

## World Day to Combat Desertification and the Launching of Tree Census



Dr. Ms. Giri Rengasami, Dean - Bio Sciences, Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology (AVIT), Paiyanoor, was invited to participate in the World Day to Combat Desertification and the Launching of Tree Census celebrations conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

The District Forest Officer (Urban Forestry Division, Chennai), Mr.S. Soundararajan explained the latest government project regarding “Tree Census of Chennai City”. He added that all the educational institutions also had to participate in making the Chennai Metropolis green, adding to the aesthetics of the urban environment.

The dean during her speech pointed out how the tree planting ceremony accompanied most of the academic programmes of AVIT. She also requested that some saplings and seedlings be given to AVIT. The District Forest Officer promised to provide about 2000 tree saplings free of cost and also assigned Mr.Vijayan of Perungalathur to supply and assist the college in planting and protecting them.

The following suggestions were given by Dr. Ms. Giri Rengasami to help the “Tree Census of Chennai City” project.

1. The students of Biotech in the N.S.S scheme could be involved.
2. A team consisting of faculty and students could identify the plants and create an awareness regarding the regional name and other specifics.
3. Another team could have formats in which the number of plants could be noted.
4. The information collected at regular intervals could be submitted to the District Forest Officer.
5. To include programmes in the college on trees, conservation and awareness.
6. To visit a few of the nearby schools and conduct programmes on trees and conservation methods.
7. To pursue a few projects on trees, their characteristics, the nature of flowers and fruits, their economic importance and then to prepare small booklets.

**INVITATION**

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**To:**

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**Sir:**

**Sub: World day to Combat Desertification and Launching of Tree Census  
Programme on 17.06.11. – regarding.**

With reference to my request, I thank you for your participation in the function "WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION" and "LAUNCHING OF TREE CENSUS PROGRAMME" on 17.06.2011 at Joint Forest Management Centre, Velachery. I welcome your opinions and suggestions till the completion of Tree Census Programme.

Yours faithfully,



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