire program needs to be adequately documented for regular appraisal for the Government.

The Chief Conservator of Forest and Conservator of Forests are also requested to monitor and guide the Nodal Officers in effective implementation of the programme.

We look forward to your proactive support and timely action to ensure that this key environmental education initiative of the Tamil Nadu Government reaches the intended beneficiaries effectively.

Encl: As stated above

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Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests & Director,
AIWC (R,T & E) Vandalur.

To

- 1.The Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore
- 2.The Chief Conservator of Forests, Villupuram
- 3.The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy
- 4.The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, STR, Erode
- 5.The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, ATR, Coimbatore.
- 6.The Conservator of Forests, Chennai
- 7.The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri
- 8.The Conservator of Forests, Salem
- 9.The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, MTR, Udhagai.
- 10.The Conservator of Forests, Dindigul
- 11.The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai
- 12.The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, KMTR, Tirunelveli

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The District Forest Officer, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur
The District Forest Officer Vellore, Ranipet, Tiruvannamalai, Tirupathur
The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri
The District Forest Officer, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Kalakurichi
The District Forest Officer, Salem, Namakkal
The District Forest Officer, Tiruchirappalli, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur,
Thiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam
The District Forest Officer, Erode
The District Forest Officer, Coimbatore
The District Forest Officer, Nilgiris
The District Forest Officer, Dindigul, Karur
The District Forest Officer, Madurai, Theni, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram
The District Forest Officer, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Kanniyakumari, Toothukudi
The Deputy Director, Tiruppur, SMTR, Srivilliputhur,
The Wildlife Warden, Krishnagiri.

Copy to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai for information.

Copy to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai for information.

Copy to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Tamil Nadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore for information.

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Sl. No	Circle	District	Nodal Officer	Trainer (FRO)
1	MTR, Udhagai	Udhagai	DFO, Nilgiris	Selvi.K.R.Dhixya Deve
2	Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri	DFO, Dharmapuri	Thiru.M.Mugunthan
3		Krishnagiri	WLW, Krishnagiri	Thiru.N.Vijayan
4	KMTR, Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli	DFO, Tirunelveli	Thiru.C.Subramanaian
5		Tenkasi	DFO, Tenkasi	Thiru.S.Arumugam
6		Kanniyakumari	DFO, Kanniyakumari	Thiru.M.Venkatesan
7		Toothukudi	DFO, Toothukudi	Thiru.N.Ajay
8	Vellore	Vellore	DFO, Vellore	Thiru.C. Janarthanan
9		Ranipet		Thiru.B. Velmurugan
10		Tiruvannamalai	DFO, Tiruvannamalai	Thiru.L.Krishnamoorthy
11		Tirupathur	DFO, Tirupathur	Thiru.P.Sathiskumar
12	STR, Erode	Erode	DFO, Erode	Thiru.S.Sathish
13	Trichy	Ariyalur	DFO, Ariyalur	Thiru.K.Aalayamani
14		Perambalur	DFO, Perambalur	Ms.M.Sangareswari
15		Pudukkottai	DFO, Pudukkottai	Thiru.D.Manivenkatesh
16		Thanjavur	DFO, Thanjavur	Thiru.N.Ponnusamy
17		Thiruvarur	DFO, Thiruvarur	Thiru.M.Vijay
18		Tiruchirappalli	DFO, Tiruchirappalli	Thiru.J.Ravi
19		Mayiladuthurai	DFO, Mayiladuthurai	Thiru.M.Ganesan
20		Nagapattinam	DFO, Nagapattinam	Thiru.A.Joseph Daniel
21	Salem	Salem	DFO, Salem	Thiru.S.Vimal kumar
22		Nakakkal	DFO, Namakkal	Thiru.M.Sathya
23	Villuppuram	Villuppuram	DFO, Villuppuram	Thiru.P.Bhuvanesh
24		Cuddalore	DFO, Cuddalore	Thiru.A.Bharathidasan
25		Kalakurichi	DFO, Kalakurichi	Thiru.N.Kuppusamy
26	ATR	Coimbatore	DFO, Coimbatore	Selvi.S.Priya
27		Tiruppur	DD, ATR, Tiruppur	Selvi.S.Nithya
28	SMTR, Madurai	Madurai	DFO, Madurai	Thiru.K.Venish
29		Theni	DFO, Theni	Thiru.D.Arulkumar
30		Sivagangai	DFO, Sivagangai	Thiru.K.Suresh
31		Virudhunagar	DD, SMTR, Srivilliputhur	Ms.M.Manoranjitham
32		Ramanathapuram	DFO, Ramanathapuram	R.Jayakumar
33	Dindigul	Dindigul	DFO,Dindigul	Thiru.S.Bhuviarasan
34		Karur	DFO,Karur	Thiru.R.Siva
35	Chennai	Chengalpattu	DFO,Chengalpattu	Thiru.L.Abdul Hameed
36		Kanchipuram	DFO,Kanchipuram	Thiru.A.Manikavasagam
37		Thiruvallur	DFO,Thiruvallur	Tmt.Kesavapriya
38		Chennai	DFO, Chennai	Thiru.R.Saravanan Thiru.L.Kamalasanan Thiru.M.Senthil Kumar