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GREENING THE COLLEGES

Here is a kind call from our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to the Managements/Principals of Colleges of Education and students to participate and take a sterling role to green our environment without being a silent spectator to the vanishing greenery in and around of our environment, blistering heat scorching sun, drought and global warming.

The only solution is planting and growing as many trees as possible by us in our life time with a determined mindset and strong will. Former President A.P.J.Abdul Kalam had launched an ambitious programme 'Nallore Pasumai Thittam' (Good People's Green Plan) to plant one crore saplings in Tamil Nadu. He stressed that everybody should make it a point to plant 10 trees and if this was done 100 crore trees could be raised across the country.

He emphasized that this would effectively counter the ill effects of global warming, reduce pollution, induce rain and make the country prosperous. Every mature tree gives about 14 kg of Oxygen every year! Plant more Trees ... for reviving the planet, he motivates. We all take a dynamic inspiration from his words.

The UGC has also introduced the concept of "One Student One Tree" for which the students will be involved in nurturing a tree for preservation of environment and requested the involvement of NSS and other allied departments.

Planting and growing trees provide innumerable benefits to our environment. Since, the beginning, trees have furnished us with two of life's essentials, food and oxygen. As we evolved, they provided additional necessities such as shelter, medicine, and tools. Today, their value continues to increase and more benefits of trees are being discovered as their role expands to satisfy the needs created by our modern lifestyles.

- An environment lined with trees create a peaceful aesthetically pleasing environment, increase our quality of life by bringing natural elements.
- Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife and during photosynthesis, trees take in carbon-dioxide and produce the oxygen will breath, besides induces rainfall.

- Trees control climate by moderating the effects of the sun, rain and wind. Leaves absorb and filter the sun's radiant energy, keeping things cool in summer and preserve warmth by providing a screen from harsh wind.
- Trees are essential to the eco-systems in which they reside. Far reaching roots hold soil in place and fight erosion. Trees absorb and store rainwater which reduce runoff and sediment deposit after storms. This helps the ground water supply recharge, prevents the transport of chemicals into streams and prevents flooding. Fallen leaves make excellent compost that enriches soil.

The above are some of the highlighting benefits of planting and growing trees to green our environment.

The Managements of the Colleges of Education affiliated to this University are requested to take up the programme of "Greening the Colleges" and arrange to plant a minimum of 50 trees in their colleges of education depending on the vacant land available, in such a way the trees are properly nurtured to have their full growth.

The Managements/Principals of the Colleges of Education shall note that seasonally it is the best and right time now to plant the trees, since South West Monsoon has already made an onset.

Our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor will be pleased to present befitting 'Green Awards' to the colleges which create the best aesthetically pleasing green campus.

The Managements/Principals are further requested to make all arrangements to plant 50 trees in their college campus and send photograph clippings to the University after fixing a date to inaugurate the Programme "Greening the Colleges."

The Managements/Principals of the Colleges of Education may choose any one of the days in June 2017 for inauguration of the programme of 'Greening the Colleges'.



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To

The Managements and Principals of all the Colleges of Education,
Affiliated to Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University.